



## RVIS Newsletter March 2017

### Dates for your Diary

13th March - Parents' Evening for Nursery Children

23rd - 28<sup>th</sup> March - Scholastic Book Fair will be open each night from 3.20 p.m.

23rd March - Parents' Evening for Children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

24th March - Red Nose Day (wear red)

Thursday 30th March - School closes to children at 3:20 p.m.

Tuesday 18th April - School reopens

26th April - Film Night 3.20 - 5.15 p.m.

10<sup>th</sup> May - Reception Disco 5.15 - 6.30 p.m.

12<sup>th</sup> May - Year 1 Disco 4.45 - 5.45 p.m. Year 2 Disco 6 - 7 p.m.

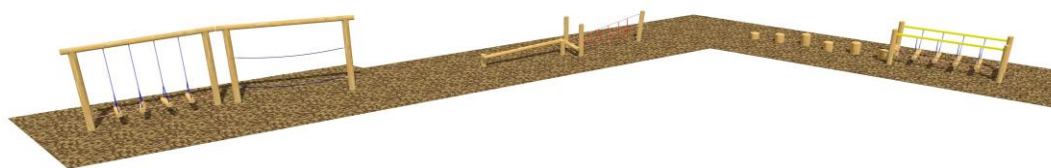
29<sup>th</sup> June - Summer Fete from 2 p.m.

### New Build

It is lovely to see the children and staff settled in their new classrooms and using the new library and other shared areas. We are intending to have the main corridor decorated and re carpeted over the upcoming Easter break. We will then be arranging an official opening to allow parents and friends of the school the opportunity to come into school to see the changes first hand. We have been very fortunate to have this investment in our school; we have a learning environment to be proud of. We will shortly be sending you an invite to the official opening day which is planned for the afternoon and evening of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

### PFA & Trim Trail

The trim trail has been installed and the children are making great use of it at break times.



Thank you again to the PFA for the funds that they contributed towards this equipment. The PFA is still looking for new members so if you are able to contribute your support you will be made very welcome. Claire Jarvis is the Chair of the PFA and can be contacted via both school offices. If you wish get involved in this very worthwhile and supportive group please leave your details at the office for Claire to contact you.

### Year 1 Phonics Event

Thank you to everyone who came along to this event arranged by the Year 1 staff. The feedback received was very positive and highly complementary about the information provided and of the Year 1 provision.

## **Rewarding Good Behaviour**

As your children may have told you, we have a new system for managing behaviour and relationships in school. We are still using the 'Good to be Green' cards that we have had in place previously but in a slightly different way. To celebrate good behaviour children receive a 'Good to be Green' point for every day that their card remains on green. They can exchange these points for rewards, as outlined below:

- 5 points = 10 minutes extra playtime
- 10 points = a prize from the prize box in the office
- 20 points = come in wearing mufti on a day of your choice
- 40 points = attend a tea party with Mr Hurling

All cards return to green at the beginning of the next session.

Of course, sometimes things can go wrong and the following system will be used to manage these situations in each session:

- Orange card = warning
- Red card = 5 minutes time out on the thinking spot
- Further warning = visit Year Leader
- Another further warning = visit Mr Hurling, Mrs Tighe, Mrs Barker or Miss Loomes

This will all take place in a calm manner as we are a 'no shouting school'. When children visit their Year Lead or a member of the Senior Leadership Team we will be following a restorative approach to repair the harm caused, using the following questions:

- What happened?
- What were you thinking?
- How were you feeling?
- Who do you think has been upset by what happened?
- What can we do to make things right?

This approach has proven results in schools across the country and all of our staff have been trained in using this approach. The children have been introduced to the new system in assembly and we have heard lots of excited conversations about which prizes they are saving their points for!

## **Pupil Premium**

If you are in receipt of certain benefits your child may be entitled for financial support for their education known as Pupil Premium. The Pupil Premium is given to the school and we use the funding to pay for school trips and other educational activities. We also support the purchase of uniform. The Northants County Council website provides a list of the benefits which may allow your child to be entitled to this funding. If you require any further information or support with this process please contact the school office. All communication will be completely confidential.

## **School Websites**

Please visit the web site for each school on a regular basis as they will be routinely updated with dates of upcoming events etc. The Infant School website can be found at [www.rothwellvictoriainfants.net](http://www.rothwellvictoriainfants.net)

The Nursery website can be found at [www.rothwellnursery.org.uk](http://www.rothwellnursery.org.uk) Each school also has a Facebook page which you are invited to follow.

## **Newsletters**

From the start of next term we will be producing weekly newsletters which will be sent via email. Many schools are now doing this and we hope this will further improve communication. If you are yet to pass your email details to the school please do so via the school office. In this way we can greatly reduce the amount of paper being sent out and this will also ensure letters are not 'lost' between school and home. Thank you.

## **Nursery Update**

In Nursery this term, our topic is Tell me a Story. The children have enjoyed reading the story of Mr Wolf's Pancakes, and have worked hard serving customers in Mr Wolf's Cafe and taking part in pancake races. They have helped to rescue Little Red Riding Hood from Mr Wolf, and have built houses from sticks to keep the little pigs safe. They are enjoying using the new nursery library, sharing lots of stories with their friends. Next we will be looking at more traditional stories such as the 3 bears, and the Billy Goats Gruff

We are planning to produce a special cookery book to raise money for Clic Sargent on behalf of Sam a remarkable little boy who is in Nursery this year. We would love you to choose your favourite family recipe, savoury or sweet, and cook it with your child. Please take a photo of the finished article. We have placed an online form on the nursery website, where you can type up your recipe, telling us a little bit about it, and upload your photograph, so that it may be added to the book. The form will be available until 10th March Children in the Nursery, Infant and Junior settings and their families are all invited to contribute. The nursery website address is [www.rothwellnursery.org.uk](http://www.rothwellnursery.org.uk) Please click on the link "Sam's Recipe Book". We are very grateful for your support.

## **Reception Update**

Reception had a great time last term learning all about fairy tales. We learnt lots of new and exciting traditional and non-traditional tales and practised using our story language. It was great fun and the impact on the children's writing was fantastic.

We loved our fairy-tale dress up day and were very lucky when we went on our visit to the library that we got to hear a story from the librarian. One of our favourite parts of the topic was when we wrote a letter to our own home and went to the post office and posted our letters. It was great fun!

## **Year 1 Update**

The start of 2017 has been great for the children in Year 1. We still love our new learning environments which have had a very positive impact in the children's learning. Over the last term we enjoyed finding out about Africa through looking at maps, using the internet to find out information about the different animals and reading stories from Africa. During WOW! week we got creative making African jewellery and masks, had a go at jumping like the Maasai Tribe and even got to taste some yummy African food - delicious!

We would also like to thank the parents that came to the phonics information sessions and to those who were able to come into school to read with the children before half term. Your support can really help to develop your child's learning. We hope to have more opportunities for you to come into school soon!

## **Year 2 Update**

The Year 2 children are all working exceptionally hard. They are coming in excited and ready to learn every day. Our space topic was such a success that we are still exploring our solar system. We are on the lookout for aliens this term. On 7th March children will be enjoying an alien day

Our children are very keen to get their reading certificates for reading at home. They get a tick for each time they read with an adult or older sibling. Lots of children are getting the book worm badges for reading 100 times. We have been sending out lots of spellings this year, keep going everyone you have been amazing.

We have been challenging the children with our chilli challenges. Now we use these in our writing and maths work. These really get the children thinking.

7th March - The children are invited to come to school dressed as an alien. (Year 2 only)

16th March - Parents are invited to come and build spacecraft with your child from 1.45 to 3.15 p.m.

## **Love Food**

Any changes to orders for your child's dinners should be made directly with the cook by e-mail on [lovefoodrothwellinfants@outlook.com](mailto:lovefoodrothwellinfants@outlook.com). Alternatively, if you do not have access to e-mail any changes should be written down and handed to the office staff at morning drop-off, stating your child's name, class and menu change.

## **Kettering Eisteddfod**

Good luck to the children who have entered the Kettering Eisteddfod this year. Children from Year 2 will be participating in the Speech and Drama class on 17<sup>th</sup> March. We will update you on their success in future newsletters.

## **Late Registration**

The school gates will be closed from 9.05 a.m. as a safeguarding and security measure. If you are late and arrive after this time you will need to bring your child to the reception office to gain entrance to the school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Lee Hurling  
Executive Head teacher