



Rowner Bulletin Board

Rowner News

December 2021
End of autumn term



Autumn term awesomeness

Message from Team RJS

Writing this end of term newsletter is an opportunity to pause and reflect upon all of the achievements of the autumn term.

The children have continued to aim high in their learning and have produced some amazing outcome pieces across the curriculum. We are always proud of the children, and with many year groups having had the opportunity to take part in enrichment experiences this term their politeness, kindness and respect have also been commented upon by members of the public.

It is also the time of year where we look forward to the future. Mr Smith and Mr Whatmough are both moving onto pastures new and we wish them both the very best of luck. We also look forward to Dance Live in the Spring term. The adults and children have been working relentlessly on this years dance. We cannot wait to share this with you all.

Team RJS would like to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas Holiday and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 4th January.**

Term dates

Children will return to school on **Tuesday 4th January.**

Inset days for the rest of the academic year 2021-22:

- Friday, 18th February 2022
- Friday, 8th April 2022
- Thursday, 21st July 2022

Keep an eye out for...

The Pupil Voice group have been working with staff and pupils across the GFM on generating 'The GFM Way.' A set of values for both staff and pupils. We really look forward to sharing these with you in the new year.

Winter festivities

This week the children have enjoyed a fantastic array of Festive events. It has been a joy to hear singing and laughter ringing across the school, but most importantly to see so many joyous faces.

Thank you to all of the RJS festive elves that made this week possible. These events take time, planning and more importantly a whole array of people to put these plans into action.

But the biggest thank you goes to our school community. Because of your support we have raised **over £1400** this week.

The monies raised all go towards the RUFF funds that are used to enable the children at RJS to experience a whole range of enrichment activities. In the past we have had whole school trips to the theatre, Moors Valley as well as learning circus skills ahead of visiting the circus.

We would also love to say a big thank you Jill Martyn who has made every child and staff member an angel. Jill's grandad, Barry Smith, was a previous head teacher at Rowner Junior School. Thank you so much Jill for your kindness we all absolutely loved your generous gift!





Whole School Messages



COVID Matters



We are all aware that the COVID landscape is ever changing. Throughout the autumn term, we have continued with:

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- Regular hand washing and hand sanitizing dispensers
 - Staggered start and end times
 - One way systems in place
 - Staggered break and lunch times
 - Masks being worn by adults in communal locations
 - Regular cleaning of classrooms and shared surfaces
 - Classrooms and other occupied spaces are well ventilated
 - Our risk assessment is regularly reviewed and updated inline with government advice. You can read it on our website.



Because of these and the vigilance shown by everyone, we have been able to minimise the impact of COVID on your child's education. We thank you for your support in following school and government guidance.



Parking

We are aware that it can be tricky to park around the school site. Wherever possible, please encourage children to walk, cycle or scoot to school. 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. Some parents/carers have also shared that it feels too busy outside the school gates. We would be grateful if you could show consideration to our neighbours when parking and travelling to school. Drives or the yellow hatched line should NOT be parked over.

Whole School Messages - Attendance matters



Absence requests

Throughout this half term, we have had an increase in requests for holidays during term time. Please note, schools cannot authorise term time holidays unless exceptional circumstances dictate. We define exceptional as - rare, significant, unavoidable and short.

For service personnel (all services) please provide a letter from your Line Manager/Divisional Officer/Commanding Officer to support any holiday absence request, confirming that no alternative dates for holiday were available to you.

Holiday forms should be provided in advance of the intended holiday.

Despite the challenges that this term has brought with COVID-19, **our attendance for this half term is 94%**. This continues to be **above the national average** (91%). Thank you for your continued efforts in ensuring that your child attends school.

we pride ourselves on working alongside parents in ensuring that their child(ren) attend school regularly, but understand that sometimes there may be barriers to this. In this instance, please contact Mrs Sharpe or email enquiries@rowner.gfmat.org and we will be happy to discuss how we can help.