



Rowley Lane Newsletter

Rowley Updates

It has been nice to start the term open to all pupils and begin to resume some of our wider curriculum activities. All year groups have an outdoor learning day planned this half term, some have already carried this out. Years 1-6 will also have a visit from an author in a virtual capacity—Year 3 had theirs this week and really enjoyed this.

Our Y5 pupils have started their swimming sessions this week. They had a great first session. One class goes first thing on Tuesday morning which unfortunately does mean that between 8:45 and 9am the drop off area is affected by the waiting bus. We understand that this is not ideal, however in the circumstances we had to take the slot that was offered. Please be patient and careful if using the drop of area at this time. If you can find an alternative on Tuesday mornings, this would help—thank you.

Parents evenings will take place in May. Letters were emailed out about this earlier this week—if you have not received this, please get in touch and we will make sure you have the details. They will be carried out by phone call or by Teams.

We are starting to see some of the nicer weather creep in, which is very welcome. However, it does mean that children need to come prepared for this. Staff cannot apply sunscreen for children so the 'once a day' or longer lasting sunscreen should be applied each morning. Sun hats are also advisable especially for the longer lunchtime break. Please make sure that these have names on.

You will see from the calendar overleaf that we are hoping to introduce a few of our normal activities as the Summer Term goes on, guidance permitting. Please take a look at these dates—they will all be on the calendar that can be found on the website and the app. (You can even synchronise the app calendar to your phone calendar). Some events will need to be adapted in line with guidance or to reduce the chance of mixing or bubble closure. One of these is our PTA organized Summer Fair which is planned for Saturday 3rd July. Please save the date and look out for further information.

Although we still have a long time before next academic year, I just wanted to flag up that, all being well and guidance allowing, from September we hope to be able to return to our usual start and finish times: doors open at 8:50, register closes at 9am and all classes finish at 3:15. We really appreciate how families have adapted to the staggered times this year, these will continue until we break up in July.

School Budget

Our school budget is tighter than ever this year. Although the Government have allocated some more money to schools, this does not cover the overall increases nor the impact of additional costs resulting from following COVID guidance. As a result, we are asking if you have **good quality** items that are no longer of use to you that we could make use of in school, we would love to hear from you. In particular items such as **good quality** reading books, spare outdoor clothing like coats and wellies (particularly for reception age), early years resources or outdoor play equipment. Please speak to the class teacher or the office if you have items you are able to donate. Many thanks in advance.

Contact Tracing & Isolation (Coronavirus)

Rules around seeking tests and isolating whilst waiting for test results or following contact with a positive case still apply.

Lateral flow tests are now available to anyone over 11 and can be ordered by following [this link](#). These can help identify asymptomatic cases in the community. It is important to remember though that anyone with symptoms must arrange a 'full' PCR test. **Lateral flow tests should not be used to test people with symptoms.**

Thank you to all of our school community who have continued to proceed with caution. Again, we remain extremely fortunate to have had very little disruption to our education provision other than the national lockdowns and we hope that this can continue. We are very conscious that as restrictions are lifted, there will be more mixing amongst the community so being alert to symptoms and isolation instructions remains of high importance to reduce the risk of having to close a bubble.

Notification of a positive case for a child in school must be made without delay by phone during office hours or by email to head@rowleylane.co.uk out of hours.

Dates for the coming Term

All being well, we are hoping to be able to hold some of our regular events that could not take place last year. We will need to make some adaptations to how events involving parents run in order to reduce mixing and to limit the chance of people needing to self isolate as a result of this. Some dates on here are proposed and will rely heavily on restrictions being lifted and what Government Guidance allows. Please keep checking the website calendar for the most up to date information.

Date	Event	Additional Details
Mon 3rd May	May Day Bank Holiday	School Closed
Tues 4th May	Y3 Outdoor Learning Day	Pupils come in clothing and footwear for outdoor learning
	Y4 Outdoor Learning am.	Pupils come in clothing and footwear for outdoor learning
Mon 10th May– Thurs 20th May	Parents' Evenings	Different staff will offer two different evenings over this 2 week period—separate letters have been sent this week.
Tue 11th May	Y1 & 2 Author—Virtual Visit	Floella Benjamin will join Y1 & 2 by Zoom
Wed 12th May	Y4 Author—Virtual Visit	Tim Tilley will join Y4 by Zoom
	Y5RS Outdoor Afternoon	Pupils come in clothing and footwear for outdoor learning
Thurs 13th May	Y5MW Outdoor Afternoon	Pupils come in clothing and footwear for outdoor learning
Thurs 27th May	Y6 Outdoor Day	Pupils come in clothing and footwear for outdoor learning
Friday 28th May	Last Day of Term	Spring Bank Holiday
Mon 7th June	Pupils return to school	
Fri 11th June	World Book Day Part Two & Y6 World Book Day Quiz	Pupils and staff invited to come dressed up as a book character today (deferred from March)
Week of 21st June	Sports Day Events	This week, there will be a series of 'Sports Day' type events. These will be weather permitting and on a smaller scale than normal with just one or two year groups happening at the same time. Parents will be invited to watch. Times and dates for each year group will be confirmed in the coming weeks and be put on the website and published in the next newsletter.
25.06.21 to 08.07.21	Bikeability Groups	4 Separate Bikeability Groups will run during this time for Y6 and potentially some Y5. Each group will be a 2 day course. Letters will be sent out at a later date.
Fri 2nd July	Y5 Outdoor Day	Pupils come in clothing & footwear suitable for outdoor walking
Sat 3rd July	Summer Fair	12pm-3pm—further details to follow
Mon 5th July	Y5 & 6 Author visit—virtual	Change from previously arranged visit—Author will be Darren Simpson
Week of 5th July	Arts Exhibition	This week we plan to hold an evening or series of evenings where parents will be able to come and look at art work on display in school. We will publish more details at a later date.
Weds 14th—Fri 16th July	Y6 Residential Trip to Robin-wood	Letters have been sent out about this.
Fri 23rd July	Last day of Term	

Community News: Kirkwood Hospice Sunrise Walk— Sunday 18th July. Kirkwood Hospice ask you to join them for their first ever Sunrise Walk. Gather your friends, family or colleagues, embrace the new day and help The Kirkwood Support Life this summer. Click on the picture to take you to the website for further details.



Jenny Shore is the Designated Safeguarding Lead - please report any concerns to her, Judy Haigh, Andrea Haigh or Georgia Heaton



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Emergency contact out of hours can be made through emailing head@rowleylane.co.uk This email address is checked regularly out of hours.