



Dear Parents,

Christmas will soon be here – tomorrow in fact – and I hope to see as many of you as possible at our Christmas Fair! As usual, this end of term always seems to gather a tremendous pace and next week the festivities begin in earnest with both our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Nativity performances followed by Christmas lunch, the Rotary Carol Service and the KS2 Carol Service taking place the week after.

We are always very proud of our pupils and this week it was wonderful to hear so many positive comments from the parents who came to visit the school as part of their information gathering for entry to Reception in September 2017. Several Year 6 pupils gave tours of the school and the feedback from the visitors was very complementary.

The opportunities our pupils have to extend their learning beyond the classroom are very important and next week they will be ‘travelling’ further afield than ever before! KS1 pupils are off to the North Pole; Years 3 and 4 will be visiting the Colosseum and Years 5 and 6 are off to Brazil courtesy of Google Expedition, without leaving the school so luckily no passports are required! We look forward to learning of their adventures next week.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend and hope to see you at the Christmas fair tomorrow.

Kind regards,
Suzanne Webb

Top Bananas

These children received Bananas Awards last week for using their ‘Power for Good’.

C1	Tegan Rose	C12	Tiana	C2	Jessica
C3	Harry G.	C34	Kate	C4	Ben W
C5	Lauren	C56	Theo & Max	C6	Lucy B, Charlie M & Robbie

These children received Bananas Awards this week for ‘Choosing Kind’.

C1	Nina	C12	Ava	C2	Chloe
C3	Peter	C34	Lauren, Annabel, Rosa	C4	Izzy
C5	Kayleigh	C56	Jacob	C6	Ayush and Zoe

Next week’s Banana’s award focus will be on ‘Improving.’



Future Top Banana Themes

Date	Top Banana Theme	How to support this theme at home
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.

Photographs for performances

We would respectfully like to remind all those attending the Foundation Stage and KSI Nativities that in line with the school policy, no photography or videoing is permitted during the performances. However we have arranged for photographs of your child to be taken, details to follow.

Use of mobile phones in school

We would like to remind all those who come into school to volunteer that no mobile phones may be used whilst working with the children and should remain in bags and out of sight at all times. Should you need to take a call or send a message whilst in school, the staff room is the only place where mobile devices can be used. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Roundwood Primary School app

Please remember to download OurSchoolsApp, it is a personalised app for our school and will allow us to keep you all updated with school information, news, calendar events and contact information. See attachment for setup instructions.

Parent Governor Election

Our thanks go to both Helen Logan and Ruth Townsend who stood in the recent Parent Governor Election and thanks too to all those parents who voted. It was a testament to the strength of the candidates that so many votes were cast and we thank them both for the commitment and support they showed the school. Helen Logan was duly elected as Parent Governor.

Jousters Breakfast Club

As per our email of 23rd November, we are delighted to inform you that from 9th January, the school will be extending its wrap-round care provision to include a breakfast club. The club will take place from 7.30am-8.30am and will be run by local company 'Jousters' who provide both breakfast and after school clubs in other schools in Harpenden and across the county.

As the club will be run by an external provider, all correspondence, queries, applications and payments MUST be made direct to Jousters. A flyer explaining the service is attached along with an application form.

Parent survey feedback

The results of the recent parent survey are available on the school's website <https://goo.gl/f6fCoa>, many thanks to all those who took part. A response to the comments made as part of the survey is being collated and will be shared in due course.



Christmas Carol Service – Friday 9th December at 9.30am

This year's KS2 Carol Service will take place on Friday 9th December. The service will be at St Nicholas' Church in Harpenden at 9.30am. Parents of children in KS2 are welcome to join us.

Children will need to come to school as per normal. We shall then be walking the children to and from Church. They will all need to be wrapped up warmly as we shall be going irrespective of the weather.

Staffing Update

Sadly Miss Barltrop has decided to take a break from teaching and will be leaving us at the end of the year. We thank her for the hard work and dedication she has shown to the school and the children and wish her well in the future. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Sarah Haywood-Surry to our staff team and she will be teaching C34 from January from Tuesday-Friday with Mrs Cavenagh-Mainwaring taking the class on Monday.

Children in Need

We had a 'spotacular' Children In Need and raised a fantastic £763.15. Thank you to all those that came to school wearing spots, those who kindly baked and those that bought at our cake sale. A special thank you also goes to our School Councillors who ran our very popular cake sale and delivered an excellent school assembly, which told the story of Leo a little boy who has been helped by Children In Need.

A final mention goes to Oscar and Logan from Year 4 who decided to raise money through a sponsored run in the school playground which was a great idea, thank you boys! This is what Oscar had to say: "I did the sponsored run because it might raise even more money for Children in Need (it did!) I did it with Logan and he was very helpful because as well as doing the run with me he kept score about how many laps we did. We raised £11.04."

Mrs Cirillo

Rotary boxes



Thank you to all those that participated in the Rotary box appeal, these were collected last Friday and were loaded into the car by members of C5 who did an excellent job!

Mrs Cirillo

Please note that the Rotary representatives will be in school on Thursday 1st December to collect any boxes you might still have. They will also be very happy to collect unused boxes as they can always re-use them.

Google Expedition

I am delighted to announce that on Monday 28th November, Google are coming into school to run Google Expedition workshops with KS2. The children will get to experience different locations around the world through Virtual Reality. Unfortunately the 3d workshops are only available to KS2, however KS1 will not be left out as they will have their own 2d Expedition.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 16th December we will be supporting Save the Children's 'Christmas jumper day.' On this day children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper for a suggested donation of £2. We ask that they wear their school uniform on their bottom half.



Thank you for your support, *the School Council and Mrs Cirillo*



Class 3/4 Assembly

On Thursday, C3/4 performed their class assembly to the school. As a class, we voted to perform our assembly in French, one of our favourite lessons. We chose to read “La chenille qui avait très faim” – the Hungry Caterpillar and to perform a French song. The children performed incredibly well, I was very impressed with the hard work that went into perfecting their French accents. (Thank you to parents for helping the children learn their lines) *Miss Barltrop*

The Lion King

On Wednesday 16th November, Years 5 and 6 went to the Lyceum Theatre to watch the Lion King. The play was extraordinary and performed excellently throughout. The characters’ costumes were phenomenal. The scenes were unlike any other. The actors’ voices were able to be heard from the back. The whole play was a great performance and the stage props were well used.

My opinion is that I really enjoyed the play and the effects were amazing. I would really like to go and watch it again. *Caitlin H C6*

Legal Eagles

On Friday 18th November and 25th, the Legal Eagles Team created an activity to help children understand what roles are played in court and what it looks like.

At the start of our session, several children were chosen to act out the role of: two thieves, an elderly woman and finally two heroes who help the old woman after her handbag was stolen. We were asked to think about what we would do in this situation as well as the consequences the elderly woman would have to go through.

The day was ended as the hall was transformed into a magistrates court where we each had a role to play in the trial of Sam Williams, a youth accused of theft. *Elsa H and Jason C*

Aldwickbury Park Golf Club - Tea with Father Christmas

6 and 7 December 2016 4-5pm £10 per child

24 December 2016 11-12pm, 1-2pm, 3-4pm £12.50 per child

Venue: Aldwickbury Park Golf Club Harpenden

Further information: 01582 760112

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.

Reminders:

Burwell House Deposit of £37 is due on 28/11/2016



Upcoming dates

November	
Monday 28th:	Reception Classes to St Albans Cathedral
December	
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	

