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Rowsley C of E Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to the final term! I cannot believe how quickly the time has flown.

Summer Term

As we reach the final half term of the school year, it is hard to believe how quickly the months have passed. This term promises to be a busy and exciting one, filled with opportunities for learning, celebration and making lasting memories together. We look forward to our upcoming events, visits and end-of-year activities, while continuing to enjoy the wonderful learning experiences taking place both in and beyond the classroom. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community. Please keep an eye on the playground board (we have a KS2 one on order) and ParentHub for weekly diary dates.

Y6 SATs

I was so proud of our Y6s during SATs week, they tackled all their tests with positivity and resilience. I was really proud of all of them. Results should be out July 7th, this is when we are in Boggle Hole so we will not tell the children until they return.

The children really loved their ice-cream treat at the end of the week and, thankfully, we had great weather for it.



Sporting Success

Last half term we spent an afternoon on Rowsley Rec with Y5/6 playing cricket and EYFS, Y1 & Y2 playing Scatterball. Although we did not win the overall tournament (although it was close), we did win the Teamwork Trophy. It is always nice to win an achievement trophy as this shows the resilience and effort put in by the children and staff. They were impeccably behaved and supported each other really well.

Ten Y5/6 children also spent a day playing football at the Bunting Cup in Matlock. This is a tournament that we have not attended for many years, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. Mrs Booker had the pleasure of going with them and said they were 'exemplary'.

What is going on in school?

The Julia Donaldson Class (EYFS, Y1 & Y2)

Last half term, Reception enjoyed an exciting Farm Animals topic. We successfully hatched two chicks in the classroom and learnt all about how to keep them safe, healthy and well looked after. We also visited our local farm, where we met lambs and calves and learnt more about life on the farm. We were delighted to welcome two ducklings into our classroom for a cuddle! Meanwhile, KS1 explored the history of the Great Fire of London, learning about how it started, why it spread so quickly and the lessons that were learnt from the disaster. To bring their learning to life, the children built cardboard houses and watched them burn in a carefully supervised playground fire, helping them understand the events of 1666 in a memorable way.

The Judith Kerr Class (Y3 & Y4)

Just before half term, Y3/4 had a fantastic afternoon exploring water usage and waste with Leanne from Severn Trent. Leanne brought with her lots of pipettes, measuring cylinders and measuring jugs and set the children off on a task where they investigated how much water different families used every day doing tasks like washing the car and watering plants. Children really enjoyed this practical activity, which tied in beautifully with the Y3's capacity unit in maths that week. In science, we brought our Sound unit to a close with an investigation on how volume changes over distance. This was a great opportunity for the children to get out the data loggers again, which we'd used earlier in the term to see which parts of the school were the noisiest.

A big well done to all Y4 pupils who completed their Multiplication Tables Check. Children have worked incredibly hard all year to learn their times tables, which will benefit them greatly when they move onto Y5 maths. All children tried their very best and had a wonderful attitude. Results will be published at the end of June and made available to parents.

The Joseph Coelho Class (Y5 & Y6)

As mentioned previously, the Y6s completed their SATs, and attended a Cricket Tournament and the Bunting Cup so it was a busy half term for all. The Y5s were brilliant whilst the Y6s were doing their SATs and worked on independent projects surrounding the Ancient Maya.

We finished the half term off by designing and making Maya masks.

The children now have their scripts for the end of year production – please help your child learn their lines as some of the Y6s have an awful lot to learn.

Consent forms, a kit list and itinerary for Boggle Hole will be sent out shortly, please note that we are still awaiting payment for some of the children – we can not take your child away without full payment.

Residentials and Trips

We understand that the cost of residential visits can be a significant commitment for families. To help make these experiences as accessible as possible, we set up payment plans well in advance, allowing parents and carers to spread the cost over several months.

Residential visits can only go ahead when payments are received, as we must meet the costs of accommodation, transport and activities. If you are experiencing any financial difficulties or are concerned about making payments, please contact us as soon as possible. We are always happy to discuss options and work with families wherever we can.

We work hard to keep the cost of residentials as low as possible while still providing children with valuable, enjoyable and memorable experiences. We greatly appreciate your support in ensuring payments are made on time, as this helps us avoid situations where visits may need to be reviewed or, in exceptional circumstances, cancelled.

Please note that we cannot take children who have not paid.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Details
June		
Thursday 11 th June	Y3/4 Residential	Lea Green & School Sleepover
Monday 15 th June	Water Olympics	PTFA event in school time in the afternoon. If you can volunteer to help please speak to Mrs Middlebrook or Claire Harrison.
Tuesday 16 th June	New Reception children transition afternoon and parents meeting	Transition session from 2.30pm, parents meeting from 3.30pm
Wednesday 17 th June	Year 3/4 Visit to the Level Centre, morning only	Back in time for lunch and Sports Day
Wednesday 17 th June	Bags 2 School Collection	Please bring items in black bags on the day, or beforehand for storage in school.
Wednesday 17 th June	Sports Day	Starting at 1pm on Rowsley Rec, all welcome.
Friday 19 th June	INSET	School Closed
Monday 22 nd June	INSET	School Closed
Wednesday 24 th June	New Reception children transition morning	9.30am – 10.30am
Thursday 25 th June	Sporting event @ Youlgrave	3/4 Tennis 5/6 Rounders
Friday 26 th June	Lady Manners Transition Day	
Monday 29 th June	Year 6s to Lady Manners for Carnegie Awards	More information to follow
Tuesday 30 th June	Non Uniform Day	In exchange for a donation of sweets to the summer fair
Monday 29 th June to Friday 3 rd July	Well-dressing Week	Volunteers welcome, please speak to Claire Harrison
July		
Wednesday 1 st July	Lady Manners Transition Day	
Wednesday 1 st July	Whole School Transition Day, including new Reception children	Reception children to attend 9.30am – 11.30am
Thursday 2 nd July	Highfields and Hope Valley College Transition Days	
Monday 6 th July to Wednesday 8 th July	Y5/6 Residential	Boggle Hole – please see further information above
Tuesday 14 th July	KS2 End of Year Production	Sherlock & Cinders – 2 performances, times TBC
Thursday 16 th July	School Summer Fair	Details to follow
Tuesday 21 st July	Y6 Leavers' Event	Pizza and Water Fight Night, details to follow
Wednesday 22 nd July	School Leavers' Service	9.30 @ St Katherine's Church Followed by tea and cake back at school for Year 6 parents/carers
Thursday 23 rd July	Last Day of Term	School closes, reopen to children on Monday 7 th September. Happy Holidays!

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.

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

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