



Dear Parents,

This half term seems to have flown by! The Spring term always seems a little rushed as there is still the same amount of work to be done but in a shorter amount of time!

It was lovely to welcome you all to this week's consultations and I trust you found the opportunity to see your child's class teacher valuable. Do make sure you have made a note in your diary about the Open Sessions which take place at the end of term to make sure you can catch up with your child's continued progress as they work on the targets they have been set. To ensure you know which topics your child will be studying each term, the topic webs for each class are on the school's website, under class information.

Continuing to develop communication with our school community is something which the Governors and I are very keen to build and we were delighted to welcome people to our first Governors' Surgery last week, something which will now be a termly event.

The details of next half term's Bananas Themes are listed below and this week's, 'Active Listening' was a real pleasure to see in action. Monday's assembly saw the children introduced to what 'whole body' listening looked like and I have been delighted to see the children rise to the challenge of demonstrating these skills to their teachers.

On what has been a very chilly end to the week, I would like to wish you all a happy and relaxing half term holiday and hope that the snow falls in all the right places to ensure a successful holiday for all!

Kind regards,
Suzanne Webb

Uniform reminder

Please can you check your child's indoor shoes still fit them? I have noticed several children this week without indoor shoes who mentioned their plimsolls no longer fit. Trying to keep our inside spaces as clean as possible is always a challenge at this time of year and your support is greatly appreciated.

Play equipment

All children have been reminded about the importance of not using the play equipment on the KSI playground for the safety of everyone outside at the end of the day: they know that keep everyone safe is the responsibility of us all. Although we have seen a marked improvement this week, we would appreciate your assistance in the equipment in not used by anyone, including younger siblings, during drop off and pick up times.

Staffing Update

After over 17 years at the school, Debbie Wallace has decided the time is right for a change of scene and she will be joining the support team at the University of Hertfordshire. Mrs Wallace has been an invaluable asset the school and we shall be very sad to see her go as she has always gone 'above and beyond' to support the children and the staff. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for all she has done for us and wish her well for the future.

We said a fond 'au revoir' to Mrs Crisp today who begins her adoptive leave. I am sure she will keep in touch about her 'new role' and we all wish her much happiness and excitement as she embarks on an equally rewarding and fulfilling way to fill her time!

Top Bananas

These children received Bananas Awards last week for 'Being tolerant and understanding'

C1	Lawrence	C12	Eloise	C2	Isobel
C3	Jamie and Rafi	C34	Leo, Rosa	C4	Jack P
C5	Not present	C56	Caitlin	C6	Zoe, Nilay

These children received Bananas Awards today for 'Active Listening'

C1	Daniel, Matilda	C12	James	C2	Harry, Evie
C3	Chris	C34	Sophie, Charlotte	C4	Karolina
C5	Not present	C56	Sara	C6	Jack, Ella

An Afternoon At The Musicals.

Last Thursday, the choir and orchestra entertained parents and classes from across the school with a wide selection of songs from the musicals. The orchestra played If I were A Rich Man from Fiddler on the Roof. They all played remarkably well and it was wonderful to hear the wide range of instruments join together and play in harmony. The choir sung four songs, two from Matilda and two from The Lion King. There were lots of words to learn and they all sang beautifully. It was fun learning the songs and they performed with gusto. Along with the orchestra and choir, Sophie, Elsa and Kayleigh all played the recorder. They played a duet and individually. It was a wonderful afternoon and everyone played really well. *Mrs Wakeman & Mrs Burch*

Governors'Surgery

Last Friday Mrs Webb and three other members of the Governing Board met with parents to gather school-related feedback and ideas in our first ever "Governors' Surgery". It was an invaluable session and a detailed summary of the points raised, and the steps being taken to address them, will be provided after the half term break. We plan to make the Governors' Surgery a termly fixture, so please join us next time if you're free.

Tesco Labs KSI Workshop



Yesterday, KSI had the opportunity to take part in a technology workshop led by the Tesco Labs team. The aim of the workshop was to enthuse children about the possibilities of technology and to promote it as a potential career path for all. The children were given a shopping list and they worked together in groups to plan a route for a robot trolley around a supermarket floor mat. They had to make sure that they collected each item on their shopping list and ended up at the



till. They then used a special board and blocks to program a Cubetto robot to complete the course. The children really enjoyed the day and loved creating their trolleys and programming the robots. Our thanks to Mrs. Maurer and her team for planning, resourcing and leading the workshops. *Miss Fricker*

'I enjoyed learning how to work the robot.' *Sophia*

'We learnt to control a robot trolley.' *Cayetana*

'I enjoyed controlling the trolley.' *Hamish*

'Sometimes it can be tricky at the start but if you keep going you can do it in the end.' *Anya*

'We chose directions for the Cubetto robot.' *Niall*

Sports Roundup

Football

On Wednesday 1st February we hosted St Helens C of E Primary School in the first of our Harpenden District Schools Sports Football league matches. The tie saw the first game result in a 0-0 draw with notable performance from Theo L who kept his side in the game.

'Everyone played well as a team and stuck to the game plan. We all played very well and put our all into the match.' - Tom A

The other fixture saw Jonas, Nilay and Charlie H put a goal each past their opponents. During this game we managed to only concede one goal which came from a well struck long range effort. Special mention should go to Stuart M and Will B who were consistently strong throughout the game.

'Though we won 3-1 St Helens put up a very good fight. Their goal was a well struck shot from a long way out. If it wasn't for some excellent saves by Cam and Will and great defending from Stuart they would probably have won.' - Jonas

I was very pleased with the way all of the boys across both teams represented Roundwood and for conducting themselves appropriately throughout the fixture.

In the next round of the Harpenden and District School Sports Football League on Thursday 9th February we took a trip across town to visit The Grove. Even with some tired legs, both Roundwood teams found some form. A much improved performance from the team in blue led to a 4-0 defeat, however, considering the last time we played the result had been worse. The yellow and blue stripes managed a 3-0 win with a hat-trick from Cameron C-N. Again I was extremely pleased with the way all of the players had represented the school. - Mr Barker

Netball

On Thursday 9th February 14 children went to Redbourn to play Netball. The afternoon was freezing but this did not deter the children and they all had lots of fun. Although both teams lost, A team 4-1 and B team 10-0, I was really impressed with the improvement in all children and I saw some fantastic play, special mentions go to Ben G, Abbie, Lucie who passed and intercepted the ball incredibly well. Well done for fantastic sportsmanship. **Please note that due to a training session at RWP there will be no Netball Club on Monday 20th February.** Mrs Wakeman

Rugby

On Thursday 9th February, 10 children from Upper Key Stage 2 took part in the Harpenden and District School Sports Rugby tournament which was held at Harpenden Rugby Club. Throughout the afternoon they played 6 matches against other local primary schools with mixed results. There were strong individual performances from Tom M, Tom N and George N. On the whole I was very pleased with how well the team played, especially as for the majority, this was their first taste of competitive rugby. - Mr Barker

Girls' Football

It was wonderful to have 17 Year 5 and 6 girls come and play Football at lunchtime today.

I am delighted with this and look forward to having Girls only football on a Friday on the playground after half term. Mrs Wakeman

EPSCA Qualification Tournament

On Saturday 4th February, Roundwood entered two Under 11 teams and one Under 9 team into the English Primary School Chess Association Qualifying Tournament being held at Roundwood Park School.

There were 18 teams in total from all over the County battling it out for a qualification place at the semi-finals being held at Pontins in May. Five rounds of chess were played from 10.00am-4.30pm and the competition was tough. The Roundwood teams played and conducted themselves brilliantly.

Our Under 11A team (Leo G, Tom N, Will B, Stuart M, Finn P and Jonas S) came 4th with 13½ points so qualify for the main competition. The Under 11B team (George N, Cameron C-N, Ross S, Alice W, Eddie R and Dan W) were close behind with 10 points and our Under 9s (Alex D, Gabriel J, Chris K, Harry B and Ben M) did extremely well finishing on 9 points, so both teams can go on to play in the Plate Competition.



It was a great team effort and the event could not have taken place without all the fantastic help from parents – from setting up the night before, making cakes, running the café (which made £230 profit!), managing the teams, supervising the children and getting everything tidied away– it was a true team effort.

Pontins here we come! *Mrs Godbee*

Roundwood Primary School's hall is now available to hire!

This bright, airy and flexible space is ideal for extra-curricular classes such as drama, music, indoor sport and adult fitness; along with speaker events, meetings and training.

We have two areas which can be partitioned or combined (seating up to 140), with access to a small kitchen area, two projectors, a large display screen and one interactive screen. Piano, staging, music and PA systems can also be available.

The area is available term time weekdays between 5.30pm and 10pm, with regular or one off bookings welcome. Weekend and school holiday bookings may be possible upon request. Prices start from £20.90 per hour.

For more information or to make a booking please call the school office on 01582 460756 or email:

admin@roundwoodprimary.herts.sch.uk

Note from Friends

Children's Bingo - Monday 27 February

(Yrs 1, 2, 3: 3.15 – 4.15pm; Yrs 4, 5, 6: 4.30 – 5.30pm)

The School Hall turns into a Bingo Hall for one night only on Monday 27th February! Tickets are almost sold out for years 1-3 (3.15 - 4.15pm slot) but plenty are still available for years 4-6 inclusive (4.30 - 5.30pm session). Tickets are £5 each and include a snack and a drink. It would be wonderful to see as many children as possible at what promises to be a fun evening and a great fundraiser. Booking form attached.

The Harpenden Sandwich Company

Sally ("Sandwich"!) Piercy is thrilled to have been nominated for the 2017 Herts Food and Drinks Awards. To help her celebrate 10 years of providing party food, packed lunches to Roundwood Primary and the Oval Cafe please vote by going to www.hfda.co.uk, selecting '2017 categories' then 'Independent Food Retailer/Producer of the Year' to vote for The Harpenden Sandwich Company, it only takes a few seconds – thank you very much.

E-Safety Tip:

Find out what sites your children visit and what they love about them, if they know you understand they are more likely to come to you if they have any problems.





Children's Bingo Booking Form

Date: Monday 27 February

Venue: School Hall

Year 1, 2 & 3: Straight after school to 4.15 pm
The teacher will take your child straight from their classroom to the quiz.
Please collect your child from their classroom (via school office) at 4.15 pm

Year 4, 5 & 6: 4.30 pm – 5.30 pm
Please drop off and collect your child from their classroom (via the office).

Tickets: £5 per child – tickets must be booked in advance.
Includes a drink and a snack - please advise of any dietary requirements.

To book your place, please return this form with your payment to the Friends post box (by the school office) by **Wednesday 22 Feb.**

Name and surname of child/ren	Class
Total Amount Due: £ Please make cheques payable to "Friends of Roundwood Primary".	

For any further information, please email friendsofroundwood@gmail.com

