



Rowner Junior School

June 2022 newsletter

Well done to **Pippa Penfold**, who came third place in her national dance competition. **Cody Oldfield** and **Lily-Louise Riches**, congratulations on passing your recent Karate gradings. A HUGE congratulations to all of those children that took part in Dance Live! Your dedication, hard work and resilience shone through on the day and you all received such wonderful comments from the judges but also from all of your families. Finally, **Year 6** should be exceedingly proud of themselves. At the beginning of May the year group sat their SATs, the first year group in two years to do so. They all tried their absolute best and we are really proud of them all for how they, individually and collectively, tackled the different papers. Well done everyone!

If you, or your child, would like to share something that they have been successful with outside of school, please inform us so that we can share them in our newsletters.

The GFM WAY



Since the beginning of this academic year, staff and pupils have been working collaboratively to generate a set of principles for all members of our community. These principles are called 'The GFM way' and will help guide us all through a wide variety of situations, whilst communicating high standards and expectations in everything that we do.

After half term, your child will attend an assembly outlining 'The GFM way' to them and what these principles would look like amongst all stakeholders.

We have shared The GFM Way with Y2 learners joining us in September.

Attendance

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving your child the best possible start in life. It is important that both school and home work together on this. To this end, we have had a sharp increase of holiday request forms for holidays this term. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, we will not authorise holidays and you can be fined for taking your child on holiday during term time without school's permission.

Many of the request forms state that the holidays are rescheduled due to covid. This would not be deemed an exceptional circumstance and therefore are unlikely to be authorised.

Our attendance for the year is currently at **92%**. Nationally, attendance figures are now at 95%. We therefore require your support in ensuring that your child is in school.

100%	0 days off school
97%	5 days off across the school year
95%	10 days off across the school year
90%	20 days off across the school year
85%	30 days off across the school year

Open door policy

At RJS, we have always taken great pride in our open door policy. If there is a problem, the first port of call is the class teacher as they are often best placed to deal with any concerns you might have. This can be arranged via enquiries@rowner.gfmat.org In the vast majority of cases, this will be sufficient. However, in some circumstances it might be that you need to speak to someone else, such as Mrs Fuller or SLT. This can also be arranged via the above email address.

If we are not aware of any problems, we cannot help.

After school club

Unfortunately we are having to stop running our after school care after half term. The lack of uptake for the provision has seen it no longer financially viable to run. The school have been operating at a loss all year. We had hoped that numbers would increase. We will review this throughout the next academic year if we have significant interest. We are sorry for the inconvenience this may cause some of our families. Our ever popular breakfast club provision still remains open.

Uniform

A number of you have begun to talk about uniform for September. Please note that you were informed in April that **from September, the hoodie will no longer form part of the school uniform.** The decision has been made for health and safety reasons as well as in preparation for when the children move onto Secondary school where hoodie's do not form part of the school uniform. **Children are able to continue to wear the hoodie until the end of this academic year.** Instead, we will be replacing the hoodie with a zipped baseball sports jacket that the children can wear both for PE or instead of the jumper or cardigan. These can be purchased from Skoolkit and look super smart. They have the school logo on the front and the text Team Rowner on the rear.

Friends of Rowner are looking for any school uniform (jumpers, cardigans, trousers, skirts) that we could sell on, in a pre-loved sale at the end of this academic year. If you are able to help, please pass onto Mr or Mrs Connor. We are aiming to sell these after school on the 14th July when we have our internal transition day.

We are also hoping to have some stock from Skoolkit on sale during the last few weeks of term to help reduce postage and packaging costs for you all. This stock will only be held with us for a limited time. We will keep you updated on this.

Parent Partnership

This week we had our third parent partnership meeting. This is an opportunity for you to have an active part in your child's education whilst they are at RJS.

The following actions were raised by parents at this forum and have already been implemented:

- parents will have an opportunity to meet their child's new class teacher after the transition day on Thursday 14th July
- The creation of our Jubilee Garden

We currently have representatives from our year 4 parents, however we would value input from parents from all year groups. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 6th July at 08.45. We really look forward to seeing you then.

Transition

Transition is a major event not only for a young person but also for the family members that support their child. It is therefore our aim to ensure that the transition journey is enjoyable, informative and exciting. Whether your child is moving to a new school or moving year group, transition is a significant time for any family. To support the process, RJS have begun meeting with the secondary schools to speak to them about our Y6 children, meetings between RJS and the infant school are also taking place and once our new classes are finalised our teachers will be passing on key information to ensure a smooth transition for our remaining children. All transition dates are on the key date calendar below.

You said....we did (with a difference)

Miss Dymond has been working closely with our pupils on sharing their thoughts about school and their PDL learning. These are some of the things that they had to say...

Is there an adult you can talk to in school if you have any concerns? Do you know where to get help outside of school?

“In school you can ask anyone at all that you trust - everyone here wants to help you. All of the adults check in on you when you are feeling sad which makes you feel better because you know people are here to help.”

Are there ever any behaviour / safety issues in your school? How do adults respond to this?

“I know that sometimes when someone is behaving in a silly way, it might not be their fault, people learn things in different ways.”

“In wellbeing we found out that people have different needs and learn in different ways...It is not a disability, it is a different ability!”

Do you think everyone is treated fairly in your school regardless of their race/sex/religion/age?

“Yes, I haven’t seen anything happen badly with this before. Some people in our class have different coloured skin and religions, but we treat everyone kindly.”

Slip, slap, slop

We are hoping that after half term the sun will begin to shine. To help keep the children safe in the sun, please remember sun safety messages: ‘slip, slop, slap’. Sun safety experts recommend:

- **Slip** on sun protective clothing that covers as much of your body as possible.
- **Slop** on SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen, at least 20 minutes before sun exposure. Reapply every two hours when outdoors or more often if perspiring or swimming.
- **Slap** on a broad-brimmed hat that shades your face, neck and ears.

We have been made aware that some Nivea sun creams now contain almond oil and we do have some pupils in school with nut allergies - please bear this in mind when applying sunscreen for school - thank you.

**Wish you all a wonderful half term and a thoroughly enjoyable Jubilee weekend.
Be safe and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 6th June.**

Dates until the End of term

PE timetable for the summer term

Year 3	<p>PE: Monday and Wednesday Year 3 will not take part in swimming lessons this academic year</p>
Year 4	<p>PE: Monday and Friday</p> <p>Swimming: Tuesday 28th June Monday 4th July, Tuesday 5th July, Wednesday 6th July Monday 11th July, Tuesday 12th July, Wednesday 13th July</p> <p>When your child is taking part in swimming they will only have PE on a Monday. Please note the swimming dates have been adjusted to previous communications.</p>
Year 5	<p>PE: Tuesday and Thursday</p>

Year 6	<p>PE: Tuesday and Thursday (up to Friday 17th June) After 17th June PE will be on a Monday and a Thursday</p> <p>Swimming: Monday 6th June, Tuesday 7th June, Wednesday 8th June Monday 13th June, Tuesday 14th June, Wednesday 15th June Monday 20th June, PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO SWIMMING ON TUESDAY 21ST JUNE or WEDNESDAY 22ND JUNE Monday 27th June, Wednesday 29th June Year 6 will be at Fort Purbrook on Tuesday 28th June</p> <p>When your child is taking part in swimming they will only have PE on a Thursday. Please note the swimming dates have been adjusted to previous communications.</p>
Key dates for June:	
Date	Event
From 6th June - 24th June	Year 4 multiplication checks
Friday 17th June	Height and weight checks for any Y6 child that previously missed these.
Thursday 28th June	Year 6 visit Fort Purbrook
Wednesday 29th June	Autism support for parents in The Drey
Thursday 20th June - Friday 1st July	Cams Hill transition
Upcoming dates for July	
Monday 4th July - Friday 8th July	Fareham Academy transition days
Monday 4th July - Tuesday 5th July	Crofton transition days
Tuesday 5th July - Monday 11th July	Book Fair at RJS
Wednesday 6th July - Thursday 7th July	Year 6 Hunger Games at RJS
Friday 8th July	End of year reports sent home
Monday 11th July - Friday 15th July	Bridgemyr Transition days
Thursday 14th July	RJS transition day, Y2 pupils to begin their journey at RJS by joining us for transition.
Thursday 14th July - Friday 15th July	Brune Park and Bay House transition days
Monday 18th July	Y6 'VicFest'
Wednesday 20th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly - 1pm End of term.