



Roundwood Primary Newsletter

12th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of what has been a challenging half term, I write again to thank you for the support you have given your children and the school over the past few months. We have successfully balanced the challenges of keeping pupils and staff as safe as possible during a global pandemic, whilst ensuring that high quality remote learning continues. This has not been achieved without significant compromises by my staff and I am taking this opportunity to publicly thank them as they approach the Half Term break.

I hope staff, the children and their families all have time to relax and spend time together this half term. We look forward to welcoming children back to school (whether virtually or in person) on Monday 22nd February.

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/RoundwoodPS/>

The children of Roundwood have shown us their resilience and commitment throughout lockdown. They have worked so hard and produced some wonderful pieces of work. Teachers have been impressed as this adjustment has not been easy.

You may have seen on our Facebook page that it is not only the teachers that are impressed. We received some encouraging messages for the children from celebrities.

Reopening of School

We all anticipate news regarding the re-opening of schools sometime after half term. This is not guaranteed and as a school we do not have any inside information - we hear the news at the same time as you at home! We have been told that we will have two weeks' notice, which for any kind of opening on 8th March would mean we will find out more on the 22nd February. As soon as we know more details we will communicate this with you.

Message from our Governors

The governors are very aware of the difficulties that all of us - parents, staff, children and governors – are facing at the moment. Issues such as disrupted routines and doing things in very different ways to usual, home-schooling children while trying to keep work going, lack of social contact except via electronic means, and having to share space and electronic equipment mean that we are all challenged to keep our spirits up. It feels like it's been going on for a long time, and we have no clear end in sight.

We would like to say "well done" to everyone in the school community for your hard work and commitment, and to encourage everyone to take some time over half term to relax and enjoy a bit of a break - from previously unfamiliar school activities and also from the technology. Even if we can't go anywhere, we can plan a 'staycation' and a bit of downtime.

The governors also particularly wish to thank Mrs Hooft and her staff for their energy, enthusiasm and persistence in keeping the school going, and their continued focus on improving what they do and supporting us all.

In the words of Martin Luther King Jr., let's "keep on keeping on" and hope for things to improve in the next half term.

The Governors





Roundwood Primary Community News

Community groups, schools, businesses and faith groups!
 Organise a #CovidSafe activity for #SustFest21
 Register by 5th April to take part in this community festival



sustainability

festival 2021



Sun 23 May - Sun 6 June

www.sustfest.org

Across St Albans, Harpenden and the villages. #StaySafe.



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'ROTHAMSTED IN WINTER' PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



CELEBRATE THE BEAUTY OF ROTHAMSTED DURING THIS WINTER'S LOCKDOWN

Download free self-guided walk
 Park free of charge
 Get snap-happy with your camera
 Grab a takeaway at our pop-up cafe
 Submit your best pics by 21 February
 Open to kids and grown-ups

WIN FREE HOT DRINK FOR EVERY WEEK OF THIS YEAR!



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Barracudas Day Camps

Here's a link to our free Virtual half term camp activities:

<https://www.barracudas.co.uk/locations-prices/virtual-half-term-camp/>

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Follow us on Facebook for our 'Virtual Camp'

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Dance Fitness with Silly Tom	Tie Dye with Isobel	Barrumba with Sydney
Lab Rats Cleaning Pennies	Football Drills with Sam	Yoga with Anna
Thursday	Friday	
Sign Language with Georgia	Valentines Crafts with Amber	
Taekwondo with Vanessa	Lab Rats Snow Globes	

Thank you
 From The Roundwood Team