



Rowner Junior School

Newsletter 7 - March 2024

<p>DATES FOR March: The dates below are for your diary and are also included on the electronic calendar; occasionally they are subject to change</p>	
<p>Year 3 - Miss Dymond and Miss Finn</p>	<p>Monday and Wednesday Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day</p>
<p>Year 4 - Mrs Thomson and Miss Winzar</p>	<p>Tuesday (swimming) and Thursday Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day.</p>
<p>Year 5 -Miss Daly and Miss Harding</p>	<p>Wednesday and Friday Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day</p>
<p>Year 6 - Miss Pollit and Mrs Walton</p>	<p>Tuesday and Thursday Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day</p>
<p>Key dates for March</p>	
<p>Friday 1st March</p>	<p>1. Terry Price Scooter Trick Assembly and scooter sessions for Y4 & 5 (see below) 2. Y6 secondary schools named.</p>
<p>Tuesday 5th March</p>	<p>Y4 swimming (PM) Please note swimming has changed from a Monday to a Tuesday for this half term.</p>
<p>Thursday 7th March</p>	<p>World Book Day (please see below)</p>
<p>Friday 8th March</p>	<p>(Rescheduled) Y3 Fundraiser event (Y3 parents welcome from 14.30)</p>
<p>Monday 11th March</p>	<p>Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel Week</p>
<p>Tuesday 12th March</p>	<p>Y4 swimming (PM) Please note swimming has changed from a Monday to a Tuesday for this half term.</p>
<p>Wednesday 13th March</p>	<p>1. Athlete Visit to RJS 2. Informal drop in session at BayHouse school with KGA CEO</p>
<p>Friday 15th March</p>	<p>Science Day at RJS</p>

Tuesday 19th March	Y4 swimming (PM) Please note swimming has changed from a Monday to a Tuesday for this half term.
Wednesday 20th March	1. Smoothie Bike and Bike It John at RJS (see below) 2. Autism Hampshire Meeting in the Drey.
Friday 22nd March	1. Children are able to wear non-uniform in exchange for chocolate for the chocolate raffle. (please see below). 2. Cake/Bake sale for Dance Live! At the end of the school day
Monday 25th March	Children are able to purchase raffle tickets for the chocolate raffle.
Tuesday 26th March	1. Y4 swimming (PM) Please note swimming has changed from a Monday to a Tuesday for this half term. 2. Children are able to purchase raffle tickets for the chocolate raffle.
Wednesday 26th March	1. Y6 Parent - Teacher meetings (information below) 2. Children are able to purchase raffle tickets for the chocolate raffle.
Wednesday 27th March	Children are able to purchase raffle tickets for the chocolate raffle.
Thursday 28th March	1. Children's chocolate raffle. 2. Last Day of term. School finishes at 14.00
Upcoming dates for April <i>(Please note dates will be added to this list in the next newsletter)</i>	
Monday 15th April	1. Return to school 2. Y5 swimming
Tuesday 16th April	Y3 Parent-Teacher meeting
Wednesday 17th April	Y5 Parent-Teacher meeting
Thursday 18th April	Y4 Parent - Teacher meeting
Monday 22nd April	Y5 swimming
Thursday 25th April	BAE Roadshow at BP (AM)
Friday 26th April	Dance Live! Finals
Monday 29th April	Y5 swimming

Arbor Report Cards

Arbor report cards will be sent home on Thursday 28th March. The report cards are intended to give you some headline information about how your child is achieving academically. Y3, Y4 and Y5 will have these ahead of the parent/teacher learning reviews in April.

If your child is in Y6, you will also receive these on Thursday 28th March, but you will have an opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher at your Parent-Teacher meeting on Tuesday 26th March.

Your parent/teacher meeting will discuss your child's academic and social and emotional development in far more detail and if your child is in Y6, your child's teacher will also speak to you about SATs. More information to follow via email regarding making an appointment.

Dance Live!

After months of rehearsals and preparation, our Dance Live Team participated in their heat event at Portsmouth Guildhall on Friday 9th February. They were excellent ambassadors for our school and the judges were in awe of their performance, so much so that we **WON** our heat and will be performing in this year's final on Friday 26th April. We could not be more proud of the children.

To help raise vital funds for the finals, we will be holding a Cake sale after school on **Friday 22nd March** on the main playground. **Donations most welcome!**

EASTER events at RJS and help for Friends of Rowner

This year the following events will be taking place to enable fun community social events and raise funds for our children:

- **Friday 22nd March:** Non school uniform day in exchange for chocolate. A reminder that no football/sporting kits are to be worn. Children are invited to bring in an item for the chocolate raffle, Easter egg, chocolate bar etc.
- **Monday 27th March - Wednesday 28th March:** Children can purchase tickets towards the Chocolate Raffle. 20p a ticket. As per previous raffles, we will once again be doing an electronic raffle, so physical tickets **will not** be handed out to children. Their names will be added onto the electronic raffle related to the number of tickets they require e.g. 5 tickets purchased and their names will be put into the raffle 5 times.
- **Thursday 29th March:** Chocolate Raffle.

Unfortunately, due to other commitments after school, we are unable to hold a Spring disco this year. We will update you on further FOR events that will take place during the summer term.

Currently, we have a few parents that support the Friends of Rowner, however we really do need more parental support with this. Without your support, it will be increasingly more challenging to run these events for the children and to raise additional funds for the school.

If you are interested, please make contact with Ms Sewell via enquiries@rowner.gfmat.org

Happy Easter

Wishing you all a lovely Easter holiday. We do hope the weather is fine and that all families have some time together to rest. We have had another wonderful term full of learning, activity and smiles. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on **Monday 15th April**. Please note that **school finishes at 2pm (14.00)** on this day.

King's Group Academy

We emailed all parents/carers with a detailed update on 20.2.24 and 27.02.24.. As we announced last term, The Department for Education (DfE) formally approved the merger in October 2023 and since then, we have been working together to ensure the legal and practical arrangements are in place. We are pleased with the pace of the progress being made and feel that we are currently on track to achieve the DfE's planned target date for officially joining the King's Group in April 2024. As we mentioned last term, there should be very little immediate change for the young people in our schools and we are dedicated to making the transition as smooth as possible for everyone affected. As promised, the 'Frequently Asked Questions' document has been published on the GFM website www.gfmat.org You can continue to submit your questions or comments via email to Vanessa Shorter, vshorter@gfmat.org

Medical

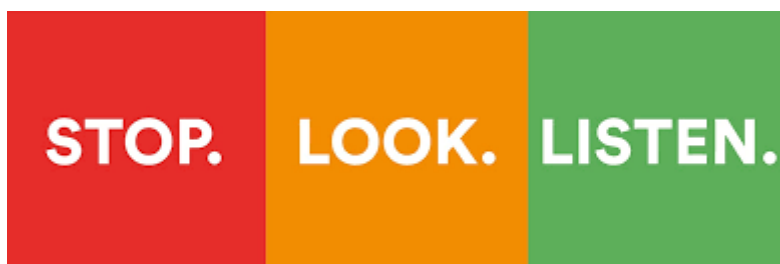
Recently, we asked parents/carers to complete a form stating that they give the school permissions to administer calpol in an emergency. Please note the school holds Calpol 6+ for **emergency use only** and is held for use in exceptional circumstances. If you feel your child may need medication during the school day, please complete a medicine consent form and bring the medicine into the school office clearly named. Please note, If the school is unable to manage prescribed medication, you may be required to administer this for your child. Please remember to collect medicines you will need over the Easter break before Thursday 28 March.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones have recently been discussed by the government and guidance provided. At our school, for those who have them, phones are welcome in school, but must be handed into either the office or to the class teacher at the start of the day. These are then collected at the end of the day, but must not be used until off the school site. Unless children are walking home solo, we recommend that children leave mobile phones at home. Please remind your child that phones are not to be used on the school site unless they have the permission of a school adult e.g. they may need to call home at the end of the day to check an arrangement. Please also note that any such device brought into school is done so at the owner's risk - the school is unable to take responsibility for devices.

Safe Crossing

We have been made aware that some cars, travelling over the former railway bridge are travelling at speed. We were concerned to hear this but are not able to control this. The HCC crossing-patrol is closer to the school than the bridge and this has been considered, by HCC, as the best place for the crossing-patrol to be. We will continue to remind the children of the importance of road safety. Your vigilance to crossing all roads is encouraged - please remind your child/ren to:



Secondary School Places

Secondary School places for Y7 September 2024 will be announced on Friday 01 March. If you applied online, you will be sent an email confirming the outcome of your application on the notification date. You can also log into the online system to view the outcome. If you applied using a paper form, you will be sent a letter on the notification date by post. Please allow 2 to 3 working days for your letter to arrive. There is no need for you to accept the place offered to your child at any Hampshire school. However, please let HCC know in writing if you no longer need the place so that it can be offered to another child. If you have not been offered a place at your preferred school, your child will be added to the waiting list. You also have a right of appeal against the refusal. The GFM transition will be comprehensive and we have already been working with our secondary colleagues on transition matters.

Sustainable Travel at RJS

At Rowner Junior School we are always striving for ways to have a positive impact on our local and global environment. In December, we took part in 'Leg it to Lapland'. The children had to virtually 'travel' the same distance from Gosport to Lapland. Our children did amazingly well, and managed to walk a virtual 1464 miles with 73% of our school taking part. As a result of their fantastic efforts we were one of two winners across Hampshire. Our prize includes Terry Price leading a whole school motivational assembly and trick display in the school hall on Friday 1st MArch, followed by leading scooter skills sessions for Y4/Y5. On Monday 4th March, we then have Bike It John joining us to lead the Big Walk and Wheel launch assembly ahead of Big Walk and Wheel week that will take place Monday 11th March - Friday 22nd March. Miss Daly will once again be running the golden lock competition where..... Finally, on Wednesday 20th March at the start of the day, Bike it John will join us at RJS again for the Smoothie Bike. Children who have scooted/cycled into school will have the opportunity to have a turn on the bike and to make their own smoothie.

Summer Uniform

Summer Uniform is welcome in the Summer Term - after the Easter holiday (if it is warm enough for your child). Local supermarkets already have our dresses in stock but you may like to double check our uniform list before you purchase. In the Summer Term **maroon gingham** dresses or playsuits are allowed. Red items are not welcomed because these **are not** on our uniform list. The Summer school uniform list also stipulates that formal grey or black shorts, skirts, shorts or culottes can be worn, with short sleeved white shirt, blouse or polo. Gingham blouses **are not** part of our uniform list. Children wanting to wear sandals in hotter weather must do so only when also wearing socks and these must have a back. This is for health and safety reasons. PE uniform continues to be plain white round necked t-shirt

and unbranded **black** shorts or sport trousers (unbranded) with trainers. Please also ensure that hair, which can be, is tied back and earring are either taken out or covered.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 07 March and as always we are keen to encourage the children to be enthusiastic readers, book owners and book borrowers. We have lots of exciting activities planned. If children would like to dress themselves or one of their dolls/teddies/characters as a character from **a book** on this day, or come to school in their PJs or onesies, then they are welcome to do so. Dressing up is not obligatory and school uniforms can be worn if your child does not wish to dress up. **It is not a non-uniform day (no football tops)**. Year groups have adapted their timetable and will use the day to immerse children into the exciting world of books. Book tokens will be made available to your child on the day. We would also like to **invite parents in from 2.30pm** to take part in an activity with their child.

YOU SAID/WE DID - your view counts...

We would like to take this opportunity to gauge parental view on all things Team Rowner. We value our parental community and your views on how well we are doing.

If you could take the time to complete the [2024 Parent/carer survey](#) we would really appreciate that.