



Dear Parents,

The children have settled in well to the new term and our newest recruits in the Foundation Stage have coped well with the rigours of a full school day though I know they, like their teachers are ready for the weekend!

**Staffing**

I thought it helpful to explain the structure of the school’s leadership team in order that you know to whom you should address your concerns or queries. At the moment, there is not a Deputy Headteacher, instead, a ‘flatter’ management team has been established to further build on the strengths and experience of the staff team through the development of Age Phase leaders, responsible for overseeing planning, assessment and behaviour within their age phases as part of their management and leadership roles within the school.

The Governing Body

Headteacher – Suzanne Webb

Foundation Stage leader	Key Stage 1 Phase Leader	Lower Key Stage 2 Phase Leader	Upper Key Stage 2 Phase Leader	SENDCo
Viki Down	Heather Brennan	Kate Crisp	Sophie Crowley	Jo Shore
Nursey Reception	C1, C12, C2	C3, C34, C4	C5, C56, C6	Pupils with special educational needs

If you have a concern, please in the first instance make contact with either your child’s class teacher, the Age Phase leader for their class or Mrs Shore.

**Learning Together**

The focus for our Bananas awards over the last few weeks has been on the children’s behaviours for learning. By establishing the behaviours I expect to see from my ‘class’ (all 335 of them!) it has been very pleasing to see the children rising to the challenge to meet them. The teachers too have come up with the characteristics of their perfect class, the details of which I have shared with you below.

Mrs Down	Courageous	Mrs Cirillo	Supportive
Mrs Goodhind	Willing to try	Miss Champion	Imaginative
Miss Fricker	Curious	Mrs Dallow / Mrs Jarvis	Adventurous
Mrs Brennan	Ready	Mrs Cavenagh-Mainwaring / Mrs Field	Keen
Mrs Crisp	Enthusiastic	Miss Barltrop	Kind
Mrs Wakeman	Confident	Miss Smith	Reflective
Mr Barker	Happy	Mrs Crowley	Eager
Mrs Burch	Creative	Mr Whitehead	Original
Justin	Musical		

Mrs Webb expects: everyone to work hard; everyone to do their best; everyone to work quietly; everyone to be polite; everyone to be kind.



Bananas awards Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September: for asking questions to extend their learning.

C1	Leo	C12	Lauren	C2	Evelyn
C3	Sammy and Seb	C34	Charlotte	C4	Isabel P
C5	Izzy M	C56	Tara	C6	Leo

Banana award Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October: working hard at being 'the best they can be'

C1	Anja	C12	Megan	C2	Daniel and Max
C3	Chloe	C34	Rosa	C4	Jack and Hollie
C5	Jonas and Eva	C56	Robert	C6	Ayush and Alice

### Roald Dahl Day

Congratulations to Charlotte W (C56) for her fantastic chocolate bar design as part of the competition run by Mrs Lewis our librarian. Her creation would cause the consumer to jump in the air! Henry D (C34) was also commended for his idea of the invisible chocolate bar – perfect for teachers to eat in the classroom perhaps?

### Learning outside the classroom.

To further enrich the children's outdoor learning environments, we are asking for donations of any of the following items:

- Plastic crates
- Guttering
- Tubes
- Vacuum pipes, old hose pipes etc.
- capacity resources (plastic jugs etc.)
- Funnels
- Pots and pans
- Plastic and metal mixing bowls
- Kitchen utensils (whisks, wooden and metal spoons, ladles, plastic measuring spoons, turkey basters etc.)
- Old plastic football posts (that can be dismantled and used for den building)
- Materials that would be good for den building (netting, bed sheets)
- Children's builder's hats and tools etc.
- Waterproof overalls and trousers for children
- Tyres
- Big cardboard boxes
- Racking
- Logs suitable for nature corners
- Logs suitable for stools
- Cable spools

If you have anything you think would be suitable, please email the office [admin@roundwoodprimary.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@roundwoodprimary.herts.sch.uk) to let us know and arrange delivery.

### Girls in Sport

In celebration of Women's Sport Week this week I have been delighted to see so many girls take up the opportunity to participate in the girls' only football club over the last few weeks, with 26 girls taking part overall, a fantastic achievement. A team has been selected to take part in the local schools' tournament in the coming weeks and we wish them well!



## Tag Rugby

Mr Barker runs a lunch time tag rugby club for pupils in year 5 and 6 and it would be wonderful if more girls would come forward to participate as he is hoping to enter two teams for the tournament next term and the teams must be mixed. Training takes place on Thursdays, please encourage your daughter to get involved.

## KS1 Toy Box Workshop



On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September the KS1 classes took part in a toy workshop run by staff from the Museum of St. Albans. In history we are learning about toys from the past, and the workshop provided the children with a fantastic opportunity to have some 'hands-on' experience of a range of toys. They had the chance to play with outdoor toys such as wooden skittles and yo-yos, twisting and turning toys which included spinning tops, a wind-up Jack-in-the-box and a zoetrope, tumbling toys such as a Jacob's ladder and toys for imaginative play such as hand puppets and a wooden Noah's Ark. They were also shown two very old toys - a Victorian doll with a wax head, hands and feet and a well-loved bear. The

children really enjoyed the experience and found out a lot about toys from the past. It was lovely to see how fascinated they were by the toys and how they worked.

## Children's Quiz – Thursday 20 October

Years 3 & 4: 3.20 – 4.20pm; Years 5 & 6: 4.30 – 5.30 pm

We're inviting children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 to test their general knowledge and dazzle their friends with their brainpower at our children's quiz. Teams of up to 6 children. Tickets are £5 per child (includes a drink and a snack). To enter the quiz, please return the booking form (attached) with payment to the Friends post box (by the school office) by Friday 14 October. Pick-up and drop-off arrangements for your children are detailed on the booking form. Once we have confirmed numbers, the class teachers will help the children organise themselves into teams. For further information please email [friendsofroundwood@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofroundwood@gmail.com).

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions, please do get in touch. I wish you all a pleasant weekend.

Kind regards,

Suzanne Webb

