



Upcoming Events:

**October/November/
December 2018
(New Events Added)**

**23rd and 25th October
Parent Consultations**

**23rd October – FINAL
REMINDER
Deadline for KS2 Lunch
payments to be paid on
Parent Pay for Roundwood
Park School**

26th October
Non-uniform day in return for
donations of luxury (non-
alcoholic) items for the
Christmas Fair!

31st October
Deadline for Secondary School
Admissions 2019

**29th October-2nd
November
Half – Term**

5th November
Inset Day
(Children are not at school)

9th November
Please return your Rotary Boxes
to the school office by
Thursday 8th November – see
information for this appeal within
newsletter – thank you!

Dear Parents,

As we near the end of the first half of the autumn term, it has been wonderful to see the children continue with their efforts – classrooms are busy and productive spaces and the working walls to support and extend children’s thinking are crammed with ideas and teachers’ pointers for success. You will be able to see the fruits of their labours at consultation evening next week, more details of which follow.

Last Thursday afternoon we enjoyed Roundwood’s Got Talent – and what a treat it was! Everyone taking part did so with such confidence, it made me very proud to see and our guest judges, Mrs Holmes our cello teacher and Mr Gray, the Head of Music at Roundwood Park, were suitably impressed! Year 6 pupils did a fantastic job at compering the show and the rest of the school were a wonderful audience and very supportive and encouraging of their peers.

This week has seen KSI become Victorian children for the day, helped by a History off the Page workshop and their Victorian teachers and adult helpers who all looked the part, more details of which are below.

Please can you help your child to be at school ready to be registered at 8.40am. Remember the children need time to get to their classrooms and organise their belongings. If they are not coming into school by 8.30am, then it will be almost impossible for them to be ready for the register - especially KSI children. Children who are late will have a late mark.

Reminder: please ensure that any snacks sent into school with your children do not contain peanuts or any kind of nuts.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Suzanne Webb

9th November

Flu vaccinations – please return consent forms to the School Office

7th November

SETPOINT Catapult Challenge Workshops
C3/4 – morning session
C4 – afternoon session

8th November

SETPOINT Catapult Challenge Workshop
C3 – morning session

9th November

Spirit of the Wild Workshop – Yr 5 & 6

Week commencing 12th November

Bikeability – Yr 6
(Please bring bike and helmet into school each day)

16th November

Children in Need Day
'Spotacular' dress-up theme, Cake Sale and £1 donation please!

20th November

Young Shakespeare Theatre Co.- Yr 5 & 6 – Macbeth

23rd November

Governor's Surgery – 1-3pm
Parents are welcome to attend and discuss topics + provide feedback to the School's Governing Board – tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided!

26th November

Prospective Parents Meeting, 9.30am

27th November

Nurse Visit for Year 6 – Information to follow

30th November

Roundwood Park School and Dining hall closed – please provide your child with a pack-lunch on this day.

Parent Consultations

Next week, as part of consultations, you will have an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, discuss how they have settled in to their new year group and look at your child's books or learning journals.

In Foundation Stage, pupils' progress in their learning is documented through their Learning Journals, which combine pupils' work and activities with observations from members of staff. Photographs are often taken as part of these observations whilst the children are taking part in CIL 'Child Initiated Learning'. At this early stage of a child's educational journey, much of their learning is developed through play and the observations made by the Foundation Stage team record their development.

In KS1 and KS2, as part of this year's school improvement plan, the school continues to build on developing writing across the school and you will notice pupils' use of drafting books. The drafting books give pupils an opportunity to record, refine and edit their writing. To begin with, editing is modelled by the teacher and the children are taught to help each other to edit and improve in pairs. This later develops into individual editing and drafting as the children mature as writers. The focus for drafting reflects the learning content of each year group. For example, in Year 2, children may add adjectives before nouns and check their punctuation carefully as well as using classroom resources to check their tricky words. In Year 6, pupils will focus on using a range of punctuation and looking at developing an authorial voice through the use of different sentence structures.

To explain the process of statutory assessments and end of year expectations for pupils in Years 2 and Year 6, in the spring term, parents will be invited to information sessions, so there is no need to focus on these areas during your initial meeting with your child's teacher this term.

Advice available from other staff members

Although during consultations it is not possible, due to time restrictions, to meet with your child's maths teacher, members of staff do meet and share notes regarding children's progress and attainment. To further support parents to understand the new maths curriculum, Mrs Lisa Kraushaar, the Maths subject leader, will be available during Thursday's consultation times to answer any questions you may have or provide ideas and support regarding maths learning in general.

In addition, Mrs Hazel Beswick, the SENDCo will also be available on Thursday. Please contact the School Office if you wish to meet with either member of staff.

3rd December

Recorder Concert – 3pm

4th December

Prospective Nursery Parents' Meeting – 2.15 - 2.45pm

5th December

Rotary Carol Concert – 7pm

6th December

School Open session – 3pm

School is open to parents to visit their child's classroom and view their work.

7th December

School Open session – 8.15am

School is open to parents to visit their child's classroom and view their work.

7th December

Carol Service – Oval Chapel, 10.30am, KS2 parents are invited to attend.

15th December 2018

Christmas Fair
12-3pm

SCHOOL APPS

Schoolgateway

Please use Schoolgateway for payments



<https://www.schoolgateway.com/>

SIMS Parent Lite

Please use SIMS Parent Lite to securely update personal information held by school



<https://www.sims-parent.co.uk>

Use of the turning circle

Please can I remind parents that the turning circle should not be used after 8am for drop off – this is to ensure safe access for Roundwood Park's buses. If you are running late for a club or for Jousters, please park outside the site and walk in with your child to prevent additional congestion. No parents, or childminders/au pairs, should be parking in the turning circle at the end of the day when collecting children, again, this is for the safety of all pupils and students on the school site.

Dressing for the season

Please can you ensure that your child comes to school with a warm, waterproof coat with a hood as we encourage play outside in all weathers.

Sport Round Up – Girls' Football

On Thursday 11th November the Girls football team travelled to Sauncey Wood in the next round of the HDSA football league fixtures. We started off with a tough match against Crabtree where we managed to scrape a win courtesy of two goals from Rachael, leaving the score 2-1. The defence worked very hard to ensure that we kept a clean sheet which built confidence ahead of our second match against Manland. Starting very aggressively we managed to put three past the Manland defence in the first half, two goals from Rachel and one from Zaina. Sealing the victory was a goal from Lauren which left the full time score 4-0 to Roundwood. Finally, we played Beech Hyde which was by far the toughest yet most enjoyable match of the evening as the two teams battled away in an end-to-end contest. Luckily we managed to sneak a goal which came from Arianne in the first half and after defending relentless attacks for the rest of the match we walked away as winners; 1:0. I am extremely proud of all of the girls' efforts and feel that it is testament to the effort that they have been putting in week on week during all of the training sessions. Mr Barker

Harvest thanks



On Wednesday 10th October, our Harvest assembly focused on helping our community and recognising that even small donations make a difference. Some of the Year 6 children helped to broaden that message by sharing how children around the world help with the harvest. Thank you for all your generous donations which have been

taken to the Harpenden Food Bank at the Highfield Oval. We would like to encourage you and your families to try to give a little throughout the year to those in our community in need.

Reminders

Children in Need Day 16th November

Please wear something Spotacular! (Spotty!) and if you can, please donate a £1 to help raise money for charity. There will also be a Cake Sale in the playground after school.

Playdate and Pick up Information

If during the school day there are any changes to your child's pick up arrangements, please email or call the School Office before 1.30pm

Parent/Carer Volunteers

Thank you to all volunteers that are able to offer their time to help the school!

We require help to maintain our outdoor space in the Foundation Stage unit. If you have time to spare preferably on Monday morning to help clear and sweep this area please let us know!

Also, please let us know if you are free to assist with the set-up of the Helping Hands session on Fridays from 1.30pm for ½ an hour.



Leaf clearing

Thanks to both Mr Fox (and Master Fox!) and Mr McKillop-Paley for their help in clearing the leaves on Saturday morning. It was a somewhat wet start to the weekend but I very much appreciated their help to ensure the paths and KSI playground were safe to use on Monday morning.

Roundwood's Got Talent

Congratulations go to all the brave performers who took part in the Final of Roundwood's Got Talent on Thursday afternoon. To be able to stand up in front of friends and teachers would be for most an extremely daunting experience, our performers made it look easy. During the afternoon we were not only entertained with comedy acts which left us all laughing out loud, but also gymnastic displays, solo dance, guitar solos and singing. The Judges Mr Gray, Head of Music at Roundwood Park School and Mrs Holmes our cello teacher found the task of choosing the winners extremely difficult. Special mention was given runner up Raffy B with his beautiful rendition of 'Castle on the Hill' and runner up Oscar T's extremely musical performance of 'Thinking Out Loud'. Lower Key stage 2 solo champion went to Harry W who amazed the judges with his technical ability on his electric Guitar. Lower Key stage 2 Group Champions went to Leo and William's comedy act. With some classic play on words and some risky jokes based on teachers' names they were a real winner! Upper Key stage 2 Solo Champion went to Raffy A. His astounding rendition of Pi to 200 places left the judges speechless he has without doubt a bright mathematical future ahead of him. Upper Key Stage 2 Group winners were Lucas and Kaleb. Their drumming and beat boxing went down a storm and showed some advanced rhythmic ability. The Overall Winner of Roundwood's Got Talent had to go to Raffy A and his amazing memory of Pi. Mr Gray was especially impressed commenting that he had difficulty remembering his own phone number let alone 200 numbers!

The children loved watching their fellow pupils perform who were all winners in the end. They all exuded confidence and had great stage presence. I am sure the performing experience will no doubt stand them in good stead in the years to come. Finally, thanks go to my team of year 6 helpers who assisted in organising this event for me. Without their help Roundwood's Got talent would not have been such a success - Mrs Lloyd.

KSI Victorian Day



Key Stage One had a fabulous Victorian Day exploring all the jobs that needed doing in a large Victorian House. We were very busy doing the laundry, laying the table correctly, sewing samplers and even making wallpaper!

In the afternoon the children put on a tremendous show of acrobatics, jokes, songs, shows of strength and even a little play.

A huge thank you to all of the lovely ladies who volunteered on the day. You were brilliant and we really appreciated your help - Mrs Brennan.

News from Mrs Crowley..

Parents, carers, are you interested in classical music? Love to sing? Why not find out more about the Hertfordshire Chorus featuring one of our teachers, Mrs Crowley. The choir sing in St Albans and London and are regularly invited to record for Radio 2, Radio 3 and Classic FM. Recent recordings (of which Mrs Crowley are included) are coming up, including: Tuesday 30th October, 7.30pm, Radio 3 - Ian Skelly presents the BBC Concert Orchestra and Hertfordshire Chorus, conducted by David Temple, performing works commemorating the unsung heroes of war.



Friday 2nd November, 8pm, Radio 2 - War Horse in Concert. Michael Morpurgo's dramatic story of

Joey, the young farm horse who travels from Devon to the battlefields of the Western Front performed in concert at Coventry Cathedral.

To find out more about the choir or ask about joining, speak to Mrs Crowley or visit the website www.hertfordshirechorus.org.uk

Rotary Shoebox Scheme 2018

As in previous years, we are supporting the Rotary Shoeboxes Scheme and are inviting parents and carers to take a Rotary Box and fill it with good quality gifts which will be sent to charities in Eastern Europe.

Shoeboxes are given to people of all ages so please make sure that you fill in the details on the lid of the shoebox to indicate to whom it should be given. Also, we ask that you kindly donate £2 by sticking coins to the stamp area of the Shoebox to help the Rotary Scheme offset shoebox transportation costs.

Please the link below for further information regarding this scheme:

<https://www.rotaryshoebox.org>

(Please do not place anything edible in the shoeboxes) Please return full shoeboxes to the School Office by **Thursday 8th November 2018**.

Thank you for your continued support for this scheme.

.....and the **TOP BANANA** awards go to...



Well Done!!

Awarded for Helping Others – 19/10/2018

C1	Matthew
C1/2	Maya
C2	Islay/Jacobo
C3	Amber
C3/4	George S
C4	Max/Eisa
C5	Chloe
C5/6	Lauren/Sophie
C6	Jake