



Spring 2 2024

Rowsley C of E Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, this half term has been short and sweet and jam-packed with exciting things.

Christian Values

This half-term our children have been learning about 'Justice' and this was reflected through the readings of our Collective Worship Group at our Easter Service. The children have showed a great understanding of what justice means. One child said, "When you feel life is unjust, God will make it just." Next term's Christian value is Service.

'Serve one another in love.' Galatians 5.13

We had our SIAMs Inspection this week, this is where the school is inspected for its Christian Values and Christian ethos – the inspection explored the ways in which our school's Christian vision drives our work and enables us to live up to our status as a Church school. The final report will be ready by the end of April and we will publish the results as soon as we can. We can report that we are incredibly proud of our children who demonstrated our values of "Love, Belonging, Compassion, Faith and Belief." Thank you to all of them for showing what a wonderful school we are. Thank you also to the parents and governors who spoke to the inspector and finally a big thank you to all the staff who put in so much effort to showcase our school.

What is going on in school?

The Mother Teresa Class

This half term, KS1 have been learning about the Golden Age of Piracy & the Elizabethan Era. As part of their topic, we took a trip to Haddon Hall! We got on the bus and were given a guided tour of the house and the Chapel. The children were absolutely wonderful and their behaviour was exceptional. After lunch, we had a dressing up session where the children could dress up in the costumes that were relevant to the Tudor times. We had such a wonderful day.



The Amelia Earhart Class

It has been a great topic on the Stone Age and Iron Age, which was kicked off with our trip last half term to Creswell Crags. The children have loved learning about Stone Age animals. In Science we have been investigating how water travels through plants and we have started our vegetable plot by planting bean seeds and potatoes. In RE we have written a class poem:

come to school on Forest school days with black/blue joggers, their school jumper and waterproofs with walking boots or wellies. School can provide some waterproofs.

Toddler Forest School will return after Easter. It will be held on every Thursday morning from 9am, children from the age of 2 are welcome to come along with their parents. The cost is £2.50 per child.

Safeguarding at Rowsley CofE Primary

We are working with a charity called Compass, who will be holding various online parent workshops throughout the year - all designed to help parents navigate life in this ever-changing world.

On Monday 15th April, they are hosting an online parent workshop, focusing on healthy sleep routines for primary aged children. The workshop will take place online via Teams and will last for an hour (9:30am-10:30am).

Areas covered include:

- the importance of sleep and its function;
- what happens when children do not get enough sleep;
- how to support children to develop a good sleep pattern;
- as well as self-care and support for ALL.

To book yourself a place, please email Nicola Wood (Nicola.wood@compass-uk.org) detailing your child's school and year group, and a Teams link will be shared with you. Any problems, contact school and we'll be happy to help.

Compass are also delivering an online workshop on Thursday 16th May (5:30pm-7pm) focused around supporting transition to secondary school and transition anxiety. Further details will be shared once we receive them.

Music at Rowsley

March's musician of the month is Elvis Presley and the children have listened to some songs and discussed what they think about his music. April's musician will be Kishori Amonkar – an Indian singer who is known for her singing of classical khayal songs, she also performed the lighter classical thumri and bhajan devotional songs, as well as film music. Kishori's compositions are made to create 'Paradise on Earth'. If you want to listen to her music you can find some examples here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5XavPAsnjuU>

There has, as always, been lots of singing in school in preparation for our Easter service. The Y5/6 are continuing to learn the recorder and can now play A,B,C,D,G confidently along with a piece of music, and KS1 have continued to play the glockenspiel.

World Book Day

Thank you to all the children who dressed up for World Book Day – it was a great day and our focus on one book 'The Lost Words' worked really well – the children produced some wonderful poems and art work to go alongside it. We also appeared in this month's Peak Advertiser.

Friends Of Rowsley School

A big thank you to the 'Friends' for setting up and running a very successful Easter disco and Easter hunt. It was a really well-attended event and, thankfully, we managed to get inside before the hailstones!

They also organised an Easter raffle with three amazing chocolatey prizes.

Dates for your Diary

| Date | Event | Details |
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| March | | |
| Thursday 28 th March | Last day of term | School resumes Monday 15 th April |
| April | | |
| Monday 15 th April | School re-opens | |
| Monday 22 nd April | Class Photos | |
| Thursday 25 th April | Y3/4 Summer Sports and Tennis | Held at Youlgreave |
| May | | |
| Thursday 2 nd May | Y3/4 Lea Green and School Sleepover | Day trip to Le Green followed by a sleepover in school |
| Monday 6 th May | Bank Holiday | School closed |
| Monday 13 th May to Thursday 16 th May | Y6 SATs week | More details to follow after Easter |
| Thursday 16 th May | Y5/6 Cricket Tournament | Held at Youlgreave |
| Friday 17 th May | Y6 Ice Cream trip at Peak Village | |
| Friday 24 th May | Last Day of Term | School resumes Monday 3 rd June |

Remaining School Term Dates

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

Remaining School INSET Days

Friday 21st June

Monday 24th June

And finally...

The school newsletter can be found on our school website and diary dates are on the school website calendar.

If you have any queries or questions, please do speak to us or arrange a meeting. You can email the school at info@rowsley.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. We wish you all a happy half-term break.

Live 'life in all its fullness.' (John 10:10b)

Claire Hewitt

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