



Dear Parents,

This half term has started as the last one ended - with plenty of activity so please do bear with us for what is a long Newsletter!

This week the hall transformed into a 'legoland' with all children from Reception to Year 6 taking part in what was a wonderfully creative project which really highlighted the children's abilities to work collaboratively, more details of which are below. In addition, the KS1 children have taken part in an Autumn scavenger hunt; both Foundation Stage and KS1 children took part in 'Perform' drama workshops; Year 6 children took to the roads for their Bikeability training; children from Reception and KS1 enjoyed a Film night and yesterday children from KS2 took part in the local schools' Cross Country event. All this in just the last ten days! There is plenty more excitement planned for the coming weeks as well as the run up to Christmas begins in earnest, please do make a note in your diary of the dates at the end of the newsletter.

Kind regards,

Suzanne Webb

### Remembrance Day



The two minutes silence was observed today and Abigail from C5 played The Last Post which was a very poignant reminder for the children as they paid their respects to our service men and women. Children have also displayed poppies around school as part of our commemorations.



### Communication Update

As part of our strive to further develop methods of communication, we now have a Roundwood Primary School app – a tool by which we can instantly message all those who download the app. The app will contain useful information including diary dates which can be synched to your personal calendar and enable reminders to be sent, such as when there are changes to arrangements to lunch times for example. Full details of how to install the app are attached to this email.



## Top Bananas

These children received Bananas Awards last week for working towards their targets.

C1	Kirsty	C12	Frankie	C2	Rebecca Sarah
C3	Sofia	C34	Anna	C4	Jake
C5	Alex P	C56	Lieve	C6	Odile

These children received Bananas Awards this week for developing their love of reading to celebrate Children's Book Week.

C1	Louis D	C12	Stanley	C2	Max W James C
C3	Amelia Jamie	C34	Matilda	C4	Ruby
C5	Sophie A Stuart	C56	Ben G	C6	Barney William

We welcome your support with helping the children to work towards our weekly Top Banana themes and it was suggested that parents knowing the Banana Themes in advance would further strengthen their impact on the children as they could also be encouraged at home. The idea of the awards is to build the children's behaviours for learning and thus develop their academic skills as well as developing their awareness of themselves as learners as they work towards being responsible members of our school community, understanding of the school's core values of courtesy, cooperation, honesty, tolerance and respect.

## Future Top Banana Themes

Date	Top Banana Theme	How to support this theme at home
14/11/16	Power for Good Anti Bullying Week	Talk to your child about their 'Power for Good' to help them understand the ways in which they are powerful and can work together to stop bullying and create the best world possible.
21/11/16	Choosing 'Kind'	Talk to your child about what kindness 'looks like' – kindness between siblings and family members as well as kindness between friends. Share a book with your child where a character learns about the importance of kindness. Children in UKS2 (and all parents) may like to read the book 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio.
28/11/16	Improving	Talk to your child about what they are improving and help them to understand why it is important for their learning. Help them to understand that improvements do not happen without effort and some skills take longer to 'crack' than others. Support your child to practice the skills they need to improve and praise them for their efforts and perseverance.
5/12/16	Being courteous	Manners last a life time! 'Please' and 'thank you' are essentials as are showing courtesy towards everyone we meet, treating others as we would like to be treated.
12/12/16	Helping others	Help your child to think about ways they can help out at home around the house as well as ways they can help their friends.



## **Colder weather – be prepared!**

As we approach the tail end of this term, the colder weather seems to have arrived rather abruptly after an unseasonably warm start to the academic year! On this note, please ensure your child is prepared for all weathers with suitable coats and hats to ensure they are able to make the most of their time outside.



## **Reading Challenge**

This week saw C5 crowned as the winners of the KS2 Reading Challenge with a staggering 709 points! The Reading Challenge scheme has now been introduced to children in KS1 (a pack has been sent home with the children) so it's time to pick up a book and start earning those points so the Gruffalo can have new classes to visit next month...

## **Parent View**

Many thanks to all the parents who took part in the Parent Survey during consultation evenings last week, as always we really appreciate and value your views. We will be sharing the results with you in the next newsletter. If you did not have the opportunity to take part and would like to do so, the survey can be found on this link: <http://roundwoodprimary.herts.sch.uk/parent-view>

## **Policy Updates**

In line with the school's policy review schedule, the following policies have been revised and updated and can be found on the school's website:

Child Protection Policy

Equality Policy and Plan

SEND Policy (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)

## **Christmas Carol service – change of location**

We are delighted to inform you that this year's Carol Service will be held at **St Nicholas Church** in Harpenden on the morning of 9<sup>th</sup> of December at 9.15. As last year, the service will be for children in KS2 only and they will walk to the church immediately after morning registration. Parents of children in KS2 are welcome to attend the service. Further details to follow.

## **Bikeability**

Most of the Year 6s took part in Bikeability and thoroughly enjoyed it. This course involved cycling on roads and practicing on the playground. We learnt all about signalling, junctions, what to do in certain situations and more! We also learnt about road signs and what they mean.

In addition, the instructors were very kind and helped us reach our full potential in cycling by checking our bikes were safe to ride and our helmets were in excellent condition. Furthermore, they gave us constructive criticism and they helped us feel safe on the road. *Ella D and Sophie B C6*

## **Art Competition**



Last week we were delighted that the school took part in a the local school's art exhibition. Although one of the smaller schools in Harpenden, the range of different art on display from our children was really eye catching and involved a variety of different media including paint, pastel, acrylics, clay and photography. Congratulations to Class 2 for being the overall KS1 Winner. And congratulations also to pupils in C5 and Years 3 and 4 who were joint winners in the most realistic category. Thanks go to

Mrs Down and Mrs Denley for giving up their time to display the children's art work. This was the first time such an event has taken place and we are hopeful this will become a regular event in the calendar.



## Lego workshop



On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, the whole school enjoyed taking part in a Lego workshop. Everyone learned how to build a basic house, but after that each child created imaginative models and constructions. There were McDonalds, Pizza Expresses, football stadiums, tall towers, a pair of Lego trousers and a working windmill.

With a grand total of a hundred thousand pieces, noone's ideas were out of their reach, which made the Lego City look extraordinary. Everyone was concentrating for every minute, teams worked together to make masterpieces!

We think that the experience was memorable because everyone worked really well together. In summary, we know that everyone is inspired to construct things!  
*Emma K and Tom A*

On Tuesday at the Lego Workshop everybody made houses and gardens for the Lego city. The whole school did it and in the gardens people could build whatever they liked. There was electric Lego and there was an electric lighthouse and an electric windmill. There was loads of Lego to build from and we would like to do it again. *Ava S C1/2*

## Cross Country

Yesterday I took a team of Year 5 and 6 children to the Harpenden School Sport Association's Cross Country Tournament. The afternoon started bright and sunny and the children were excited to be representing the school. The weather took a turn for the worse and yet the rain didn't dampen the children's spirits.



14 schools from Harpenden had sent teams and there were approximately 65 runners in each race. The children all tried incredibly hard and ran quickly over the 1500m course.

The fastest 3 children from each school created a team score and although we didn't come first, second or third, I was delighted that all of our children finished highly in the over all results.

Well done to George who came 4th and Abi who came 10th. Amazing results when there were so many children running in each race.



I am delighted that the children have shown such commitment in their training. They have all dedicated at least 2 lunchtimes a week for the last 6 weeks and this practise has definitely paid off.

Well done to each and every child. *Mrs Wakeman*



## Update on infection control-impetigo

We would like to inform parents that we have amended the schools guideline for impetigo in line with information from Public Health England.

Infection	Recommended period to be kept away from school or nursery	Comments
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after starting an antibiotic treatment	Antibiotic treatment speeds healing and reduces the infectious period

Please support the school by adhering to this advice.

Further advice can be found on the following websites:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Impetigo/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/522337/Guidance\\_on\\_infection\\_control\\_in\\_schools.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/522337/Guidance_on_infection_control_in_schools.pdf)

## Reminders

Please note that all photo orders need to be delivered to the School Office by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> at the latest whilst Rotary Boxes need to be returned by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Help needed

We could do with some help removing dahlias. If you have a spare hour and would like to volunteer please could you contact the office.

## Upcoming dates

<b>November</b>	
Tuesday 22nd:	Reception Open Session 9.30—10.30am (Reception 2017/18 intake)
Friday 25th:	KS2 pupils packed lunches – RPK closed
Friday 25th:	Year 1, 2 & 3 Nasal Flu Vaccination
Monday 28th:	Reception Classes to St Albans Cathedral
<b>December</b>	
Thursday 1st:	Foundation Stage Christmas Play - 9am
Thursday 1st:	KS1 Christmas Play –1.45pm
Friday 2nd:	KS1 Christmas Play—9.15am
Monday 5th:	KS2 pupils packed lunches – RPK closed
Tuesday 6th:	Friends Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 7th:	7.30 pm. Rotary Carol Concert, Harpenden Methodist Church
Friday 9th:	KS2 Carol Service St Nicholas Church 9.15
Wednesday 21st :	KS2 pupils packed lunches RPK closed School finishes at 2pm

