



Newsletter 18

24th May 2017

Dear Parents,

There has been so much going on in the last three days we decided there was room for one last newsletter, not least in order that we could say goodbye to two long-standing and much relied upon members of staff as they begin their retirement.

Debbie Denley has been at the school for over 12 years and has had such a positive impact on not just the children but the staff too that she will be sorely missed by us all; her smile, positivity and general enthusiasm for her work has made her a key strength of the Foundation Stage team.

In addition, today we say goodbye to Marian Burnell, the school's bursar who has been in post for the past 19 years. The truth is that she is so much more than a bursar; there is very little she doesn't know about the school or its policies and processes and her superb organisation, her attention to detail and dedication to her role has made her an asset to the school. She has been such a support to me in my first year of Headship and we will all miss her very much. I am sure you will join me in wishing both ladies a happy and relaxing retirement.



I am delighted to say the staff team who tackled Snowdon last weekend were successful in their challenge! It was far from plain sailing though – the climb took nearly eight hours, conditions were terrible (driving rain throughout the ascent and even hail!), cloud cover meant there was no view from the summit, the weather meant we had to re-plan our original route and injury and illness prevented some of the group from being able to take part. However those that were able to climb are rightly proud of their accomplishment. If you would like to donate to the DoE, the charity for

which we were fund raising our just giving details are as follows:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Roundwood>.

Whatever your plans are this half term, I wish you all a safe and happy half term.

Kind regards,
Suzanne Webb



Key Dates for this term:

Event	Date
INSET Days	25th and 26th May
Roundwood Park Closed – All KS2 Packed Lunches	5 th June
Governors Surgery	16 th June 1.30 – 3.00
Hindhead (year 6)	19th -23rd June
Friends Sponsored Walk	9 th June (reserve date 16 th June)
Summer School Fair	1 st 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

Pontins Chess Weekend



On Friday 19 May, 12 Roundwood children and their families travelled down to Pontins, Camber Sands for the English Primary Schools Chess Association Semi Final weekend! Our two teams played incredibly well against some very tough competition. The U11 Plate team (George Newton, Alice Wake, Dan Wilkinson, Eddie Roberts, Chris Karuntharatne and Gabriel Jacquinot) came joint third. The U11 Cup team (Leo Godbee, Will Butters, Stuart Martin, Alex Butters, Finn Portlock and Tom Newns) came joint



17th out of 34 teams and came away with a Silver trophy. The sun

shone the whole weekend, there was a trip to the beach, the famous BBQ on Saturday night and lots of playing football and trips to the arcade in between chess rounds. Lots of fun was had by all and the children were a real credit to the school. *Mrs Godbee, Mrs Portlock and Mrs Martin*



Science Workshop



On Tuesday 23rd May, KS1 and Reception had the opportunity to handle and learn about a variety of creatures and the groups they belong to according to their features, what they eat and when they are active.

We saw a Madagascar hissing cockroach, a Chilean rose tarantula, an Australian White tree frog, a corn snake, a leopard gecko and a Mongolian gerbil and found out some fascinating facts about each one. *Miss L. Fricker*

Reminder

Please can we ask that all children bring a water bottle into school after half term.

Walk to St Nicks

On Tuesday, Year 3 & 4 visited St Nicholas' Church as part of their RE curriculum. We found out about the features of a church including the pulpit, font, altar, organ and bell tower. The children rotated around in groups and had a close look at each area of the church.

Thank you to those parents who helped walk the children there and back and to Jump! for providing us all with an interesting and fun afternoon. *Mrs Wakeman and Mrs Hayward - Surry*

E-Safety Tip: Find out how your child is accessing the internet – is it your connection, or a neighbour's wifi? This will affect whether the safety settings you have set are being applied.

