Riddings Junior School

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



Welcome Back!

It has been amazing to welcome everyone back to school after the summer break. We're still early on in the Autumn Term, but our children are already demonstrating our PRIDE values! It's made me very proud to see how well everyone has settled back into school, especially the Y3's!

Family Support Workers

Our Wellbeing Mentors, Miss Smith and Mrs Fox, are now called Family Support Workers; a name that better reflects the amazing support they provide to children and families each day. They are an important part of our safeguarding team and can offer early help, work with children, listen to concerns and ensure families can access the right support when needed.

The Nest

We're very excited to unveil our new nurturing space, The Nest; a place where children can feel safe, supported, listened to, and empowered to express their feelings. Just like a nest helps young birds grow before they take flight, The Nest will provide children with the support they need before returning to the wider school environment with confidence.

The room will also be used for parent meetings and collaboration with outside agencies, ensuring the best support for both children and families.

We can't wait to see our children grow, thrive, and spread their wings.

New Catering Service

The EMBARK trust has moved to a new catering provider; Aspens. However, the process for ordering school dinners hasn't changed. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the School Office.

Riddings Junior School



Staff Car Park

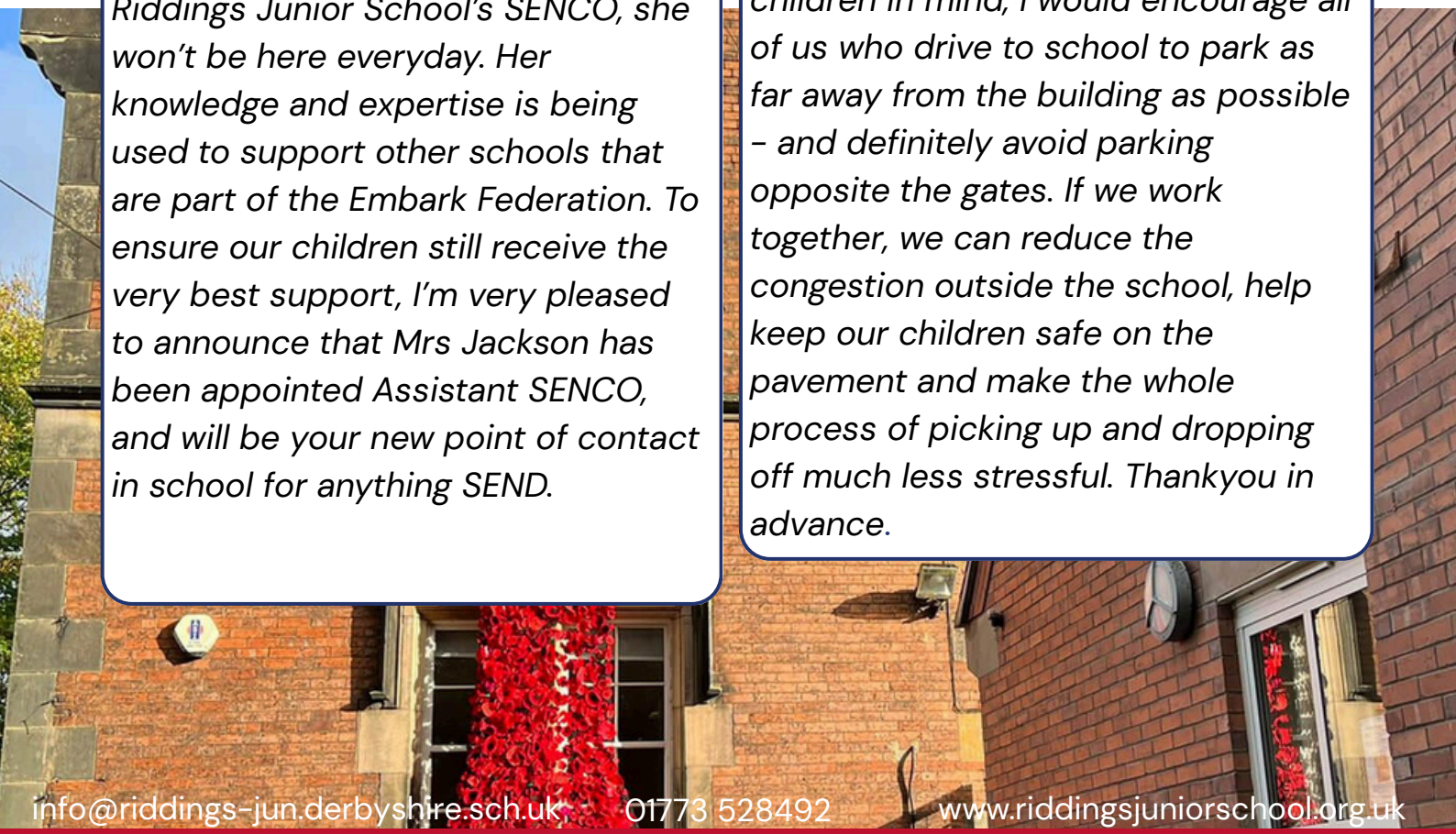
Could I please ask parents to try and avoid getting to school before 8:30am. We still have staff arriving in cars up until this time, so it's important that the car park is clear of parents and children to avoid any potential incident or injury.

Mrs Godfrey

Mrs Godfrey's role has changed this academic year. Whilst she is still Riddings Junior School's SENCO, she won't be here everyday. Her knowledge and expertise is being used to support other schools that are part of the Embark Federation. To ensure our children still receive the very best support, I'm very pleased to announce that Mrs Jackson has been appointed Assistant SENCO, and will be your new point of contact in school for anything SEND.

Church Street

I'm sure we are all aware of how busy it gets at the start and end of the school day on Church Street. With the consideration of the safety of our children in mind, I would encourage all of us who drive to school to park as far away from the building as possible - and definitely avoid parking opposite the gates. If we work together, we can reduce the congestion outside the school, help keep our children safe on the pavement and make the whole process of picking up and dropping off much less stressful. Thankyou in advance.



Riddings Junior School



Facebook

The Embark Trust are moving away from using X as a social media platform. Instead, Riddings will be using FaceBook to provide updates and insights into some of the amazing things we do in school! Watch this space!

Uniform

As we start a new school year, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind everyone what the expectations around school uniform are. Because of our large outside area and the opportunity children get to climb and explore, black casual school shoes or plain black trainers are acceptable. We would prefer that children did not wear jewellery to school - there is a high risk of damage or loss. Where children have piercings, one set of small studs can be worn. These must either be removed by parents or covered on PE or swimming days. The rest of the uniform expectations remain the same. We strive to find a balance between looking smart and encouraging the children to be as physically active as possible.

Snacks

Here at Riddings we encourage children to be fit and healthy, emphasising the importance of physical activity. As part of this, we encourage children to make sure that the snacks they bring for morning break are as healthy as possible. We should avoid chocolate and crisps as a snack at school and explore other, more healthier options.

