



## Mrs Scripps' Scribbles

Happy New Year! It has been another busy week here at school as we all settle back in to routine. A big welcome to Mr Dodd and Mr Lam.

## Lateness

Our clampdown on lateness and the new signing in system has had a positive impact on punctuality this week. Some of the excuses for lateness have been entertaining, with several students blaming their parents or siblings for leaving the house too late!

It is generally the same few students who are arriving late. If you drive your children to school, please ensure that you plan your journey time to ensure that they arrive at school **by 8.45 a.m.** so that they can line up on the playground with their class.

We are aware that the school bus sometimes drops the students outside school a little late, which is beyond the control of parents. We are monitoring the situation and will contact the company with our concerns.

## PE Kit

A gentle reminder to check that your children are leaving the house in correct PE kit. As outlined in the newsletter on 8th December students should only be wearing plain or Ralph Sadleir logoed clothes. The students have been reminded this week. From next week letters will be sent home for students in incorrect kit and we expect all parents to support us in ensuring that students look smart and are dressed appropriately for school.

Please note that students have at least one PE lesson outside, so it is important during this colder weather that they have sufficient layers on.

## Parent Forum: Behaviour

We have our second Parent Forum meeting next Wednesday, 17th January from 2.30—3.30 p.m. As you know the themes of these meetings have been taken from the Parent Survey that was completed in October 2023. Next week we will be discussing Behaviour at Ralph Sadleir and Mrs Scripps is keen to hear parents thoughts and ideas.

[Please click here](#) if you are planning on coming, so we know how many people to expect.

## Ralph Sadleir Reads

Another plea for some parent/grandparent volunteers. Would you like to volunteer to help some of our students? Do you have a regular hour to spare once or twice a week? We have a number of students who would benefit from the opportunity to read with an adult. Email Miss Devonshire ([K.devonshire@ralphsadleir.academy](mailto:K.devonshire@ralphsadleir.academy)) if you can help, letting her know which times/days suit you best.

## Home Community Service

Two students have earned their Bronze Home Community Service Awards.

Jemima raised money for the school and the WWF Charity by arranging, planning and running a stall (pick a winner) at the Roger De Clare Christmas Fayre on 9th December 2023. She emailed for permission, wrote to supermarkets for donations for prizes and prepared her stall. She raised £51.50 profit. She decided to donate half to Ralph Sadleir and half to WWF. It took about 7 hours in all.

Toby has been awarded a Bronze Home Community Award for making a generous charity donation before Christmas. He chose to purchase a wooden decoration with his donation going towards helping a homeless person.

[Please click here](#) if you would like to nominate your child for a Home Community Service Award.

## Word of the Week

As part of our Reading Culture we have introduced a Word of the Week. Next week's word is

**Oscillate** (Verb) - to swing or move to and fro, to vary

'Seriously upset, he oscillated between brutality and sentimentality in a way she found frightening and disgusting' (*The Bell, Iris Murdoch*)

## Friday Morning Snack

The School Council have decided that Friday breaktime snack should be available to purchase for a particular group of students.

On 19th January it will be the House Group with the highest number of positive points between next Monday and Thursday.

**Dates for the rest of the year 2023/24— new/updated dates in red**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Who's involved</b>	<b>Event</b>
15th January	6 Radcliffe	Trip to Aerozone
16th January	Hamilton Class	Trip to Aerozone
17th January	Year 7 and 8 students	'Studying with the Brain in Mind ' workshops
17th January	All parents	Parent Forum - Behaviour (2.30 p.m.)
18th January	Attenborough Class	Trip to Aerozone
22nd January	Selected students	District Cross Country being held at Ralph Sadleir
23rd January	Yousafzai Class	Trip to Aerozone
24th January	All students and parents	Parent Teacher Consultations (4.30—7.30 p.m.)
25th January	All students and parents	Parent Teacher Consultations (4.30—7.30 p.m.)
29th January	Selected Students	District Cross Country at Edwinstree
30th January	Year 7 and 8 students	Natalie Shay Show and MH sessions
31st January	Year 7 students	'Drugs' Police presentation
31st January	Year 8 students	'Drugs, Gangs and County Lines' Police presentation
1st February	Selected students	Year 7 Football Match
<b>2nd February</b>	<b>Selected students</b>	<b>Police Drone demonstration</b>
8th February	Year 6 students	Heights and Weights
8th February	Selected students	Netball Match at King James Academy
9th February	Year 6 students	Heights and Weights
13th February	6 Radcliffe students and parents	Class Assembly 12.30 p.m.
19th—23rd February	All students and parents	Half Term Holiday—school closed
<b>19th—23rd February</b>	<b>All students</b>	<b>House Art Competition to be completed during the break</b>
26th Feb—1st March	Year 5 students	Bikeability
1st March	6 George students and parents	Class Assembly 11.30 a.m.
<b>4th March</b>	<b>Selected Students</b>	<b>Girls Indoor Cricket Event at KJA</b>
5th March	All parents	Parent Forum: Reports & Parent Evenings (9.00 –10.00 a.m.)
7th March	5 Pearson students and parents	Class assembly 12.30 p.m.
12th March	Selected students	Big Bang Science Conference
13th March	All students and parents	Science Fair 3.30—4.30 p.m.
15th March	5 Teresa students and parents	Class assembly 12.30 p.m.
18th March	5 Parks students and parents	Class assembly 12.30 p.m.
26th March	6 John students and parents	Class assembly 12.30 p.m.
<b>27th March</b>	<b>All students</b>	<b>Bring entries in for the Easter House Bake Off Competition</b>
28th March	All students and parents	End of term (1.30 p.m.)



**SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR THE SUMMER TERM 2024 and 2024/2025 TERM DATES**

Date	Who's involved	Event
<b>SUMMER TERM 2024</b>		
15th April	-	INSET Day—school closed to students
16th April	All students and parents	Start of term
28th April—3rd May	Year 8	Trip to France
7th May	All parents	Parent Forum (subject tbc) 9.00—10.00 a.m.
21st May	Year 8 students	HVP1 Vaccine
24th May	-	INSET Day—school closed to students
24th—31st May	All students and parents	Half Term Holiday—school closed
3rd—7th June	Year 6 students	Trip to PGL
<b>11th June</b>	<b>Selected students</b>	<b>House Athletics</b>
12th June	Year 7 students	Trip TBC
19th June	Year 8 students	Thorpe Park TBC
26th June	All parents	Parent Forum (subject tbc) 2.30—3.30 p.m.
27th June	All parents	Reports Home
<b>5th July</b>	<b>All students and parents</b>	<b>Sports Day</b>
<b>9th July</b>	<b>All students and parents</b>	<b>Sports Day Reserve—if cancelled on 5th due to weather!</b>
11th July	All students	Transition/Moving Up Day
<b>15th July</b>	<b>All students</b>	<b>Olympics Cross Curricular Day</b>
16th July	Freman House students and parents	Prize Giving (2.30 p.m.)
17th July	Sadleir House students and parents	Prize Giving (2.30 p.m.)
18th July	Salisbury House students and parents	Prize Giving (2.30 p.m.)
19th July	Wellington House students and parents	Prize Giving (2.30 p.m.)
23rd July	All students and parents	End of term (1.30 p.m.)

#### Term Dates 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024	Spring Term 2025	Summer Term 2025
2nd September: INSET Day	6th January: INSET Day	22nd April: Start of term
3rd September : Start of term	7th January: Start of term	26th—30th May: Half Term Holiday
28th Oct—1st Nov: Half Term Holiday	17th—21st February: Half Term Holiday	18th July: End of term
6th December : Occasional Day	4th April: End of Term	21st—23rd July: Allocated INSET Days*
22nd December: End of term	7th—21st April—Easter Holidays	* Twilight sessions throughout the year.
23rd Dec— 3rd Jan: Christmas Holidays		

