

Rowley Lane Newsletter

Rowley Updates

As we arrive at the holidays after a hard working half term, we also look forward to being able to resume some of our usual activities next half term. Please take a good look at the calendar overleaf as further dates and details have been added. Keep up to date with events by checking the calendar on the website or the School Jotter app. Please await further details for events such as sports day and the arts exhibition, as these will need to run differently in line with guidance and contact tracing. For example, for many events, we are having to limit the number of people per family that can attend.



**Y6 Japanese
Art from Nature**

Over the last few weeks, teachers have offered parents' evening appointments to share how children have settled back into full face to face education. Thank you for engaging with this process and supporting your child's education. We will be carrying out some internal assessments in mid-June to help us assess where pupils are and you will receive an end of year report just before we break up. This week, teachers have also sent home a copy of a recent piece of work that your child has completed. We realise, with virtual parents' evenings, you've missed out on the opportunity of seeing books so wanted to share some work with you.

Finally, I need to share the news that Miss Judy Haigh, one of our Assistant Heads will be taking early retirement at the end of this academic year. She has worked at Rowley Lane for over 24 years and will be greatly missed, however I'm sure you will join us in wishing her all the best for her future. From September, our Senior Leadership Structure will have just one assistant head—Mrs Andrea Haigh who continues in her role of assistant head and SENCo alongside myself as Headteacher.



**Y5 Science
Experiment**

Polite reminder: Please check names are on all items of clothing that pupils wear to school to help reduce lost property—thank you!

Catch-Up Update

We have been rolling out a programme of catch up tuition groups since just before Easter. These are taking place by employing staff or external tutors to work additional hours paid for by the Government catch up funding. For pupils in Reception, Year 1 and some groups in Year 2, these are taking place within the school day as younger pupils would struggle with the stamina of concentration with a lengthened school day. The groups have been focused on either phonics, reading, maths or emotional wellbeing. There are a total of 39 small groups running this term for, most in half term blocks for 1h per week. There are around 180 pupils accessing these groups this term. Being able to use the catch up funding for these groups provided through additional hours has also allowed many more pupils to be able to access in school intervention provided by our existing staff structure. This means the benefits of the catch up funding goes much further than the additional groups provided.

Pupils have had two years of disrupted education therefore not all pupils will be back on track by the end of this academic year. Our catch up programme will continue in September. There is still funding available to provide more catch-up groups in the Autumn Term. Pupils will be identified for this as part of the transition process between teachers.

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 and the whole household must self-isolate whilst awaiting the results. Please remember that lateral flow tests should not be used to test people with symptoms.** It is important that people with symptoms, a new continuous cough, a temperature or changes to taste or smell do get checked out to limit the spread of the virus. Thank you for supporting us with this.

If any pupil develops symptoms within 48 hours of being in school after we break up, please keep us updated with test results by emailing head@rowleylane.co.uk - this is the email that should be used for any out of hours contact.

Due to high rates of infection in Kirklees, the advice is to: minimize journeys into and out of Kirklees; meet outdoors rather than indoors where possible, get tested twice a week and continue to work from home if you can.

Dates for next half term

Please see the dates below—many of which we on the previous newsletter. New or altered dates have been highlighted in yellow. Please see the website/app calendar for the most up to date information.

Date	Event	Additional Details
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)
Mon 21st June	Y3 & Y5 Sports Day Event	10am on the top field
	Y4 & Y6 Sports Day Event	1:15pm on the top field
Tues 22nd June	Reception Sept 2021 Info Eve 5pm or 6:30pm	Letters have been emailed out with details of this. 1 parent/carer only—no children—places must be booked in advance.
Wed 23rd June	Y1 & Y2 Sports Day Event	9:45am in the courts
	Reception Sports Day Event	2pm in the courts
	Nursery Sept 2021 Info Eve 5pm or 6:30pm	Letters to follow by email with further details. 1 parent/carer only—no children—places must be booked in advance.
24.06.21	Y6 Sports Event	SPIN Partnership event for Y6 held at Almondbury Wes. CC—packed lunch needed. Tuck shop available.
25.06.21 to 08.07.21	Bikeability Groups	Letters have gone out to Year 6. Where places remain available, these will be offered to Y5.
Thurs 1st July	Y4 Outdoor Day Reception Outdoor Day	Pupils in these year groups to come in clothing suitable for outdoor learning.
Fri 2nd July	Y5 Outdoor Day	Pupils come in clothing & footwear suitable for outdoor walking
	Y3 Greek Day	Pupils invited to come dressed as Ancient Greeks for a theme day on their history topic
Sat 3rd July	Summer Fair	12pm-3pm—More details immediately after half term.
Mon 5th July	Y5 & 6 Author visit—virtual	Change from previously arranged visit—Author will be Darren Simpson
Tues 6th July	National High School Transition Day	Most Y6 Pupils will visit their new high school—details will be sent from each high school.
Tues 6th July & Wed 7th July	Arts Exhibition—3:45—4:30 and 4:45—5:30	A chance to come and look at art work on display around school. Further details to follow after half term. Number of people in each time slot will be limited—pre-booking will be required.
Wed 7th July	Y3 Magna Trip	Letters have been sent—pupils need to arrive at 8:30 on this day.
Weds 14th—Fri 16th July	Y6 Residential Trip to Robinwood	Letters have been sent out about this.
Thurs 15th July	Y3 Outdoor Day	Y3 pupils to come in PE kits as outdoor day will be based around the Greek Olympics
Wed 21st July	Transition Day Rec—Y5	Pupils will spend the morning in their new classroom with their new teacher
Fri 23rd July	Last day of Term	

Please remember to park safely and considerately on roads around school when dropping off and picking up.

Please also remember that dogs should not be brought to the classroom door or on the paths immediately around school—they should be kept on a lead and away from groups of people.



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



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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.