



Rowner Junior School

April 2022 newsletter

Thank you to **our community** for raising £59.97 for 'wear a hat for brain tumour day' and £59.98 for Red Nose Day. We would also like to thank you for the amazing chocolate contributions towards our chocolate raffle. Congratulations to **Amelia Hylands** and **Pippa Penfold** for their fantastic efforts at a recent dance competition on the Isle of Wight. Well done to the two of you on your hard work and dedication, and especially to Amelia who came second. **Freya Patterson** also achieved her first gymnastic badge, well done!

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.

Attendance Matters

In our last newsletter we shared the importance of attendance and our attendance protocols. Each month we will share our latest attendance figures with you and how these compare to national.

RJS attendance figures: September to April: 92%

National attendance figures: 92%

Thank you for your continued support on this important matter. As we stated in the last newsletter, we are striving to return to our pre-Covid attendance figures of 95% and your support in this is appreciated.

ADMISSIONS

Admissions will announce our Y3 2022 pupils on 19 April. Rowner continues to be a popular choice for local families. If you know any Y2 parents who may be talking about admissions to Rowner Junior School, please direct them to HCC admissions or GFM admissions if they have any queries.. We aim to make personal contact with our families in early May. We do have some information available on our website. Please visit the transition page on our website or [here](#).

E mail: admissions@gfmat.org

Your School Needs You!

Ground Force Day

We are extremely fortunate for our school to be surrounded by such wonderful grounds and are keen to maximise on these. Therefore on Wednesday 27th April, we will be having a Ground Force Day and are seeking your help. This will be an opportunity for you to come along and work alongside your child in improving our grounds in some way. This might include painting some of our outdoor furniture, planting, preparing the ground for planting, digging etc. Please complete this [Google Form](#) if you can attend or show your support by making donations. Please note, on Groundforce Day Children are to come to school in clothes you do not mind getting grubby or on and bring their wellies or suitable outdoor shoes.

Parent Partnership meeting.

We held our first Parent Partnership this month and it was a wonderful opportunity to discuss a number of school related issues with our parents. You can read the minutes on our [website](#). Our next meeting will be taking place on Tuesday 26th April at 08.45. We are still looking for the following parent representatives: 3 for Year 3, 1 for Year 5 and 3 for Year 6. If you would like to attend, please contact Mrs Sharpe via the school office.

You said....we did!

'PE seems to be very restricted in terms of different sports and I believe French is the only language studied.'

French was chosen as the foreign language that our children would be taught due to our close ties with France as well as laying the foundations for the foreign language teaching at KS3, French being the dominant language taught by our local feeder schools. There is not an expectation that our children should be taught more than one foreign language.

Throughout your child's time at RJS, they are taught and have experience of a wide range of sports. This extends to our after school club provision. We are in the process of working closely with Premier Sports to discuss further sporting opportunities that they can provide for our pupils both within lessons and as part of their after school club offer. We also take part in a number of inter-school sporting opportunities provided to us by the GFM PE department, such as tennis, cross-country.

Polling Day

Polling, locally, will be taking place on Thursday 5th May. Previously, the school has been used as a polling station meaning that the school has had to close. However, after consultation with Gosport Borough Council The Drey will be used as the Polling Station on this particular day, meaning that the **school will remain open**.

Your child's safety is paramount so Gosport Borough council and the school are implementing the following measures:

- Fencing will be erected to ensure that the school is not accessible to the general public.
- The one way system will not be in place this day as the fencing will cover this route. On this day only, parents/carers and pupils will only be able to access the school site via the pedestrian entrance on Tichborne Way.
- The children will only be able to play on the Music Room playground and field.

If you have any queries please do come and ask us.

Communication With Teachers

We understand that there may be times that you wish to speak to your child's class teacher. Throughout the day there are opportunities for you to do this, for example at the end of the school day or you can arrange a meeting with them via enquiries. If you wish to email your child's teacher, then please email them via enquiries@rowner.gfmat.org. The office staff will then forward the email to your child's teacher and they will respond to you via the enquiries email address.

School Meal Prices

In consultation with the Primary and Secondary Resources Group in September 2021, the agreement has been given to increase the school meal price for HC3S to £2.60 from Monday 25 April 2022. **BUT**, our catering is provided by the GFM. Aware of the current increases in many household items and the general cost of living, we are pleased to inform you that school meals **will not** be increased for the remainder of the academic year and will remain at **£2.50**. This may have to be reviewed in the next academic year. If this is the case we will give you notice of any changes. For your information, the last price increase was in 2020.

School Uniform

We know that many of you are already looking ahead to September and school uniform. At our recent Parent Partnership meeting the issue of school uniform was raised and there are some areas that we are looking into:

- Possible payment plans for uniform and or a pre-loved sale
- The challenge of finding stock at Skoolkit.

School uniform plays a key role in **promoting pride, self-confidence, and builds a sense of team and community spirit**. Our children are amazing at adhering to the school uniform expectations in their everyday uniform. This is not always the case on PE days. This is a non-negotiable and prepares children for their next step where it is an expectation at secondary school that pupils wear the correct PE kit. If your child does not have the correct PE kit, we have spare stock that can be provided if this is needed. A uniform is in place to ensure uniformity and encourages school spirit.

Another area that was raised at the Parent Partnership meeting was clarity around the school uniform expectations. These are as follows:

Winter Uniform	Summer Uniform - welcomed after Easter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maroon jumper/cardigan (ideally with school logo) with a maroon or white polo type shirt with a collar. For boys: Grey or black trousers and short white, grey or black socks. For girls: Grey or black trousers, skirt or culottes and/or pinafore, long or short white, grey or black socks or black or grey tights. ● Sensible black shoes (no trainers unless all black and shoe like), trainers for PE days and a sensible coat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maroon jumper/cardigan (ideally with school logo) with a maroon or white polo type shirt with a collar. For boys: Grey or black trousers or shorts and short white, grey or black socks. For girls: Grey or black trousers, shorts or culottes or dark red blue gingham dresses, or playsuits or gingham blouse and skirt to be worn as a two piece, long or short white, grey or black socks. ● Sensible black shoes (no trainers unless all black and shoe like) or sensible/supportive black or white sandals and trainers for PE days. ● Lightweight sensible coat
PE Uniform	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plain black shorts or cycling shorts – no logos ● Plain white round neck t-shirt ● From now: Maroon jumper/cardigan From September we have available: zipped baseball sports jacket ● Socks (barefoot for indoor PE) ● Trainers ● Tracksuit bottoms or leggings in black (no text or logos) for winter months ● Black base layers 	

Please note 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. The children chose gold text from the choices offered.

Staffing

Miss Gibson will be leaving us at the end of this week. She is moving onto Alver Valley School where we wish her all the very best of luck in her new endeavour.

April Dates

Ongoing dates:

Please note that the clubs and PE sessions mentioned below are for the remainder of the spring term. We will be sending out a Google Form for your child to sign up to summer clubs when we return from the Easter holiday. Please find the updated PE sessions at the bottom of this newsletter.

Monday		Thursday	
	Y5 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y6 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Art club 15.10 - 16.00 First aid club 15.10 - 16.00		Y3 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y4 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y6 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Lego league 15.10 - 16.10 Gardening club (alternate weeks) 15.10 - 15.45 Premier sports football club (Y3/4) 15.10 - 16.10

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Tuesday	Y5 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Film club 15.10 - 16.10	Friday	Y4 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Manga club (alternate weeks Y5/6) 15.10 - 16.00
Wednesday	Y3 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Dance Live! Rehearsals 15.10 - 16.15		

Key dates for April and May:

Date	Event
Friday 25th March - Tuesday 5th April	Raffle Tickets to go live for pupils to purchase at 20p . As we did at Christmas, the raffle will be done electronically and children will not receive physical tickets . The last date for children to buy raffle tickets will be Tuesday 5th April
Thursday 7th april	Chocolate Raffle This will take place online in school.
Friday 8th April	INSET day. School closed to pupils. End of Spring Term.
Monday 25th April	Back to school Year 3 and 4 Multiplication Test Check Meeting 15.00 - 15.45 This meeting is open to parents of pupils in year 3 and 4 about the upcoming Multiplication Test Check that children in year 4 will be taking part in during June. We will share information on what the checks are, what we are doing in school and how you can support your child at home.

Upcoming dates in May

Monday 2nd May	Early May Bank Holiday. School is closed.
Wednesday 4th May	Dance Live! Final
Thursday 5th May	Polling Day. School is open.
9th May - 12th May	SATs week for year 6 pupils.
16th May - 20th May	Walk to School week
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June	HALF TERM

PE timetable for after Easter holidays

Year 3	PE: Monday and Wednesday Year 3 will not take part in swimming lessons this academic year
Year 4	PE: Monday and Friday

	<p>Swimming (information regarding swimming will be shared with you ahead of the Easter holidays): Monday 20th June Tuesday 21st June, Wednesday 22nd June Monday 27th June, Tuesday 28th June, Wednesday 29th June Monday 4th July, Tuesday 5th July, Wednesday 6th July</p> <p>When your child is taking part in swimming they will only have PE on a Monday</p>
<p>Year 5</p>	<p>PE: Tuesday and Thursday</p> <p>Swimming (information regarding swimming will be shared with you ahead of the Easter holidays): Monday 25th April, Tuesday 26th April, Wednesday 27th April Please note no swimming Monday 2nd May due to a Bank Holiday, Tuesday 3rd May, Wednesday 4th May Monday 16th May, Tuesday 17th May, Wednesday 18th May</p> <p>When your child is taking part in swimming they will only have PE on a Thursday</p>
<p>Year 6</p>	<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 (information regarding swimming will be shared with you ahead of the Easter holidays):: Monday 23rd May, Tuesday 24th May, Wednesday 25th May Monday 6th June, Tuesday 7th June, Wednesday 8th June Monday 13th June, Tuesday 14th June, Wednesday 15th June</p> <p>When your child is taking part in swimming they will only have PE on a Thursday</p>