



Newsletter 17

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Dear Parents,

This week's rain was a refreshing change although it did rather dampen some of the children's more active pursuits! The forecast looks 'interesting' for this weekend's Snowdon expedition – it is likely we will experience the full repertoire of Welsh weather – but the bags are packed and we will be setting off later this afternoon.

Our walk is the staff's opportunity to contribute to the work of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award – a charity that many of our children may, in future years, choose to support through their Bronze, Silver and Gold awards, encouraging them to push personal boundaries, gain new skills and enhance their CVs and university applications. Although this is a long way off for our children, in my experience, time goes increasingly fast the older our children get, and I hope our trip plants a seed of an idea in the children to come up with their own goals and challenges which encourage them to be active, have fun and explore the great outdoors. We will be posting messages via Twitter <https://twitter.com/RoundwoodPS> so you can see how we get on – assuming we can get reception through the fog / rain / snow!

If you would like to donate to the DoE <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Roundwood>.

Those of you who were fortunate enough to enjoy the festivities of Friday's Ball raised a fantastic sum of money for the school and I would like to thank you all for your generosity – it sounds like a great time was had by all! Chris Woodhead and the Friends will be in touch soon to confirm the final total and explain where and how the funds will be used in school.

Thank you to those parents who have already contributed their ideas to the work the Governing Board and the staff team are completing regarding the school's motto and vision and values. If you haven't already sent in your ideas, please do, we really do value your thoughts and as the children have been sharing their ideas with their teachers this week it would be wonderful to add your thoughts to the mix too.

Just a quick reminder that next week is a short week as there are two INSET days planned for staff so school is closed to pupils – see key dates below. Some members of staff are completing their First Aid training, there is phonics training happening too as well as policy reviews and long term planning for the next academic year – it will still be very busy even without the children!

I wish you all a wonderful weekend and an enjoyable half term. I look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Kind regards,  
Suzanne Webb



### Key Dates for this term:

Event	Date
INSET Days	25th and 26th May
Governors Surgery	16 <sup>th</sup> June 1.30 – 3.00
Hindhead (year 6)	19th -23rd June
Friends Sponsored Walk	9 <sup>th</sup> June (reserve date 16 <sup>th</sup> June)
Summer School Fair	1 <sup>st</sup> July
Music Concert	5th July
Open Sessions	6th July 2.45-3.15pm, 7th July 8.15-8.45am
Secondary Transfer Day / Meet the Teacher	13th July
Year 6 Play	19th July 7pm
Leaver's Assembly	20th July 10.30am

### Top Bananas

These children received Bananas Awards this week for 'Being Active'

C1	James	C12	George, Tiana	C2	Sahjan, Jamie
C3	Isla	C34	Alex CN, Emily	C4	George
C5	Finn	C56	Scott	C6	

### This Half term Bananas Themes

Date	Top Banana Theme	How to support this theme at home
15/5/17	Being active	The end of this week sees 14 members of staff tackle Snowdonia and we are hoping to inspire the children to be just as active! With longer days and (hopefully) warmer and sunnier weather, it is the ideal opportunity to get out and about on bikes or on foot and explore the countryside – leaving screens at home! Why not grab a local map and set off on a footpath you have never explored before – who knows what you will find!
22/5/17	Being adaptable	As we enter the last part of the academic year, we will be talking about learning to be adaptable to change, by recognising it as something that is inevitable throughout our life, as it is a great way to start to make things more manageable. Even just something as simple as thinking about the opportunities a new situation might create, or not assuming that change is a bad or undesirable thing, can make a big difference. For example, as children start to think about making the transition from one year group to another, help child to identify ways they can adjust their behaviours (such as increasing effort, asking for help), control their thinking (by challenging pessimism or self-doubt), and manage their emotions (by keeping fear or anxiety in check).



## Football Tournament

On Tuesday 9th May, a team of Year 4 children took part in the Harpenden School Sports Association's district football tournament. The team, consisting of Eve, Rachael, George, Ben, Ben, Oscar, Harry, Luke, Lucas and Cian all played exceptionally well and throughout the afternoon the children played 4 matches. The afternoon was action packed but also allowed the children to rest for a while between matches. It was wonderful spending the afternoon with so many enthusiastic children and it was a great opportunity for them to represent the school. Well played.

*Mrs Wakeman*

"It was amazing and we had loads of fun." *Eve*

"I think we did really well and we all played our part to the best we could." *Oscar*



## Cello Concert



On Wednesday morning Year 4 gave a performance workshop to their parents to show what they have been learning in First Access Cello. They have their cello lesson every Wednesday morning at 8.45 in three groups of 15 and have been learning to use different techniques using the bow. They played Hill un gully rider, Fast Lane and Lift off as well as Grand old Duke of York demonstrating changing pitch with their left hand. The children played really well and showed what they have been learning with confidence. Amy Leo and Elsa from Year 6 opened the concert with their pieces from their grade 1 exam, and Livvy from Year 4 shared Happy Times giving us a jazzy fun ending. Well done cellists – a great start! *Mrs Burch*

## Bonjour! Parlez-vous français? Calling French Speakers!

We are planning to hold a French themed afternoon for children in KS2 to give them opportunities to practise the French they have learnt. We need French speaking volunteers to work with small groups of children on a range of different activities. If you speak French and are CRB checked please let the office know which days you are available in order for us to find a suitable date. Merci beaucoup. *Mrs Cavenagh-Mainwaring*

## Reminder

We would like to remind you that the deadline for KS2 lunch payments after half term is next Monday, 22nd May.

**E-Safety Tip:** Know what connects to the internet and how - nowadays even the TV connects to the internet. Make sure you're aware of which devices your child uses to connect to the internet, such as their phone or games console and ensure you understand the parental control settings that are available.

