

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, thank you all for your superb support of World Book Day. With three children at home who all wanted to take part too (Ash from Pokemon, Hermione Granger, and Ginny Weasley – but only after tears and much debate), I know what an expense and trauma it can be. For that reason, I'd like to do the next WBD differently, by building up a supply of costumes over the next twelve months in school, and encouraging a re-use culture rather than many of us throwing money at Supermarkets for single-use plastics. If you have any suggestions, please do let me know.

Drop and Go is now re-established after Judy's departure, but I am aware that we still have issues at the end of the school day. I am looking at how we can do this differently, too. Safety will be the main priority, as I know how busy it gets in our limited car parking space.

The official pronouncements on Coronavirus are arriving daily in my emails, but the main themes that have emerged are clear – the need for clean hands, discrete sneezing/coughing and overall hygiene is paramount. The catchphrase, which I am talking about in tomorrow's assembly, is Catch It, Bin It and Kill It. Secondly, there has been advice from Public Health England not to close schools without their express permission. If anything changes, I will let you know.

Next week is an exciting one, with interviews for two new teachers taking place and a very strong field of candidates. I know that we will have a very strong curriculum and excellent teaching staff in September, which can only help our recovery and progress.

The NFER tests are complete, and my staff are busily marking these so that we can assess the progress of every pupil. We plan to share this with you at the Parent Evenings, but if you would like to know sooner, please speak to the class teacher towards the end of next week, when the scores are in. You'll remember my controversial mixing up of classes before Christmas; I know I do! This will be our first chance to measure the impact of this, and assess what we can do to get things right for your sons and daughters. I won't rest until we do.

An area that I know has caused issues here at Rowde is communication. We are trying to be transparent about the steps we are taking to make rapid progress for the school, but it is the day-to-day issues where we don't always get it right. I've listed below the direct emails to use for key staff – this should give much more immediate access than going through the main office.

For day-to-day class issues:

Mrs BQ: [L.Bergqvist@rowde.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:L.Bergqvist@rowde.wilts.sch.uk)

Mrs McCann: [Smccann@rowde.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:Smccann@rowde.wilts.sch.uk)

Mrs Arnold: [jarnold@rowde.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:jarnold@rowde.wilts.sch.uk)

Mrs Lewington: [alewington@rowde.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:alewington@rowde.wilts.sch.uk)

Mrs Dummett: [KDummett@rowde.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:KDummett@rowde.wilts.sch.uk)

Mr Dyson: [Adyson@rowde.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:Adyson@rowde.wilts.sch.uk)

Mrs Morris: [amorris@rowde.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:amorris@rowde.wilts.sch.uk)

Miss Oakman: [koakman@rowde.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:koakman@rowde.wilts.sch.uk)

For all issues relating to Special Educational Needs:

Mrs O'Brien: [Maria@acorneducationtrust.com](mailto:Maria@acorneducationtrust.com)

The above should offer direct contact (and typically a 24-hour response time during the week) for most issues. Of course, a discussion in the Playground before or after school is still advised, too.

Jon Edy-Berry      Head Teacher

**5<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

## Dates

**DSP Class & Leavers Photos –  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

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

*A bright start for a bright future*

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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. We operate an online system for booking appointments and this 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.

### DSP School Photographs

DSP photographers will be in school next Tuesday (10<sup>th</sup> March) to take class and leavers photographs. If you would prefer for your child not to appear in the photographs please email the school office by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00a.m.

### RAFT

If there are any KS1 parents/carers that would be willing to bake some cakes or biscuits for RAFT to sell after school on Monday we would be very grateful. The money raised will be put towards the school trips.

### Netball Matches

Yesterday Rowde Blue: Gloria, Ruby (Captain), Olivia, Fay, Daisy and Sorrel played All Cannings A. The All Cannings team quickly started scoring 3 goals in the first quarter. In the second quarter the Rowde girls pulled together to stop any further goals being scored by the opposition. Their game continued to improve and in the last quarter Fay and Ruby scored goals to make the final score 3-2.

Afterwards Rowde Purple: Evie (Captain), Sophie, Mere, Kaiya, Rosie and Primrose played against Chirton. The game started with Chirton scoring 2 early goals and Rowde having a few opportunities too. When the girls settled they showed some great passing and interceptions. Chirton fought back strongly, scoring further goals, but Rowde continued to show some good defensive play. In the third quarter Rowde had a good spell of possession allowing Evie to score a goal. The final score was 9-1. Positive comments were made by umpires and the opposing team's coach on Evie's shooting technique and the future potential that our young team has.

Well done to all the girls that played in such wet and cold conditions. They remained determined and gave 100% even if things weren't going their way.

### World Book Day

As always we are very impressed by the children's outfits on World Book Day. Thank you to everyone for making such a special effort. It is certainly a way of sharing our love of books."

In Y1/ Cygnus we have been working collaboratively creating Easter Gardens and reflecting on why this celebration is so important.



### Celebrations

Congratulations to Riley who received Player of the Week at Rugby last weekend.



