

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been an unusual week! We began it by appointing two brilliant teachers who will be joining Rowde in September, and as Friday approaches I am now watching the news to see if schools will be instructed to close due to the Coronavirus. By the time you receive this newsletter, what I've written might already be out-of-date. These are unpredictable times, but we will keep you updated as things develop through the usual channels. Please keep in touch via the website, Acorn's website and by checking the bottom of your children's school bags where letters are known to lurk!

In the meantime, there is no cause for undue alarm. We do not have any reported cases or self-isolations affecting the school, and there is hand-gel available all around the building. Pupils have responded brilliantly to the new expectations around hand-washing.

So – until we are instructed otherwise or circumstances change – it is very much business as usual. Next week, Year 6 will sit another set of Maths mocks. Staff training on the new English curriculum is underway and we are on track to launch this in Term 5. We still have a dragon down in Reception and Key Stage 1 (ask Mrs BQ and Mrs McCann about it when you see them) and on Friday evening we will be at Nursted Primary where Rowde are participating in the Rotary Youth Speaks competition. Forthcoming events such as the Parent Evenings are still happening, and booking for these is on-going. If anything changes, class teachers and I will let you know.

If you are attending the Bath Half on Sunday, look out for me and give me a wave – I'm the slow one at the back in the red Shelter vest.

Have a lovely weekend,

Jon

## 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### Dates

**RAFT Family Bingo – Friday 27<sup>th</sup>  
March at 5.30p.m.**

**Parents Evening – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> &  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 3.30 – 6.00p.m.**

**RAFT Spring Bonnet Parade –  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2.00p.m.**

**Lions Club Coaching Weekend –  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> April**

**Easter Holidays Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday  
17<sup>th</sup> April (inclusive)**

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## Parents Evenings

Parents Evening is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March from 3.30 - 6.00p.m. The online system for booking appointments is now live. If you are unable to book an appointment please pop into the school office who will be pleased to do this for you. A crèche will be available.

## Headlice

Please can parents and carers remember to check their child's hair regularly and treat for headlice as necessary. Thank you.

## RAFT Easter Bingo

Raft are holding another Easter Bingo on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March starting at 5.30p.m. Tickets are on sale until Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, priced at £5 for adults and £3.50 for children to include a jacket potato with either mild chilli or veggie chilli.

If there are any parents that have any spare wellies or waterproofs for KS2 children to use for Forest Schools or Gardening Club, we will be very grateful, please pop them into the school office.



## Stars of the Week

The following children were awarded 'Star of the Week' for the week of 6<sup>th</sup> March – Edward, Henry & Alex, Grace, Layla, Marley, Sophie and Indie.

Come and see the star of the week board, opposite the office. Our stars are proudly twinkling up there. Well done all of you.

We would like to thank Jane who kindly pops into school occasionally and keeps the flower bed by the office looking bright and welcoming.



