



Rowsley C of E Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!

I can't believe that we have been back for 4 weeks already. It has been so lovely to see all the children back in school, ready to 'live life in all its fullness.'

Rowsley School is such a happy and positive place to work and the children have returned full of inquisitiveness, positivity and a love for learning.

A BIG Rowsley WELCOME to our new starters in Reception and Year 2.

Please make sure that you keep an eye on the boards in the playgrounds for weekly information. Important dates are also shown on our school website and staff will also send important information on ParentHub. If you do not receive ParentHub messages, please do sign up as messages are sent regularly to keep you up to date. Mrs Middlebrook will be able to help, should you need support.

Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Festival will be held on Tuesday 3rd October at 2pm at St Katherine's Church, Rowsley. All are welcome to attend.

If you can donate any tins, packets or toiletries they would be very much appreciated. All goods will be donated to Church in the Peak's Jigsaw foodbank. Further information can be found at <https://churchinthepeak.org/jigsaw/foodbank/>

The Community Hub

The Community Hub at Rowsley Village Hall continues to run every Tuesday morning. It is open from just after 9am drop off for free tea/coffee and cake. There is also a 'Warm Hub' office space with free Wi-Fi for those who are working remotely. It is a great opportunity to meet new people, meet up with friends and have a chat. There are also some games and toys for younger children who are very welcome to attend with their parents/carers.

Toddler Forest School with Tara

On Thursday 5th October from 9.15am to 10.30am, Mrs Booker is starting a parent and toddler forest school in our school woodland area. It is open for toddlers aged 3 and 4 and costs only £2 per session. No need to book, just turn up! If you would like any further details, please email school or ask one of the members of staff for a leaflet. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community, so please spread the word.

What is going on in school?

The Mother Teresa Class

This half term in our topic 'Rainbows & Raindrops', we are exploring different types of weather and how it affects us. During this lesson, we became familiar with the map of the UK and the countries in it and became weather forecasters. We presented our weather forecast for the UK to our class.



The Amelia Earhart Class

The Amelia Earhart class have been enjoying the last of the summer weather by getting outside for some of their learning in English and Maths. Running around definitely helps children remember word classes and place value! In Science and English, children have been learning about the digestive system. Did you know your small intestine is over 6 metres long? Ask Y3/4 children for other interesting digestive system facts.



The Marcus Rashford Class

This half term we are learning all about evolution and inheritance; Charles Darwin and his journey on HMS Beagle; and the wonderful diversity of the Galapagos Islands.

The children have been looking at the human and physical geography of the Galapagos islands and had the challenge of mapping out Darwin's route on HMS Beagle and then using a scaled map (and lots of string) to measure how many kilometres he had travelled. Some were very close!



Y3/4 Ukulele Lessons

This year the Y3/4s will be learning ukulele every Friday through Wider Opps, a Derbyshire initiative set up to help all children learn to play a musical instrument, this is supported by teachers from our local Music Education Hub. They will be coming home with their ukuleles to practice and there will be a performance to showcase their work in the new year.

Safeguarding at Rowsley CofE Primary

At Rowsley CofE Primary we take safeguarding of the children very seriously. All staff have been trained and our three designated safeguarding leads (DSLs) are Mrs Wyer, Mrs Hodgson and myself; and our safeguarding governor is Rachel Allen-Ashcroft.

Rowsley School works hard to protect our pupils by creating a safe environment through robust safeguarding practices, and ensuring that all staff and volunteers don't pose a risk to children. We teach our children about staying safe, and make sure they feel confident to approach a member of staff if they have a worry or problem.

If you are at all concerned about a child, it is important to take action. Please contact one of our DSLs should you have any concerns.

You and your child can read about our safeguarding procedures on our school website. The information page for adults, which can be found in 'Key Information', also has web-links and our school policies. The children's page, which can be found through the 'Children' signpost, has information for your child and also has a link to our child-friendly complaints procedure.

Musician of the Month

September's Musician of the Month is Kate Bush. It was lovely to hear so many of the children singing along to the recently re-released 'Running up that Hill.'

Did you know that Kate Bush taught herself how to play the piano and was also the first female to get a number one on the UK charts with a song that she had written herself (Wuthering Heights – 1978).

Museum of the Moon

From 12th October to 10th November, Derby Cathedral are hosting Museum of the Moon.

Measuring 7m in diameter, Museum of the Moon is a stunning sculpture featuring detailed NASA imagery of the lunar surface, which is suspended above the nave of Derby Cathedral! Accompanied by magical moonlight and a music, this is an experience not to be missed!

You can find details at <https://derbycathedral.org/events/events/museum-of-the-moon/>

Diary Dates for the new half term

Dates are subject to change, and more may be added, however we wanted to give as much advance notice as possible.

| Date | Event | Details |
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| October | | |
| Tuesday 3 rd October | Harvest Festival | 2pm, St Katherine's Church |
| Thursday 5 th October | Toddler Forest School with Tara | 9.15am – 10.30am, Parent and toddler group starts in Rowsley School Green Zone |
| Thursday 12 th October | Year 1 and 2 Football Tournament | Held at Bishop Pursglove School, Tideswell during school hours. |
| Friday 13 th October | Year 6 Bikeability | Children will need a road-worthy bike and helmet. Please return the consent form if you have not already done so. |

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| | | Children not taking part will remain in class. |
| Monday 23 rd October | Flu Immunisations | Consent to be given directly to Intrahealth on the link provided previously. Intrahealth will not accept any consents given directly to school. |
| Friday 27 th October | NO SWIMMING for KS2 | |
| Friday 27 th October | Last day of school | School closed for 1 week, return Monday 6 th November |
| November | | |
| Monday 6 th & Tuesday 7 th November | Parents' Consultations | Appointment slips will be sent out before half term |
| Monday 6 th November | Y6 Bikeability | Children will need a road-worthy bike and helmet. Please return the consent form if you have not already done so. Children not taking part will remain in class. |
| Wednesday 8 th November | Individual School Photos | Photos with non-Rowsley School siblings can be taken from 8.20am at the Village Hall – please take your children along before school. |
| Thursday 9 th November | Years 3 and 4 Dodgeball tournament | At Bakewell Junior School during school hours |
| Friday 10 th November | Y6 Bikeability | Children will need a road-worthy bike and helmet. Please return the consent form if you have not already done so. Children not taking part will remain in class. |
| Friday 17 th November | Children in Need | More details to be provided later |
| Monday 27 th November | INSET Day | School closed to pupils |
| Monday 11 th December | Whole school trip to the panto in Buxton | More details, along with other essential Christmas dates, to follow! |
| Friday 22 nd December | Last day of school | School closed for 2 weeks, return Monday 8 th January |

School Term Dates

Autumn 1: 6th September 2023 to 27th October 2023

Autumn 2: 6th November 2023 to 22nd December 2023

Spring 1: 8th January 2024 to 16th February 2024

Spring 2: 26th February 2024 to 28th March 2024

Summer 1: 15th April 2024 to 24th May 2024 (6th May 2024 is a bank holiday)

Summer 2: 3rd June 2024 to 23rd July 2023

School INSET Days

Monday 27th November 2023

Friday 21st June 2024

Monday 24th June 2024

And finally...

If you have any queries or questions, please do speak to us or arrange a meeting. You can email the school at info@rowlsey.derbyshire.sch.uk or email myself at c.hewitt@peaktorfederation.co.uk

If you would like a paper copy of the newsletter, please let me know and this can be arranged. All newsletters can be found on our school website too.

We wish you all a happy Autumn.

Live 'life in all its fullness.'

Claire Hewitt

Deputy Head Teacher