



# Rowhams St John's Church of England Primary School

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Love Joy and Responsibility

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# Newsletter

The end of the week has brought chilly weather with it and emergency closure procedures can be found on the website. I think there is more chilly weather on its way. The children were very disappointed today when they came to school and there was no snow!

Please rest assured that we will only close school when we have no other choice. I make the decision to close in the event of snow/ice/adverse weather conditions and I make that decision based on local conditions even though I live forty minutes away. My decision is also based on whether it is safe for staff to drive to work as their well-being is of the utmost importance to me.

Year 3/4 had an exciting day on Wednesday as a Roman visitor came into school leading the learning about life in Roman times.

Play leaders have set up new play boxes for use at playtime and lunchtime. The children have enjoyed learning how to use the equipment properly, and hopefully, put it away afterwards. The new equipment was purchased using Sainsburys vouchers so thank you for all your donations.

**ROMAN DAY** On Wednesday year 3/4 took part in a Roman Day. We had a Roman Visitor who brought in lots of artefacts and games for us to play. We dressed up in togas and acted some stories. We did coin rubbings and drawings of the artefacts.



By Fionn and William.

## DIARY DATES

16th Jan - School Clubs start

16th Jan - Football League 1 Yr 5/6  
4-5pm at Mountbatten School

23rd Jan - Football League 2 Yr 5/6  
4-5pm at Mountbatten School

30th Jan - Football League 3 Yr 5/6  
4-5pm at Mountbatten School

31st Jan - Cross Country KS2  
Mountbatten School 4pm

30th Feb - Football League 4 Yr 5/6  
4-5pm at Mountbatten School

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

Primary School Applications for  
Year R September 2017

Entry Applications for Hampshire County Council Primary Schools need to be completed by Sunday 15th January 2017, you can apply online at

[www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions).

## Love

*1 John 3:18 (NEW TESTAMENT: LETTERS)*

*Our love should not be just words and talk: it must be true love, which shows itself in action.*

# Rownhams St John's Governor Newsletter

Spring 2017



Hello, and welcome to the Spring newsletter from the Governors at Rownhams St John's Primary School. This time we find out about governor Fran Jones, what the Resources committee get up to and some of the visits and training we do to help make sure our school is delivering the best education possible for the children here.

We hope this will enlighten you more about who we are and what we do for the school.

## *Life-long learners...*

We talk at school about our children being life-long learners and that is exactly what we as governors need to be too. In the last few months governors have attended and applied all sorts of training on things like Ofsted, Special Educational Needs, keeping children safe, holding the school leaders to account and all of us looked at assessing how we are working as a set of governors. We also need to learn more about what goes on in school so we undertake visits to talk to staff or children about different things. Not to assess them but to see and understand what is going on first hand and to match it up with what we are being told by Mrs K and others in Governor meetings. Last term we came in and spoke to Young Governors about behaviour, looked at Safeguarding, financial agreements with Hants CC and also how we are working to make our results even better. So we too are life-long learners.

## *Who's who?*

*Who:* Fran Jones

*Role:* Chair of Pay & Personnel

*Service:* 3 ½ years



*What do you do outside of school?* Managing Director of a technology and resource business.

*Why did you become a governor?* My son is a pupil, and I wanted initially support him on his journey. Now it is all about the team, school and the wonderful student community.

*Likes:* I love camping and exploring our wonderful countryside with my mad family. I love art and music festivals; music, be it live, old vinyl or finding new bands; rugby and cricket and I love long walks with my family and I used to be quite the long distance runner (which I need to start again). I genuinely love being a governor as well, and supporting our brilliant teaching team.

## *Governors' Diary*

*January:*

31<sup>st</sup> – Pay & Personnel

*February*

2<sup>nd</sup> – Standards

7<sup>th</sup> – Resources

16<sup>th</sup> – Full Governors

*March*

7<sup>th</sup> – Foundation

22<sup>nd</sup> – Standards

29<sup>th</sup> – Resources

*April*

6<sup>th</sup> – Full Governors



## *Money, buildings and safety...*

The Resources Committee is a team of 5 governors who oversee Finances, Safeguarding, Premises and Health & Safety. We work with Mrs K to agree and monitor budgets, achieve best value with available funds and ensure funds are directed at school improvement priorities. At our last meeting, we reviewed the annual Safeguarding Audit, discussed and agreed the 2016/17 budget update and addressed relevant premises issues. We're really pleased to welcome Alan Symmons as a new governor to the school and member of the Resources Committee. Alan brings with him a wealth of experience in Premises Management and Health & Safety and was able to make an impact right from his first meeting. We've also been really pleased to see the contribution that our Caretaker Mr Stokes has made to improving the physical environment of the school since he joined us last summer.

That's about it for this time. In the summer, we will briefly cover the work of the Pay and Personnel committee and look into the results of the last parent/pupil/teacher questionnaire we worked on with Mrs K.

So, until the next one of these, Happy Burns Night, Happy Valentine's and Happy Easter! Hope you all have a great term.

The Governors



**FOCUS:**

**A GREAT START TO THE TERM**

**Miss Withers** – Daniel H  
**Miss White-** Poppy G  
**Mrs Phelps/Miss Adams—** Grace M  
**Miss Hogbin/Mrs Garrod —**Mitchell G  
**Mr Warner** – Harry N  
**Mrs Phillips** – Tilly G  
**Mrs Alldred—** Liah DT  
**Mrs Hannam—** Joseph S  
**Miss Robus—** Zak W  
**Miss Ramsdale –**Max C  
**Miss Hill—** Alessia L

**DOJO CHAMPION OF THE WEEK**

**Miss Withers—** Joshua T  
**Miss White—** Lauren B  
**Mrs Phelps/Miss Adams—** Liam H & Ben P  
**Mrs Hogbin/Mrs Garrod —** Roksana I  
**Mr Warner** – Ethan W  
**Mrs Phillips** – Maddison C  
**Mrs Alldred—** Tadiwa C  
**Mrs Hannam—** Erin M  
**Miss Robus—** Maisie G  
**Miss Ramsdale—**Mia C  
**Miss Hill—** Manha R

**LEARNER OF THE WEEK**

**Miss Withers –**Thomas A  
**Miss White-** Mitchell F  
**Mrs Phelps/Miss Adams—** Ellie C  
**Miss Hogbin/Mrs Garrod —** Alfie G  
**Mr Warner** – Harry P  
**Mrs Phillips** – Tallulah S  
**Mrs Alldred—** Isabel K  
**Mrs Hannam—** Niamh H  
**Miss Robus—** Ellen H  
**Miss Ramsdale –**Enzo A  
**Miss Hill—** Willow D

**STAR WRITER**

**Miss Withers—** Jack D  
**Miss White—** Ellie-Mai A  
**Mrs Phelps/Miss Adams—** Daniel P  
**Mrs Hogbin/Mrs Garrod —** Erin B  
**Mr Warner** – Layla S  
**Mrs Phillips** – Thomas M  
**Mrs Alldred—** Josh D  
**Mrs Hannam—** Connor B  
**Miss Robus—** Nyah P  
**Miss Ramsdale—**Jessica M  
**Miss Hill—** India C

**LETTERS THIS WEEK**

**Years 1-6—**Cross Country

**Email**

**Yr3/4—**Curriculum Overview & Home Learning  
**Yr 3/4—**Minstead Letters  
**Yr 5/6—**Curriculum Overview  
**Whole School—**Snow Closure Procedure