

Rodbourne Cheney Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It is nice to see some sunshine this week after last week's snow! As you know decisions to close are never easy, so we thank you for your support and understanding.

We recently had an independent school improvement visit. The visit was a great success and they were very impressed with the level of challenge in lessons, quality of work in books, standard of teaching and also the exceptional learning behaviours of the children. In addition, we were visited by other teachers and senior leaders that week who also commented on our children and their amazing attitudes to their learning. It is always so lovely for other people to recognise the hard work and fantastic behaviour of all our children in our school.

As promised, we now have a new look Reception class. Thank you to Mr Walsh, teachers and our WHF estates team for transforming this so quickly over the half term break. It is now a much better use of the space and the children are enjoying their new area.

We have sent out our parent questionnaire this week and we look forward to your responses and feedback. As always if you have questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

Miss Davies

WOW!

Well done to Adam on winning a prize to be a Swindon Town mascot.

Well done to Grace for making a fantastic and grown up decision to donate her hair and raise money for charity. We will send out more information closer to the time on how you can support her.

TD Days for 2018-2019 (next academic year)

Later dates for additional TD days will be added later.

Monday 3rd September- Closed

Tuesday 4th September- TD Day

22nd October, 23rd October and 24th October TD days

World Book Day

Thank you all for providing the children with wonderful costumes to celebrate World Book day. We will be in touch with everyone who was to stay for the story telling session with a new date and time.

Photos of the children in their costumes are on our Twitter page. Please feel free to tweet us with photos of your child reading.

Highlights and Successes

Well done to our Reception and Year 1 children on their trip to Westonbirt to go on the Highway Rat trail. Even though it was very chilly, the children were enthusiastic and excited explorers! We really enjoyed taking them on this experience and once again their behaviour and attitudes were exceptional.

A huge well done to our Pencelli children for showing amazing resilience during their residential... even in the snow! They were all fantastic and a real credit to yourselves and our school. We are sure they will always remember going to Pencelli and braving the icy weather!

Governors

We are seeking new governors to join our governing body. Please see Miss Davies for more information on this or contact our school office.

School Residential Dates

Monday 19th March-20th March- Year 2 residential

Tuesday 27th-28th March- Year 3 residential

Monday 16th -18th April- Year 4 residential

Monday 2nd July-6th July- Year 6

Help with reading in school

Are you, or someone you know, able to help hear readers in school? If so, or you want some more information then please see you child's class teacher or Miss Davies

Term 4 Topic

Our topic this term is 'What is the story?' A book-based and author study topic

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Julia Donaldson	Martin Waddell	Roald Dahl	Beatrix Potter	Anthony Browne	Gary Crew	Shaun Tann

Dates for next term (more will to be added)

Thursday 8th March- WHF Science Festival

Thursday 8th March- Gloucester University to visit year 5 and 6

Thursday 8th March- 'PTA Mothers' Day and Special Person' shop

Friday 9th March- Justin Tomlinson MP to visit school

Saturday 10th March- Saturdads

Monday 12th March—Debating competition for our Debate-mate team

Tuesday 13th March- Whole school Science Day

Tuesday 13th March- Skip to be Fit workshops and activities

Tuesday 13th March- Choir to visit St Andrew's Church

Wednesday 14th March—5KF class to visit Moredon pm

Thursday 15th March- Infant Music Festival

Monday 19th March- Year 2 residential

Tuesday 27th March- Year 3 residential

Monday 26th March- Elite dance team perform at TGBDO at Wyvern

Tuesday 27th March- Church Easter service (change of date)

Thursday 29th March- Police car and bike to visit school

End of term

Monday 16th April- return to school. History topic to start

Monday 16th April- Year 4 residential

Monday 16th April- Rock and Pop music roadshow (pm)

Tuesday 24th April- parents evening

Maths Magician

We hope the children came home very enthusiastic on Monday after being wowed by our maths magician. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged and excited about maths. Thank you to our parents and children who came after school to our magic maths session. We appreciate your support and hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as the children did!

Saturdads

Saturday 10th March
10-12pm

Good Luck to our elite dance team competing at The Great Big Dance Off on Monday 26th March. Tickets are now on sale from the Wyvern