ROWNHAMS ST. JOHNS SCHOOL NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers

This week I have seen some absolutely stunning writing from our children across the school, especially from a number of our Year 6s. Check these extracts out from the Egyptian stories...

Silhouetted by the dim light, the friend smirked eerily. His pearl white teeth shone like a spotlight. The evening breeze had progressed into a storm and was sweeping away anything in its path. Lightning struck while thunder roared. It was chaos. Nefertiti smiled unperturbed by anything. She always saw the good in people.

Nicole, Year 6

As searching rays of sunlight beat down on the golden sand a mighty Pharoah (Tutankhamun) peered over his barren land. His many jewels clothes were like a mirror in his black hair with golden trinkets all over (so he was almost impossible to mistake). He had everything; a palace like a mountain; wealth that was unsurpassable and a caring mother. However, there was one thing missing, he still wanted to travel the world. Force filling his dream, he left his cloaked sister in charge (rather than his brother) and set off.

Torrance, Year 6

The children have also produced some excellent home-learning for their topic…. Well done to all!

Finally—a reminder that our extension work is due to start on Monday! Have a good weekend!!

Tim Woodford, Headteacher

Forgiveness

Ephesians 4:32 NEW TESTAMENT: LETTERS)

Forgive one another, as God has forgiven you through Christ.

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SERVICES FOR SCHOOLS

Every day counts ... Your child's attendance matters!

Should my child stay home from school?

Parents often ask us if their child should be in school. If your child has no temperature but has a cough, cold, headache, earache then as with adults medical advice is to give them paracetemol (calpol, etc) and send them to school. We will always contact you if your child's condition worsens or if we believe it is contagious such as chicken pox, vomiting, etc.

Preventing or minimizing illnesses – it can be done!

One way to lessen the number of days your child needs to stay home is to prevent the illness in the first place. Childhood immunisations can prevent many diseases, such as measles, mumps, and chicken pox. Many illnesses can also be prevented through proper hygiene.

Some hygiene reminders for your children:

- not to share food
- not to share drinks
- not to share clothing
- to throw away used tissues
- to wash hands frequently using soap or hand sanitizer.

Did you know that of pupils who miss between 10% and 20% of school:

- only 35% manage to go on and achieve five A* to C GCSEs including English and mathematics, compared to 73% of pupils with over 95% attendance
- only 66% of pupils gained a Level 4+ in English or mathematics at Key Stage 2, compared to 87% of pupils with over 95% attendance.

DfE, 2011

Finally – remember to phone the school for any absence and bring a note when your child returns to confirm the reason and date of return to school. Supervise your child to catch up on work missed.

Please note regulations for schools give the headteacher the right to consider whether to accept the parent/carers position with regard to medical absence. – and may decide to unauthorise these absence.

Catch it, bin it, kill it

There are two attendance sessions every day and missing school for a whole day counts as two absences so …

Medical/dental/optician appointments

Whenever possible make all medical appointments at the end of the school day or outside school hours. If an appointment is made in school time your child should come to school first and/ or return after their appointment. Please be aware that the absence or illness of a pupil should ***not*** affect the education of their siblings. If a pupil has an appointment (particularly at the beginning or end of the school day) arrangements should be made to ensure that the other sibling is either dropped off or collected from school on time.

Lack of sleep

If your child has been ill in the night and has had broken sleep, please consider sending them into school in the afternoon with a note. Your child may feel better and they will have the chance to join their friends and find out about homework and learning missed.

Absent, but able to learn

If your child is absent due to a long term or contagious illness but is able to work at times. Please contact your school to request work. Many schools now have virtual learning platforms (VLE) so your child can communicate with school through the Internet and access their classwork.

Our school policy on illness is based on direct advice and guidance from the Department for Education (DfE).

The DfE rule of thumb is "*would the ailment keep parents/carers and teachers away from work?*".

Please visit the website if you would like further details:

www.gov.uk/topic/schools-colleges-childrens-services/school-behaviour-attendance

Long term or chronic medical conditions

Please talk to us if your child has a chronic or long term illness as there are a number of ways your child can maintain some education – such as hospital schools or teaching services, home teaching and education centres. We will always aim to support your child in being able to continue some form of education; and we will work closely with you and your child to ensure that we maintain the right balance so your child can keep up whilst checking the type and amount of school work that your child does is appropriate for them and their medical condition.

So what impact can this have?

Liam is in Year 1 and his attendance rate at school is always around 90%. Liam and his family think this is pretty good!

If Liam continues to attend for only 90% of the time, then over five years he will miss the equivalent of about one-half of a school year.

90% attendance for Liam = 20 days absence (four weeks of school missed).

Two days sore throat – September.
Five days cold and cough – December.
Two days dentist – six month check up.
One day christmas shopping.
One day upset stomach – March.
Two days high fever/virus – June.
Five days unauthorised holiday.
One day birthday treat.
One day – two doctors appointments.

Type of illness	NHS recommended period to be kept away from school	NHS further advice/comments
Diarrhoea or vomiting	24-48 hours since last episode.	This may vary in each case, please contact school for further advice.
Flu	Until recovered.	
Whooping cough	Five days from commencement of antibiotics or 21 days from onset if no antibiotic treatment.	After treatment non-infectious coughing may continue for many weeks. Vaccination is available.
Conjunctivitis	None.	
Head lice	None if the hair has been treated.	Recommend use of proprietary hair conditioner combed through the hair with a nit comb.
Mumps	Five days from onset of swelling (vaccination).	Mumps in teenage children can cause other serious medical complications.
Thread worms	None.	Treatment is required for the child and household contacts.
Tonsillitis	None.	There are many causes, most are due to viruses and do not need antibiotics.
Chicken pox	Five days from onset of rash or until spots are crusted over – common March to May.	Chicken pox can effect pregnant women if they have not already had the infection – please call school.
Cold sores	None.	Avoid contact with the sores.
German measles	Five days from the onset of rash can be vaccinated against.	If pregnant women or children under 13 months come into contact with German measles they should inform their GP immediately. Please call school.
Hand, foot and mouth	None.	
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted and healed or 48 hours after starting antibiotics.	Antibiotics can speed the healing process and reduce the infectious period.
Measles	Four days from the onset of rash.	If a pregnant woman comes into contact with German measles she should inform her GP immediately. Please call school.
Slapped cheek	None – most cases are caught late winter – early spring.	Pregnant women, people with weak immune systems or blood disorders who come into contact with Slapped cheek should contact their GP. Please call school.
Warts and verrucae	None.	Verrucae should be covered in swimming pools, gyms and changing rooms.

For more advice visit please: www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Yourchildatschool/Pages/Illness.aspx.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Showing your child the importance of attending school every day not only helps your child to settle quickly when starting school but helps them to keep and sustain friendships and enjoy the school environment

Registration Group	Class % Attendance
Jordan (Mr Warner)	95.7%
Elvis (Mrs Phelps/Miss Hogbin)	95.7%
Monet's (Mrs Johnson)	94.5%
Van Gogh's (Miss Knight)	94.3%
Einstein (Mrs Garrod/Mrs Brown)	94%
Ford (Miss Hill)	93.9%
J K Rowling (Miss Hamilton)	92.7%
Disney (Mrs Hannam)	92%
Edison's (Mrs Phillips/Mr Brown)	90%
Little Dory's (Miss Ramsdale)	89.6%
Little Nemo's (Mrs Baxter/Mrs Shiers)	75.4%

SCHOOL LUNCHES

POLITE RENMINDER THAT WE WILL REQUIRE ALL OUTSTANDING LUNCH MONIES TO BE SETTLED BEFORE THE END OF TERM.

MANY THANKS

YOUR CATERING EXPERT HC3S

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Love, Joy & Responsibility

Emails/Texts/Letters Home

Copies are available in the office http://www.rownhams.hants.sch.uk/adults/letters/

Day	Letter Type	Year Group	Description
4 Feb 2019	Email	Year 3/4	Year 3/4 Roman Outcome -14 Feb 2pm
4 Feb 2019	Poster	Whole School	My Lunch Competition
6 Feb 2019	Email	Whole School	Library Books
7 Feb 2019	Letter/Slip	Year 6	Bikeability Training
11 Feb 2019	Leaflet	Whole School	Attendance Guide
12 Feb 2019	Letter	Yr 5/6 Selected	Football Festival

Calendar -

May we politely remind parents that amendments and new dates are added to the calendar throughout the term so please always check the calendar regularly and ensure your home diary is correct. Thank you.

Date	Time	Year Group	Description
11 Feb 19	4.00-5.00pm	Years (1-6)	Cross Country Race 3 - Mountbatten
14 Feb 19	**5-6 KS1, 6.15-7.30 KS2**	**Whole School**	**PTA Disco**
14 Feb 19	2pm	3/4	Roman Outcome
15 Feb 19	3.10pm	Year 3	Year 3 Cake Sale after school
15 Feb 19		Whole School	Last day of school - Half Term
15 Feb 19	1.00-4.00pm	Year 5/6	Football Festival - Mountbatten
18 Feb 19 - 22 Feb 19		Whole School	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
22 Feb 19	10.00-4.00pm	Musical Theatre	Extra Session - HALF TERM
25 Feb 19	**All day**	**Whole School**	**INSET DAY**
30 May 19	**9-11am**	**Community**	**Car Boot Sale**
24 May 19	**All day**	**Whole School**	**INSET DAY**
12 - 14 Jun 19	3 days	Year 3/4 KH Class	Minstead
17 - 19 Jun 19	3 days	Year 3/4 MG Class	Minstead
19 - 21 Jun 19	3 days	Year 3/4 SW Class	Minstead

INSET DAYS

Monday 25th February 2019

Friday 24th May 2019

CLICK HERE for Hampshire School Dates

Rownhams St John's School Association – Registered Charity No: 1071964

School Disco

THURSDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

£3.00 each

KS1: 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm
KS2: 6.15 pm - 7.30 pm

BUY TICKETS IN ADVANCE!!

Drinks and treats available from 10p

Ice cream 50p Homemade cakes 20p Finger Torch 50p

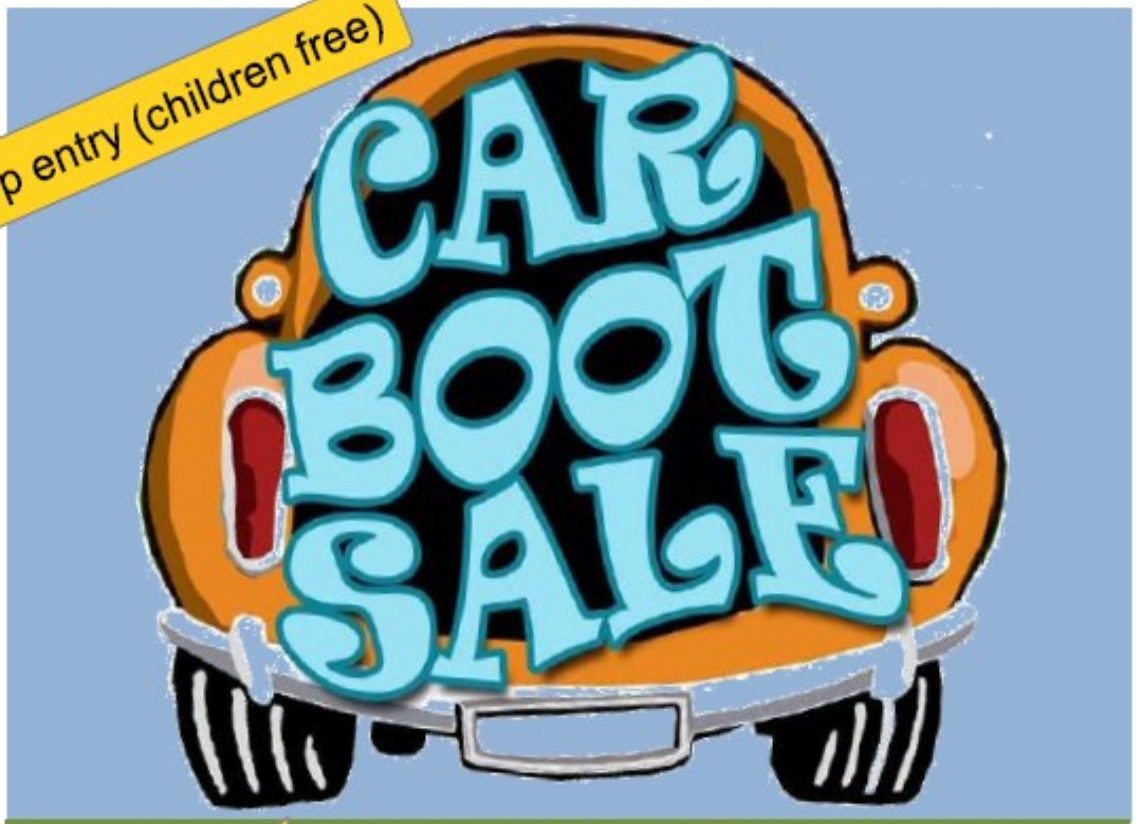
Homemade cakes will be available for the children to buy. We are unable to guarantee that they do not contain traces of nuts or other allergy sensitive ingredients, but we can guarantee they'll be delicious!
Please can we ask that children do not bring too much money, a sensible amount would be a maximum £2 each, thank you.

PARENTS!!

We need help on the night! Either setting up, or during either (or both) key stages, or help pack up/clear up afterwards then please fill out the form provided or let a FORCE member know, many thanks.
With your help, it helps to make it happen!

NO mobile phones at the disco please!

50p entry (children free)



9-11AM Saturday

30th March

Preloved school uniform stall

£5 per car

Tea, coffee, cake and bacon rolls available

Secondhand goods or homemade craft welcome

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Book your spot early to avoid disappointment!

Pop into the school office or phone 023 8073 6417