

# Rowsley C of E Primary School

## May Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so lovely to see some sunshine recently. Please remember to make sure that your child is prepared for the sunshine – sunhat/cap, suncream before school, water bottle. Please do not send your child in with suncream as we are not able to apply it for them and we have some allergies in school.

### [What is going on in school?](#)

#### **The Oliver Jeffers Class (EYFS, Y1 & Y2)**

This half term, our Reception class have been learning all about farms. They have learnt about different types of farms and the animals that live on them. As part of their topic, the whole class took a trip to Chatsworth Farmyard. We had a 'Farmyard Experience' and had a wonderful day where we got to pet and feed the animals. All the children showed curiosity by asking lots of questions and were wonderfully behaved. We had lots of fun and even had time to play in the amazing park!



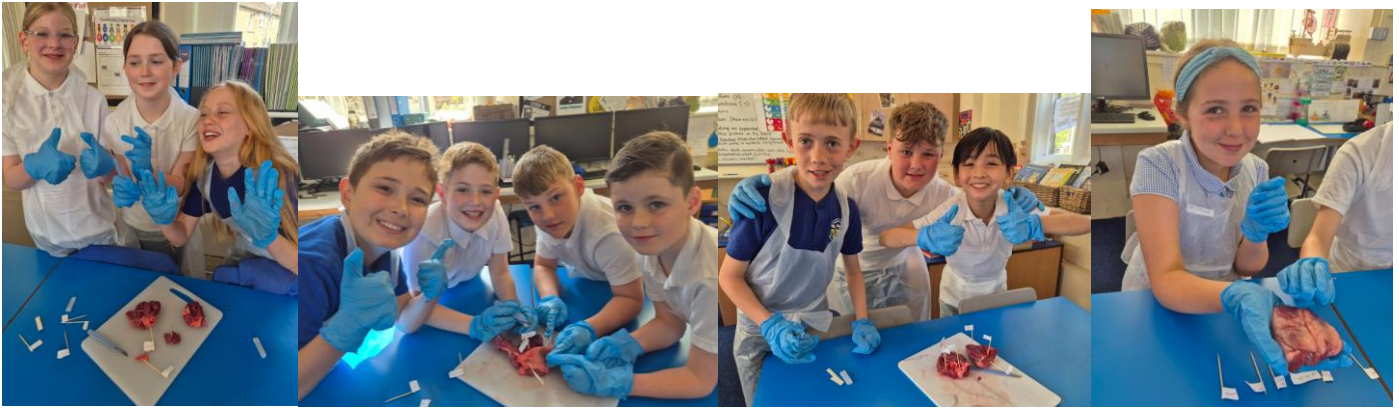
#### **The Malorie Black Class (Y3 & Y4)**

Malorie Blackman Class recently enjoyed a trip to the park, where we investigated different types of forces in action. Of course, we made sure there was time to have a little bit of a play there too! We have now finished our science topic on Living Things and Their Habitats, during which children did a fantastic job of completing a hands-on sorting activity around why some animals are becoming endangered. In computing, we have started looking at the difference between software and hardware and in history we are finding out all about Ancient Egypt. Lots of gory details about how to mummify a pharaoh are soon to come!

#### **The Benjamin Zephaniah Class (Y5 & Y6)**

I can't believe this is the final term with my wonderful Year 6s. Next week they have their SATs - which I am confident they will do well in, and I know that they are ready for their next step. Y6 parents, please keep an eye on the school calendar (on our website and on the newsletter) for events specifically for Y6s. Last half term, the children learned about the circulatory system, this was a great topic and was finished off with a

heart dissection. The assessment at the end of the unit showed just how much they had learned from this experience.



## VE Day Celebration

To celebrate VE Day, the children learned what VE Day was and why we celebrate it in Collective Worship. We then had a red, white and blue day and had our own little 'street party' where the children ate lunch outside and the playground was decorated with Union Jack flags – many thanks to Jenny for donating them. Thankfully, the sun shone and it was a really lovely event.



## Forest School

As a school, we are really fortunate to have access to a patch of woodland. Miss Booker has lots of fabulous ideas for the children and is always looking for ideas to improve the area. The children are offered a craft activity every week. They also have access to a ninja line, a slack line, a mud kitchen, and love building dens and climbing trees. A recent edition is an area specifically for the Year 6 children – a place which they can make their own to relax and chill out. This has been very well-received by the Y6s (they still have access to all other areas should they want to mingle). When asked about this they said they loved it because it was quiet, cosy and it was nice to have a place just to themselves. I think I may go over and join them. It sounds blissful!



Even though the weather is warming up, the children must bring to school long trousers/leggings and long sleeves on Forest School days as this prevents any nettle stings or bramble scratches. Please note that trousers should be a dark colour e.g. navy or black. Children should also wear their school jumper. Children can wear shorts in the morning of Forest School and change after lunch.

## Christian Values

This half term's Christian Value is friendship. Friendship is something we all take for granted but can be very difficult to maintain or understand. At Rowsley CofE we work hard with our children on working harmoniously together and learning about what makes a good friend.

John 15:13." Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Jesus Christ shared this lesson not long before his death, according to the Bible. In doing so, he gave the ultimate example of friendship.

## Mental Health Week

May 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> is mental health week and at Rowsley Primary we take pride in looking out for all our children and working with them, and when needed, their families. Mental health starts with everyday conversations. Mental health is everything, everywhere, everyone. It's part of all of us and impacts everyone around us. We have lots of strategies in school for the children such as Lego Therapy, Positive Play, every class has a Worry Monster and in PSHE we remind the children that caring for their minds is just as important as caring for their bodies. Grown ups also need to be aware of their own mental health. Our school is fortunate to have Family Support worker, Ms Chisholm, available to help parents with guidance and support. She is in school on Mondays and Tuesdays. All meetings are strictly confidential. Please arrange a meeting either directly with Ms Chisholm or through the school office.

## Friends Of Rowsley School

There will be a doughnut sale after school on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, this was well-supported last year. Please continue to support them as they are able to help reduce the cost of school trips and provide school with much needed resources. They recently paid for a coach to transport all the infants to Chatsworth Farm Park.

It is nearly well-dressing time, so please, if you would like to spend an afternoon helping out, then please see Claire Harrison. This year's theme will focus on the VE Day celebrations, and all the children will have the opportunity to take part.

Thank you to the PTFA who very kindly bought every child an Easter egg at the end of last half term.

**Please continue to support them as they do an amazing job in raising vital funds for your children and the school.**

**Thank you to all the PTFA who put in so much effort. If you are interested in joining the PTFA or have some fundraising ideas, please see Claire Harrison.**

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Details
May		
12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs week	Y6s can come in from 8am, see class page for SATs timetable.
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Doughnut Sale	PTFA doughnut sale after school in the playground
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5/6 Cricket Tournament	Y5/6 cricket tournament at Youlgreave
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 Treat	Ice-cream at Peak Village and Nature Reserve play
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Sponsored Skipathon	Whole school Skipathon – daily led by Derbyshire Young Carers Association
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Last day of the half term	School closes for a week

June		
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Return to School	School reopens for Summer Term 2
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Bags 2 School Collection	Bring any bags of unwanted clothing into school to raise funds for the PTFA
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Breakfast Club Review Week	Dept for Education will review our free breakfast club this week to determine if it is viable to continue funding. We have had a great take up, but please do send your child into breakfast club this week if you can, to maximise this project and ensure it can continue.
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 Multiplication Check	1:1 statutory assessment for all Y4s
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Workshop for Y6 Parents	Workshop for parents on transition to secondary school – delivered by the Bakewell mental health team at 3.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> June	SEND Boccia Event	Boccia event at Bakewell for SEND children, more details to follow
15 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Residential to Manchester	A separate letter will go out with the kit list and timings after SATs
<b>20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> June – 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Well Dressing starts	Volunteers always welcome
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Transition to Lady Manners	Please see your email from LMS with details of this.
25 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS New Starters Transition and Parent Meeting	EYFS new starters in school 2pm-2.30pm. Parents meeting 3.30pm
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Infant Cricket	EYFS, Y1 and Y2 – cricket event at Great Longstone
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 to Lady Manners for Greenaway Prize	In school time – details to follow
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Blessing of the well	Well Dressing blessing at Peak Village at 3pm
July		
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Y6 Transition to Highfields	Please see your email from LMS with details of this.
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Y6 Transition to LMS	Second visit to LMS
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	EYFS New Starters Session	EYFS new starters 9.30am – 11.30am
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Sports Day	Afternoon event on Rowsley Rec from 1.30pm. All welcome. Weather dependent.
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Swim Session	Swimming to resume in Sept 2025
8 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS New Starters Session	EYFS new starters 1.30pm – 3.00pm
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Rounders Tournament	Rounders tournament on Rowsley Rec,
15 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Summer Performance	1.30pm and 6pm performances of The Wizard of Oz in the Village Hall
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Event	Pizza and water fight night 6pm – 7.30pm – details to follow
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Leavers' Service	9.30am start at St Kathrine's Church. Y6 parents and family welcome. Followed by elevenses in school for Y6

		parents/carers and children.
24 <sup>th</sup> July (Thursday)	Last day of term	School closes until 8 <sup>th</sup> September

### 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](mailto:info@rowsley.derbyshire.sch.uk) or email myself at [c.hewitt@peaktorfederation.co.uk](mailto: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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