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# Rowsley C of E Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our March newsletter! We are now over halfway through the school year with only Summer term left – where does the time go?

## Y6 SATs

SATs club will continue until May 11<sup>th</sup> – thank you to those who have attended so far. I have tried to make the revision sessions fun, and it is great to see the children using what they have learned.

Please see below for the SATs timetable:

<b>Monday</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Grammar, punctuation and vocabulary paper Spelling test
<b>Tuesday</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Reading paper
<b>Wednesday</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths arithmetic paper Maths reasoning paper
<b>Thursday</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Second maths reasoning paper
<b>Friday</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> May	You're done! 🎉

I will be sending the children home with a Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar crib sheet, and will also put some Maths revision YouTube clips on our class page should your child wish to have a look over the holidays. These are entirely optional.

After SATs, on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, the children will have a cricket tournament on Rowsley Rec and on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, I will take the Year 6 children to Peak Village for an ice cream and a play by the river.

On the week of SATs, I will be opening up the classroom from 8am **JUST** for Y6s. During this session, the children will be able to have a relaxed breakfast with their classmates – I provide croissants, pain au chocolat, toast, fruit, cereal and fruit juice. We tend to spend the time chatting, singing, dancing, going over anything they are worried about and getting ourselves ready for the test ahead.

During the actual tests, the Y5s will be given independent research tasks to complete based on our topic and they will either complete this in the infant classroom or the Y3/4 classroom. They will be back in the classroom with me at all other times during the day.

It really helps the children to keep up with their usual routines at home. Please reassure them that they are not to worry about their SATs – I will do the worrying for them.

If you, or your child, have any questions or queries about the SATs, please do email me on [c.hewitt@peaktorfederation.co.uk](mailto:c.hewitt@peaktorfederation.co.uk)

## What is going on in school?

### Sporting Success

Well done to our Year 5/6s who played tremendously at our Spring Hockey Tournament. It was a wonderful afternoon in the sunshine watching our two competitive teams play brilliantly. They were a real credit to the school and I was immensely proud of them. Their teamwork, communication and skill led to our A team winning the tournament convincingly - they only let in 1 goal and scored 14 over the whole tournament.

### Kit Sponsorship

On the back of our continued sporting success, we would like to purchase a Rowsley CofE Primary sports' kit. If you know of any local businesses who would be interested in sponsoring this, please could you let me know or ask them to email me at [c.hewitt@peaktorfederation.co.uk](mailto:c.hewitt@peaktorfederation.co.uk)

### The Julia Donaldson Class (EYFS, Y1 & Y2)

As part of the topic 'People who help us', PCSO Boswell came in to talk to the children about his role in the community, the equipment he needs to do his job and about where he worked. The children then had the opportunity to try on some of his uniform and look around his police car. The EYFS children also learned about the journey of a letter: they wrote a letter to someone who helped them and then went to the post office to post it.



The infants did their DT topic in the woods with Mrs Booker – they all chose a design and hammered nails into their woodblock to match their shape and then used wool to weave around it. They all worked really hard and the results speak for themselves. Well done to everyone, they look fabulous.



### The Judith Kerr Class (Y3 & Y4)

Year 3/4 have had a busy half term. In art, they have created wire portraits, based on the work of sculptor Alexander Calder. These look fabulous now hanging across the entrance of our classroom. Children have also thoroughly enjoyed our history topic on the Stone Age to the Iron Age and the linked English units we have done. Our funny holiday brochures advertising Skara Brae to cavemen and women in the neolithic period have really allowed the

children to show their ability to use humour in their writing. In science, we have been learning about plants and hope to start a little vegetable patch soon - look out for more news about what we manage to harvest before school breaks up in July!



### **The Joseph Coelho Class (Y5 & Y6)**

It has only been a short half term, but, as usual, it has been packed full of learning!

We have had Chloe Clayson in from MAST for our RE lessons which will continue into next half term. The sessions are an hour long and involve the children learning 40 different Bible stories through craft activities, actions and role play.

In Geography we have been learning about South America – most of the children can now name all 12 countries and 2 territories. They have all worked brilliantly on researching their own South American country.

Writing continues to be brilliant with some really great work produced by the class. Our inspiration has been the trailer for the film *The Martian*. It has been one of my favourite writing units to date. We have had the pleasure of one of our governors visiting to observe writing in action. His report stated that he classroom was “calm, settled and a successful learning environment” and that there was “evidence of some really deep thinking from the children.”

Here are some examples of work produced this half term:

“Commander, if you are watching this, the power of me is beyond thoughts. You didn’t know, you had minutes. But now you know that it is a miracle. ‘Stay, don’t go’ – is a ringtone stuck in my imagination.” Jacob Y5

“We’ve saved people’s lives, we’ve conquered fears and we’re widening our community across the world. The angel from heaven lured me in to a new era of innovators and adventurers.” Destiny Y6

“My achievements mark checkpoints in my life. This is a life or death situation and I think death is sadly winning. I am searching for help here; where Mars is the sculpter and I am the clay.” Isaac Y6

### **[Parking & Road Safety](#)**

Please be respectful of our neighbours and of the road markings when parking outside school. Cars should not park over the Village Hall driveway, the end of School Lane or over the driveway of Wyebridge House. We also ask that parents do not park on the solid white line in front of school as this is a passing place and also a safe space for our children when they leave/arrive at school.

### **[PTA](#)**

Thank you to our PTA for the Spring Disco last week; it was great fun.

The PTA also bought every child an Easter treat (chocolate bunny or jellybean cone), which I am sure will be much appreciated by our children!

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Details
March		
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	School Closes	End of Half Term
April		
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	School Re-opens	School Re-opens
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Infants to Haddon Hall	Whole Class trip to Haddon Hall
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception & Y6 Height and weight check	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Class Photos	
May		
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>	<b>School Closed</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week	See timetable on page 1 above
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Cricket Tournament	At Rowsley Rec – for Infants, Y5, and Y6
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Ice Cream Treat	Year 6s
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Donut Week	PTA selling donuts after school every day this week except Friday
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	School Closes	School closed for 1 week for Spring Bank Holiday

## And finally...

Should you have any safeguarding concerns over the Easter Holidays, please contact **Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190** (Monday – Friday 8am–8pm, Saturday 9.30am–4pm).

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.

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

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