



3 November 2017 Issue 8

From Mr Woodford ...

We are one week into the new half term and its only seven weeks until Christmas! I'm not counting the days but I can never quite believe how quickly it seems to come around.

There have been several new topics kicking off this week, and literally so, when Y5/6 invaded the Year 3/4 classrooms turning them upside down. This was the hook into the Year 3/4 Saxon and Viking topic 'Get of me land!' The children were then asked to place themselves into the shoes of someone on the receiving end of an invasion.

Year 5/6 have started reading *The Boy Overboard*. I have been able to join in with the first moving pages of the book and hear about the troubled life of Jamal who lives in Afghanistan. I am very excited to find out how the story progresses and how children react to the events and questions that arise.

Thank you again to all the parents who attended my Meet the Headteacher session at the end of the half term. I am very much looking forward to more events such as this in the near future. With this in mind, an email has been sent to parents today inviting our Year R parents to a phonic session next Thursday at 3.30pm or 5.00pm. From this point on we will keep parents informed of the sounds we have been learning so that you are able to support your children at home more readily.

Don't forget Parents' Evening will also soon be upon us. You will be able to sign up for appointments online via Parent Mail from 7pm on Monday evening. Any problems please contact the office.

Don't forget to follow us at [@RownhamsStJohn](https://twitter.com/RownhamsStJohn)



Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

The deadline has been extended to
Friday 10th November!

There is still time to bring them in!

Romans 1:7 (NEW TESTAMENT: PAUL'S LETTERS)

*All who are loved by God and called to be his holy people:
Grace and peace to you.*

SCHOOL SNACKS - KS2

Please note that fruit pots will now be available to purchase at a cost of 40p each (subject to availability)



PARENTS' EVENING

Please note that there has been a change of dates for the parents' evenings, these will now be held on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th November. You will need book your slot via ParentMail. Please ensure you have access for each of your children. If you are experiencing any difficulties speak to the school office as soon as possible.

BOOKING OPENS MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER AT 7PM.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

We would respectfully remind all parents/carers that if you wish for your child/children to have a school lunch, we need to ask for payment in advance. With the introduction of the new HC3S menu (effective from 30th Oct 2017) there are some tempting choices on offer. We feel it is in everyone's best interests if we don't have to continually send out letters chasing outstanding payments.

Celebration Assembly Certificates



| Class | Values - Responsibility | Learner | Dojo Champion |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Miss Knight | Leo | Pheonix | Lucy |
| Miss Robus | Sam | Hugo | Jessica |
| Miss Ramsdale | Ava | Joseph | Lottie |
| Mrs Aldred/ Mrs Johnson | Jessie | Joseph | Harriet |
| Mrs Hannam | Shania | Taylor | Sophia |
| Miss Hill | Evie | Antonio | Nathan |
| Miss Hogbin/ Mrs Garrod | Martha | Tilly | Harry |
| Mr Warner | Izzy | Tadiwa | Farron |
| Mrs Phelps/ Miss Adams | Abigail | Alex R | Lauren |
| Miss Withers | Finn | Owen | Josh |
| Mrs Phillips | Frazer | Oliver | Rhea |



POPPY APPEAL

Poppies will be available to purchase from Thursday 2nd November. Prices are 20p for a poppy and a suggested donation of £1 for a wristband.



ROBOTICS AT ROWNHAMS

Today, all of key stage 2 were treated to a special 'robotics workshop' from the experts at PrepareRobo. Years 3/4 made robots that had a ballistic style of catapult that fired when they saw enemies in their way and year 5/6 created ones that were able to travel and sense when another robot was near and turn in different directions to avoid crashing! The robots were constructed using 'Lego Mindstorm' to the children's own specifications and designs. The high levels of engagement and excitable buzz from each room showed how much the children enjoyed the challenging but fun task!



Calendar

| Date | Time | Year Group | Description |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Fri 10 Nov | 9.00-10.00am | Pre-school | YR Open Day Sept 2018 intake |
| Fri 10 Nov | 1.30 - 4.00 | 3-6 | Gymnastics Festival Mountbatten School |
| w/c Mon 13 Nov | Lunch/after school | Whole School | NO CLUBS due to parents' evenings |
| w/c Mon 13 Nov | All Week | Whole School | Book Fayre Week |
| w/c Mon 13 Nov | All Week | Whole School | Anti-bullying Week |
| Weds 15 Nov | After school | Whole School | Parents' evening |
| Thurs 16 Nov | After School | Whole School | Parents' evening |
| Fri 17 Nov | 1.30 - 4.00 | 3-6 | Tag Rugby Festival Mountbatten School |
| Mon 27 Nov | 4.00 - 5.00pm | 1-6 | Cross Country competition at Mountbatten School |
| 4-8 Dec | Lunch/after school | Whole School | LAST WEEK OF CLUBS |
| Tues 12 Dec | Time TBC | KS1 | Nativity |
| Wed 13 Dec | Time TBC | KS1 | Nativity |
| Thurs 14 Dec | Time TBC | KS1 | Nativity |
| Fri 15 Dec | All day | Whole School | Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch |
| Mon 18 Dec | TBC | Whole School | Carols by Candle light |
| Mon 18 Dec | After Lunch | 3-4 | Class Christmas Party |
| Tues 19 Dec | After Lunch | KS1 | Class Christmas Party |
| Wed 20 Dec | After Lunch | 5-6 | Class Christmas Party |
| Thurs 21 Dec | Time TBC | Whole School | Carols around the tree |
| Thurs 21 Dec | TBC | Whole School | LAST DAY OF TERM - Finish normal time 3.10pm |
| Thurs 4 Jan | TBC | Whole School | FIRST DAY OF TERM |

Calendar Dates - May we politely remind parents that amendments and new dates are added to the calendar below throughout the term so please always check the calendar regularly and ensure your home diary is correct. Our calendar dates are also available on line via our website, follow the link on our homepage. Thank you.

Sports News

From your Bronze Ambassadors



On the last day of term, 7 year 5/6 girls attended the football festival at Mountbatten school. The girls played 8 matches altogether, where they all took turns to swap positions and were eager to have a go at each one (including Goalie)! The teamwork and encouragement witnessed throughout the afternoon was amazing! They started off a little nervous but after the first match the initial nerves soon wore off and every team player put their all into each match! Only letting in the maximum number of 2 goals on one match, the girls defending skills were on fire, as were their confidence, agility and stamina. They even shocked themselves! It was lovely to see such a growth in confidence and an interest in the sport- with 3 of them wanting to peruse an after school girls football club. They certainly made myself and Rownhams very proud! Three cheers for Rownhams! Well done girls!

Miss Adams (PE coordinator).

Ellie.W, Jaime, Loujayna, Gracie, Bryony, Layla, Nicole

Love, Joy & Responsibility



All Different

All Equal

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

We're celebrating what makes us
**All Different, All Equal for Anti-Bullying
Week this year from Monday 13th -
Friday 17th November 2017.**

If you're worried about bullying and/or would like to be involved
in Anti-Bullying Week this year, please contact

The Behaviour Young Governors



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Emails/Texts/Letters Home

Copies are available in the office and on the website

<http://www.rownhams.hants.sch.uk/adults/letters/>

Leaflets from external companies are not endorsed by this school. The follow up of these is at your discretion

| Day | Year Group | Letter Type | Description |
|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 30/10/2017 | All Years | Letter | Parents Evening |
| 30/10/2017 | All Years | E Mail | Light Party 31st October |
| 31/10/2017 | All Years | Letter | Parent Governor Vacancy |
| 01/11/2017 | Year R/1 | Letter/Slip | School Photographs |
| 02/11/2017 | Year 2 to 6 | Letter/Slip | School Photographs |
| 02/11/2017 | All Years | E Mail | Poppy Appeal |

Yr R Phonics Meeting

We are really delighted with the progress the children have been making in phonics. To complement this we would really appreciate your support in helping your child practice their sounds at home.

We would like to invite you to a phonics workshop on Thursday 9th November at 3.30pm or 5pm. Please return the attached slip to let us know which session you will be attending. We hope you will find this beneficial as we will be focussing on ways you can help your child with phonics at home.

The invitation will come via ParentMail!

