



Newsletter 9

13th January 2017

Dear Parents,

A Happy New Year to you all!

I hope this week's newsletter finds you rested after a relaxing Christmas break and ready for another action-packed term.

There are some key dates for your diary to be noted at the foot of the newsletter and do make use of the calendar on the school website or the Schools App to ensure you receive notifications about upcoming events. Details about informal Parent Forums are also below.

Remember the new clubs we have starting this term – Art Club, Jado Kuin Do, Musical Theatre - contact the office for more details.

Healthy Snacks

We have kicked off the New Year with a commitment to the children increasing the amount of physical activity they do and being mindful of the way they fuel their bodies. To support us in this, please ensure any snack your child has is 'healthy'. Children should not be consuming crisps or chocolate at break times and many of the snack brands marketed as being healthy contain large amounts of hidden sugars or salt. Fruit or vegetables are ideal as are cereal bars containing slow release energy ingredients such as oats. Nuts are not permitted in school as we have a number of pupils with allergies.

Punctuality

Please support us in enabling learning to begin at 8.40am by ensuring your child is in school in plenty of time for registration. Doors are open at 8.30 and all children should be ready for learning in their classrooms by 8.40am. Should you have a message you wish to give to your child's class teacher, a member of staff is available at the gate for you to speak to who will gladly pass the message on. If you prefer, you may come to the main office via the main door to the school; parents are not permitted to access the school via the rear entrance. Many thanks for your continued assistance.

School Uniform

May I remind you that we are on a very exposed site and it can be very cold, particularly on the KS2 playground. We expect the children to come equipped for such conditions as we encourage outside play whenever possible. They will need to have warm/waterproof coats and trousers rather than shorts as well as change of shoes for indoor use. School uniform can now be ordered on line at www.beatschooluniforms.co.uk

Hindu Workshop

On Monday 23rd January children will be participating in a Hindu workshop run by the Hindu Education Services. These sessions aim to develop children's understanding and appreciation of world faiths which is an important part of both the SMSC (spiritual, moral, social and cultural) and RE curriculum. Thank you to the class reps who have kindly helped to organise parent helpers for this, we look forward to seeing you next week.

Top Bananas

These children received Bananas Awards today for 'Being Physically Active'

C1	William	C12	Sam	C2	Daniel
C3	Jemima	C34	Alexandra	C4	Eve
C5	Rupert	C56	Ben	C6	Abbie

Bananas Themes this term

Date	Top Banana Theme	How to support this theme at home
9/1/17	Being physically active	There are so many different ways to encourage your child to be more active. Why not do something together such as go swimming or wrap up warm and head out for a walk? Encourage your child to play in the garden or perhaps choose to walk to school or into town rather than drive? This is a great time to get your child involved in new clubs such as ** which are running at school this term or perhaps take advantage of before school tennis on a ?? or enrol at Kings Soccer School which runs at school on a Saturday morning.
16/1/17	Being inquisitive – showing an interest in new topics	Asking questions and showing an interest in the world around them, both past, present and future. Ask your child about their new topics, perhaps find a local museum or place of interest related to it or visit the library and explore some non-fiction texts to fire their curiosity.
23/1/17	Respect - Elephants.	Respect can be shown in a number of different ways. This term we will be learning about the importance of respect for the diversity of our world and what we can learn from the animals of our planet. Ask your child what they have learned about elephants and why they are special. They could also think about animals that we can help practically closer to home – perhaps make sure the birds visiting the garden have water and seeds to keep them going through the colder months.
30/1/17	Being tolerant and understanding	Being respectful of differences and understanding and tolerating the needs, opinions and ideas of others is really important and one of our key school values. Discuss the importance of rules and how they keep us safe. Think about the ways in which people can be different and help your child to value the differences of others.
6/2/17	Active Listening	How do you show you are listening? What does good listening look like? Encourage your child to make eye contact and ask questions to show they have been attentive. When you are reading a book together or watching a tv programme, ask questions about what you have shared.

Staffing Update

This term we welcome back Helen Stevens from maternity leave. She will be working in KSI, predominantly with C12. Sue Jarvis will continue to teach the Owl Nursery group alongside Tracey Dallow.

We also welcome new members to the team this term and know you will support us in welcoming them into our school community. Katherine Wooster is the new class teacher for C12 and Sarah Hayward-Surry is the new class

teacher for C34. I am also delighted to introduce you to Lisa Kraushaar (pronounced Crawshaw) who will be taking Year 4 and Year 6 maths groups.

When Hayley Lewis leaves the school towards the end of term, Joanne Kirk will be taking over her role as school librarian and it is great to know the books and the school's readers will continue to be in safe hands!

Community News

The Harpenden Sandwich Company

Please have a look at the new website (www.theharpendsandwich.co.uk) to see the menus for packed lunches, starting at only £2 a day, for both KS1 and KS2. Can be provided any number of days from 1-5 a week and children can have different options each day. There are lots of healthy choices as well as home baked treats and Sally will keep you posted on how your child is eating.

Please also check out the new Children's party menus - party catering starts at just £2 per head.

Kind regards,

Suzanne Webb

School Closures

In exceptional circumstances it may be necessary to close the school during normal hours. In these instances i.e. due to severe weather conditions, we shall inform parents by the following means:

BBC Three Counties Radio	92.1 FM or 630 AM
Mercury FM	97.5 - 102.7FM
Website	www.roundwoodprimary.herts.sch.uk
Twitter	https://twitter.com/RoundwoodPS
Herts County Council's website	https://www.imodus.com/summary.aspx?company=99

Schools Closure Notification System - Parental Sign Up

Parents can now sign up to receive messages by SMS and email sent directly from school about closures. To sign up, use the following link:

<http://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489>

This link will direct you to the 'Sign Up' page where you should click on the 'sign up' button located at the top right hand side of the page on the grey strip and from there follow the instructions. It should take no more than 5 minutes to register and you can edit your information at any time should you change your mobile number or email address.

If you have children at more than one school you can register for those schools too in a single registration process by selecting all schools you have children at.

Road Safety

The school crossing patrol, on behalf of Hertfordshire County Council, have asked us to request that children dismount their scooters before crossing the road with the Lollipop Lady. This is to avoid any accidents. Thank you.

Reminders

• Under 11s - Reception, Junior and Middle School Admissions for September 2017

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to reception, junior and middle is fast approaching.

Parents need to make an application by the closing date of **15 January 2017** and any applications received after this date will be considered as 'LATE' applications. Please refer to www.hertsdirect.org/admissions to apply.

