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## Rowsley C of E Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an eventful half-term it has been. I may not have been there in person, but I have stayed in touch and have loved hearing about all the wonderful things that have been going on.

A big personal thank you to Mrs Hodgson, Mrs Wyer, Miss Sutton and Mrs Pawley who administered the SATs for me whilst I was off.

And another personal thank you to the wonderful Year 6 boys who took their SATs papers a few weeks ago. I got regular updates telling me all about their positivity and fantastic attitudes – oh, and not to mention their voracious appetites – they ate through 2 loaves of bread, 16 croissants and a number of bagels in just 4 days! This week Mrs Wyer and I took them out to Peak Village for ice cream and scones.

I am very much looking forward to returning to school on Monday June 5<sup>th</sup>.



### Sporting Events

This half term, our wonderful little school has excelled itself once again by winning 2 trophies!

The first was won by the Year 2,3 & 4 children for 'Teamwork' at the Summer Sports Festival – they listened well, were respectful of the coaches and other schools and, in true Rowsley style, participated with great enthusiasm.

The second trophy, also won by the Year 2,3 & 4 children, was for self-belief in a tennis tournament at Baslow.

The Y5/6 children competed in a cricket tournament at Youlgreave and showed determination and great sportsmanship – they put in lots of practice but sadly just missed out on the trophy.

These are wonderful achievements as they are competing against many other local schools; it shows just how much effort our children put in, showing true Rowsley resilience.

### What goes on in school?

#### **The Obamas**

Despite not being in, I have still continued to plan for the class and have been pleased with the work that they produced. In English the class have been using movie shorts such as Pixar's Lifted and Jack-Jack Attack to write formal letters of complaint.

Before I was off, we started to use Padlet to share our English writing, this was a fun way to share ideas and give immediate feedback. We will be using Padlet again in the future and I will share the results on our class page.

In Art they have been learning about street art and complementary colours with some fabulous results:



### **The Simone Biles Class**

The Simone Biles Class have been enthusiastically learning about Ancient Egypt this half term - almost certainly our most popular topic this year! Tying into our work on nets of 3D shapes, children had a go at making a pyramid, coffin and sarcophagus then thought about what other items a pharaoh would need in their tomb to take to the after-life. Children have been learning about why the River Nile was so important to Ancient Egyptians, what hierarchy of jobs there would have been and all about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb.

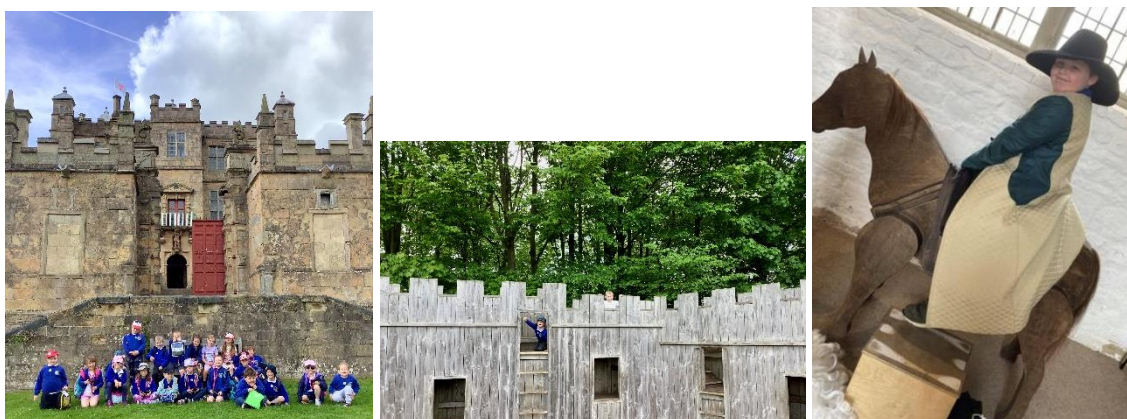
In art, we have been working on collages, based on the work of artist Beth Marcil. Children used watercolours to make the base colours for their collage.

Children have also been completing a Computing Unit, all about safely searching the internet and how computers connect with each other across the world.



### **The Greta Thunberg Class**

In the infants this half term, we have been learning all about castles. We now know why castles were built and why they were sometimes built on top of hills. We then got the opportunity to see a castle in real life with a trip to Bolsover Castle. We had such a lovely day with glorious weather. The children's behaviour was fantastic.



### **King's Coronation**

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, we celebrated the King's Coronation with lots of fabulous activities. On the Thursday the whole school went outside and did some red, white and blue craft work – thank you to Mrs Booker for organising it all. On Friday, the children had a picnic lunch of sandwiches, chips, salad and royal muffins.

There was a lovely little article about our fun in the last Peak Advertiser, you can find the online version at <https://www.peak-advertiser.co.uk/online-paper>.



### [Friends of Rowsley Primary](#)

A big THANK YOU to the Friends for organising the doughnut sale to celebrate National Doughnut Week – a great way to end a term! They made over £70 towards school funds. A huge thank you from us all to Darley Dale Co-op who kindly donated ALL the doughnuts for us to sell.

Friends will be organising our well-dressing again next term and are always on the lookout for volunteers to get it finished in time for the big reveal on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – if you can spare any time from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June, please see Claire Harrison or contact Mrs Middlebrook in the office.

### [Flood Defence Update](#)

We are delighted to announce that after three and a half years we finally have planning permission for our flood defences! Work to fit these defences will begin as soon as possible and more details will be coming to parents soon. We would like to thank our families, the local community and all the wonderful people near and far who donated so generously to allow us to purchase our flood defences.

### [Wellbeing](#)

Being a parent is a hugely rewarding job, but it can be stressful keeping up with your child with the latest trends, social pressures, friendships and their emotions.

As a staff, we are always here for you should you need to talk and there is lots of advice online to help us support our young people and their wellbeing.

Some useful websites are:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>

<https://www.openvieweducation.co.uk/child-wellbeing-guide-parents/>

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/tips/categories/health-and-wellbeing>

There are also some parent guide booklets covering many aspects of wellbeing on our school website <https://www.rowsleyprimary.co.uk/useful-information/> Just look for the 'parental support guides' star.



## Diary Dates for the Summer 2 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
June		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School Re-opens	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Years 5/6 Residential	Mount Cook - letters with full details have been sent home
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Well-dressing week	Please let Claire Harrison (parent) or Mrs Middlebrook (office) know if you can volunteer to assist.
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Years 5/6 to RE event	Details to follow after half term
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 6 Greenaway Prize at Lady Manners School	Details to follow after half term
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 6 transition day to Lady Manners School	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET	SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Years Reception, 1 and 2 to cricket skills at Longstone	
July		
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school transition day, including Year 6 to Lady Manners School New Reception children in school 9.30am - 10.30am	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 5/6 Rounders at Rowsley	Apologies, however the cluster sports company is not currently permitting spectators to their events.
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition for new Reception starters 9.30am - 11.30am	
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Juniors Summer Production of Pantastic - the Peter Pan Musical	Rowsley Village Hall at 1.30pm and 6pm, all welcome
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition for new Reception starters 2.30pm - 3.30pm. New parents meeting at 3.30pm	We still have spaces in Reception for September, if you know anyone who would like to join our lovely school please ask them to get in touch.
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day	On the Rec at 1pm, everyone welcome!
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Pizza and Water Fight evening	Details to follow after half term
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Katherine's Church - time TBC but will be the morning	All welcome
Friday July 21st	Last Day of term	Return to school on Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September

### And finally...

Please do keep an eye on your child's class page on the school website, as the teachers upload photos of work and achievements regularly. The school also has a new Instagram account. Please follow us at 'rowsleycofeprimaryschool' for the latest activities your children have been joining in with!

If you would like a paper copy of our newsletter, please email me at [c.hewitt@peaktorfederation.co.uk](mailto:c.hewitt@peaktorfederation.co.uk) and I will arrange for one to be sent home with your child.

Enjoy your week-long break and we look forward to seeing all the children back on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Please note that school is closed on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June for staff training.

Many thanks,

*Claire Hewitt*

Deputy Head Teacher