



# Rowner Junior School

Newsletter 6 - February 2023

<p><b>DATES FOR FEBRUARY:</b> The dates below are for your diary and are also included on the electronic calendar; occasionally they are subject to change</p>	
<p><b>Year 3</b> - Miss Dymond and Miss Finn</p>	<p>Tuesday and Friday Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day.</p>
<p><b>Year 4</b> - Miss Pollitt and Miss Winzar</p>	<p>Monday and Friday Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day.</p>
<p><b>Year 5</b> - Mr Corlett and Miss Daly</p>	<p>Monday and Wednesday Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day.</p>
<p><b>Year 6</b> - Mrs Southern and Mrs Walton</p>	<p>Wednesday and Thursday Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day.</p>
<p><b>Key dates for February</b></p>	
<p><b>Thursday 2nd February</b></p>	<p>SEND Parent/ carer drop in session - sleep difficulties. This will be held at the Gosport Community Hub (BP site) 16.00-17.00</p>
<p><b>Monday 6th February</b></p>	<p>Internet Safety Day  PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO Y5 PE THIS DAY - THIS HAS CHANGED TO TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY FOR Y5 on this week</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 7th February</b></p>	<p>YEAR 5 PE instead of Monday 6th February</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 8th February February</b></p>	<p><b>PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE OF DATE FOR THIS MEETING</b> Multiplication Tables Check parent meeting - Open to parents in year 3 and 4</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 8th February February</b></p>	<p>HIVE sharing event 15.10 - 15.45 This is open to all parents whose children attend the Hive sessions.</p>
<p><b>Friday 10th February</b></p>	<p>INSET day - School closed to children</p>
<p><b>Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February</b></p>	<p>Half term</p>
<p><b>Monday 20th February</b></p>	<p>Return to school</p>
<p><b>Monday 27th February to Friday 3rd March</b></p>	<p>Readathon - More information to follow.</p>

<b>Friday 24th February</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. term reports shared with parents.</li> <li>2. Parents are invited to their child's class to view their English, reading and maths books from 14.30 - 15.00.</li> </ol>
<b>Monday 27th February</b>	<b>Year 5 Teacher - Parent meetings</b> - More information to follow
<b>Tuesday 28th February</b>	<b>Year 3 Teacher - Parent meetings</b> - More information to follow
<b>Wednesday 1st March</b>	<b>Year 6 Teacher - Parent meetings</b> - More information to follow
<b>Thursday 2nd March</b>	<b>Year 4 Teacher - Parent meetings</b> - More information to follow
<b>Upcoming dates for March</b> <i>(Please note dates will be added to this list in the next newsletter)</i>	
<b>Monday 27th February to Friday 3rd March</b>	Readathon - More information to follow.
<b>Tuesday 7th March</b>	Dance Live! 2023 at Portsmouth Guildhall
<b>Monday 20th March - Friday 24th March</b>	Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel Week. More information to follow.
<b>Tuesday 21st March</b>	Science in Schools Parent Show. More information to follow.
<b>Thursday 23rd MARCH</b>	Autism Aware support group. 13.00 - 15.00. Location to be confirmed.
<b>Thursday 30th March</b>	Y5/6 Mobile Planetarium in school
<b>Friday 31st March</b>	Last Day of term. Start of the Easter holiday.

### After School Clubs

After school clubs are now well underway. These clubs will run until the end of the spring term and so your child will not need to reapply after half term. If your child has not yet signed up, but would like to join a club please look in the bulletin boards where the number of available places are updated regularly. If your child would like to join a club, please speak to the office staff who will assist you.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Football</b> (Y3 / 4)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Service Club</b> (only open to children whose parents are in the Armed Forces)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Field Gun</b> (Y4, 5 & 6) , <b>Sewing</b> (all year groups) , <b>Multi-sports</b> (all year groups), <b>Art</b> (Y5/6)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Drama</b> (all year groups) , <b>Football (Y 5 / 6)</b> and <b>Fun Fitness</b> (all year groups).
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Manga</b> (Y5 / 6)

All clubs finish at 16.00, with the exception of Dance Live which finishes at 16.15. Please ensure that your child is collected promptly.

If your child is taking part in Y3/4 football, Field gun, Multi-Sports, Fun Fitness and Y5 /6 football and it is not a PE day, they are welcome to wear **school PE uniform** in on their club day.

### Change of date - Multiplication Test Check

In June, all Year 4 pupils across England will be sitting a statutory multiplication tables check. We had invited Year 3 and Year 4 parents to attend a meeting on Wednesday 1st February. This has now been rescheduled to **WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY**. We would like to offer parents some information about what the compulsory check will entail, and give practical strategies to support your child learning their key multiplication facts. The event will be held in **Sycamore class at 3.05pm**. Please enter via main reception. You will have an opportunity to look through some multiplication resources and ideas, before a presentation about the national times table's check is given at 3.30pm. Teachers will be available to ask questions and offer support after the presentation.

### Dentist Availability

It can be challenging for families to get access to an NHS dentist. We have been contacted by Damira Sharland House Dental Practice in Fareham who currently have new and existing NHS children's examination appointments available, including some availability during the February half term and weekends too. These appointments are strictly for under 16's only. Parents and guardians can book online [here](#) adding this information:

**Patient type:** NEW/EXISTING

**Insurance:** NHS

**Reason:** CHILD EXAM

### E-Cigarettes

**E-cigarettes** are still fairly new, and more research is needed over a longer period of time to know what the long-term health risks they pose to their users. We are aware that the children are seeing e-cigarettes in the community. We have revisited our curriculum to ensure that children know about the risk factors associated with e-cigarettes. For example, it is important to know that most e-cigarettes contain nicotine and there is evidence to show that nicotine harms brain development. We will also illuminate that the use of E-cigarettes is illegal to those under 18. As part of our Personal Development (PD) Curriculum we are ensuring that our pupils are aware of the risks that certain substances, such as those found in E-Cigarettes could pose. Please support us in this matter by remembering that Rowner Junior School is a no smoking site. This also includes use of E-Cigarettes. If you would like more information Hope UK are providing online workshops for parents/carers with the following themes:

- An introduction to drugs - 16th February, 11am
- Vaping - is it OK for my kids? - 13th March, 7.30pm

All workshops are hosted on Zoom, last one hour and cost £10. To book, go to [www.hopeuk.org/events](http://www.hopeuk.org/events)

### HEALTHY HEART DAY

We are very excited to be bringing the end of the half term to a close with our Healthy Heart Day. Not only will this support our learning around Children's Mental Health, it will also support the great work of The British Heart Foundation. Children and staff will need to come to school in sportswear, accessorised with red and/or hearts. Parents will also be invited in on this day to join us for an afternoon of activities. Please see the email and Google form shared on Tuesday 1st February for more information about this event.

### Infant school playground and RJS school site

The safety of our community is paramount at both Rowner Infant and Rowner Junior. To this end, please ensure:

- At the start and end of the day your child/ren is/are supervised whilst on both sites;
- Bikes and scooters are walked whilst on both sites and not ridden by adults or children;
- Your child knows where to meet you if you have asked them to meet you at Rowner Infant so they are quickly supervised
- Whilst on the infant site, junior aged children are not to be using the infant equipment;
- Children are supervised by their parents if they are using the gym on the RJS site. Children are not able to access the gym without adult supervision.

Both the infant and junior school appreciate your support with this.

### Parent - Teacher meetings

We will be holding our Parent-Teacher meetings the w/b 27th February. Please see the dates above for your child's meeting day. These will be online. However, if you are unable to make this date, please liaise with your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative day.

Alongside the meeting, you will:

- receive your child's spring term report on Friday 24th February. This will outline how your child is performing academically in reading, writing and maths.
- have an opportunity to come into school for your child to share their English, reading and maths books with you. This will be on **Friday 24th between 14.30 - 15.00.**

### Parking lines

Parking safely and with courtesy helps the whole community. However, we are aware that it can be tricky to park around the school site. It is awesome that so many children walk, cycle and scoot to school. However, if it is not possible to walk or scoot all the way, please consider leaving home a little earlier so you can park a small distance away from school. It has recently been reported that some of our neighbours are struggling with school related traffic at drop-off and collection time. Drives should NOT be parked over and the entrance to the school should not be blocked. Please ensure the highway code is adhered to. For example **it is illegal** to:

- park on the yellow zig zag lines
- park on a bend, or dropped kerb

We have communicated this to our local PCSO who will be supporting the school in monitoring the parking around the school site and some of our pupils will be undergoing the Junior Road Safety Scheme in the coming weeks. If you are concerned about the parking, you are also able to report this yourself at:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/parking>

### PE uniform

Thank you to all of those parents who are supporting the school in ensuring their child is wearing the correct school uniform as well as the correct PE kit. For your reference, PE kit includes:

- **Plain black** shorts or cycling shorts – no logos
- **Plain white** round neck t-shirt
- **Maroon jumper/cardigan** (ideally with school logo) zipped baseball sports jacket with Team Rowner lettering on the back
- Trainers
- **Tracksuit bottoms or leggings in black** (no text or logos) for winter months
- **Black base layers**

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform, especially the PE kit. If there is a reason why your child is unable to wear the correct PE kit, please email enquiries who will pass this information onto the teacher/SLT. Reminders will be given to children if they do not have the correct uniform and alternatives, if able, will be found for them to wear. It is important for children to be wearing the correct uniform. The habits developed now, will stand them in good stead when they move to secondary school.

We have lots of pre-loved items of uniform for any family who is without. Please just let us know.

### Prime bottles

In recent months you could not escape reading about the 'Prime' craze and we have noticed a few children bringing these bottles into school. A lot of these have been empty, and children are filling these with **water** - the drink that we advocate children are drinking whilst on school site.

A few concerns have been raised by parents regarding children bringing these bottles into school. To this end, we thought we would share the following information with you:

- **Red, blue and green Prime bottle:** These are promoted as being a hydration drink. Whilst it contains no caffeine and is low in calories, it does contain artificial sweeteners, preservatives, and flavour enhancers.
- **Prime Energy (white) bottle:** This has zero sugar but 200mg of caffeine, and electrolytes. PRIME Energy is not recommended for children under the age of 18. Therefore, it is not welcome in school.

### Read for Good Readathon

A readathon is being hosted later this month and we'd love your child to take part. Your child can collect sponsorship for the reading they complete between Monday 27 February and Friday 03 March. Please support your child's sponsored read as much as possible. Monies raised will help hospitals purchase books for children who have been admitted. Additionally, our school will receive free books with a value of 20% of our sponsorship total. This is a wonderful opportunity to support children in hospital and our school library. More information on this event will follow **after** half term.

### Staffing

In our November newsletter we informed you that Miss Zostch was going to be working with our young people across the GFM. From after half term, she will be fulfilling this role full time in the secondary phase. I know that you will join us in wishing her all the very best in her new role and are thrilled to have retained them in our GFM family. We would also like to welcome Mrs Lampard, Miss Woods, Miss Williams, Miss Rice and Miss Butler who have joined Team RJS.

### YOU SAID/WE DID

**YOU SAID/WE DID** You wanted to know if we would be closed for Industrial Action on 1 February. We communicated to our families on 24 January the current landscape. We provided an update on Monday 30 January. A school can not **guarantee**, until the actual day of industrial action, if it is safe and viable to open a school. On the day of Industrial Action we completed a dynamic risk assessment to assess the impact of the strike action on our capacity to open the school. For families who could get to school, we were able to open earlier than previously shared and we kept our registers open until 10.05 to provide flexibility to family plans and transport arrangements. Please note, the NEU has called for Industrial Action on Thursday 2 March, Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March. At this time, we do not know how this will impact our setting.