



Rowley Lane Newsletter

Latest Updates

We are approaching the end of the Spring Term, with our last day being Friday 8th April. There have been many exciting events since our last newsletter, some of which you can read more about within this newsletter. As well as those detailed within the letter: Year 5 and Year 6 have both had Outdoor learning days, with Year 3 and Year 1 having them planned for this week. All year groups got involved with Science week carrying out different experiments on biscuits! Years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 have all engaged with various author events that have taken place over Zoom run by Read bookshop in Holmfirth. One Year 4 class have been on their residential visit to Cliffe House and the other class are looking forward to going during the first week after Easter. A group of Year 6 pupils identified as able, interested and motivated in sport (AIM Academy) went on a visit to the English Institute of Sport along with pupils from other local schools. Our Year 5 pupils visited Almondbury Methodist Church and Year 4, Lepton Methodist Church for Easter workshops. Year 1 pupils have all had access to balanceability sessions to help them become confident in the first steps towards riding a bike. There are many more events planned over the Summer Term; please see the calendar within for details about these and keep checking the website for updates. Inside this newsletter, you can also find further information about the latest updates on COVID regulations.

Promoting Reading

Thank you to everyone who got involved with the PTA organized **Ready, Steady, Read**. As well as earning lots of books for themselves, which will go out before Easter, we were able to order just over £2000 worth of books for school to replenish the library and reading books in school. We will be launching these new books within school after the Easter break.



Staff and pupils had a fantastic day celebrating **World Book Day**. Everyone put in the effort to get dressed up and classes spent time in class on fun reading activities. We also had two teams of four Year 6 pupils in the Kirklees World Book Day Quiz which took place at Huddersfield Town Hall. It was lovely to return to this event in person; our teams did very well and one of our pupils came home with the best costume award!

In order to help promote reading and encourage children to read, it helps if the adults around them can be good role models. To support this, we have set up a bookshelf in the main entrance of school that will be a free **library service** for parents, carers and staff in our school community. We would welcome any donations of books for this service and any adults connected to our school community are welcome to borrow books to enjoy. It will completely run on trust, there is no requirement to sign out books; we just ask that you only borrow what you need at any one time and return them once you are finished with them. Happy reading!



Fundraising Day—Comic Relief and Eden's Army



We had a fantastic day on Friday 18th March where, whilst having lots of fun, we raised an amazing £1250.66 for the charities. **£587.83 went to Comic Relief** and **£662.83 to Eden's Army**. Many of our children in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 showed amazing commitment and enterprise by setting up their own stalls for pupils to shop at. We are very proud of everyone's efforts

**COMIC
RELIEF****EDEN'S ARMY**
TURNING KIRKLEES
PINK FOR EDEN

Class Photos - Wednesday 4th May

On the above date, all classes in school will have a 'traditional' style class photograph. This means that if your child normally has PE on Wednesday, they will need to come in their normal school uniform, NOT PE uniform. It is very important that on this day pupils are all in full uniform, as they should be on all non-PE days. Children will still get to have active lessons on this day so they are not missing out on their activity.

Blue Badge Parking

Access to the car park is permitted for parents or carers with a blue badge in the following circumstances: The badge must belong to the parent/carer responsible for bringing or collecting the child/children.

The badge must be shown to the school office so we can take a copy for our records.

The person named on the blue badge must be the sole person in the car, otherwise the other adult should be able to get out and collect the pupil from further afield.

The person named on the blue badge must have to leave the car to go and pick up the child from their classroom door.

If collecting older pupils who could safely walk to an area close to school but outside of the car park (e.g. up Rowley Lane), parents or carers with blue badges should not need to enter the car park.

We cannot guarantee a parking space for all blue badge holders. If there is no space, please do not leave cars in places that are not allocated parking spaces or on the grass.

Thank you for your co-operation and help with this.

COVID Updates

Below is advice copied directly from the Government website:

If a child or young person has a **positive COVID-19 test result** they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower.

If you have symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as COVID-19, and you have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to go to work or carry out normal activities, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until you no longer have a high temperature (if you had one) or until you no longer feel unwell.

Sporting News

This term we have a number of sporting events to celebrate and it has been fantastic to get back into these after such a long time.

A team of Year 4 boys took part in a small football competition against other primary schools that was held here at Rowley Lane. The event was for people of all abilities. Our pupils worked well as a team and came first overall. There was also a similar girls football competition for Year 3 & 4—in this event we had two teams who both were excellent. One of our teams finished second overall.

Unfortunately the Kirklees cross country final had to be cancelled twice because of the weather which meant that selection for the Yorkshire finals was done based on the results of the heat.

17 pupils from Rowley Lane were selected for the final, a team of year 3 boys; a team of year 4 girls, an individual girl in Year 5 and an individual boy in Year 6. We are delighted to announce that our Year 3 boys team came 2nd overall and our Year 5 girl runner came 2nd overall and earned a place in the national finals. Well done to all of our pupils who represented school this term in sporting events. We are also really pleased that the school games organisers have decided to re-schedule the Kirklees Final that was thwarted by the weather. This will now take place on Tuesday 3rd May and all pupils who were due to run in the original event will be invited; unfortunately there will be no pathway through to the next level however, we know that all the pupils will still gain a lot of enjoyment from taking part in the event.

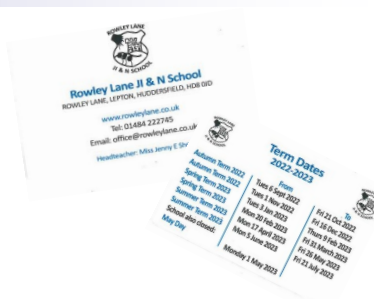


West Yorkshire Cross Country Finalists

DAY	APRIL
MON	25. School Re-opens
TUES	26.
WED	27. Y4 DB Class Cliffe House
THURS	28. Y4 DB class Cliffe House
FRI	29. Y4 DB Class Cliffe House
	MAY
MON	2. MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
TUES	3. Y2 Assessment Month Kirklees Cross Country Final pm
WED	4. Class photos Neiley Races—Race 1
THURS	5.
FRI	6.
MON	9. Y6 SATS
TUES	10. Y6 SATs
WED	11. Y6 SATs Neiley Races—Race 2
THURS	12. Y6 SATs
FRI	13. KS2 Disco (TBC)
MON	16.
TUES	17. Y6 Outdoor Learning PM
WED	18.
THURS	19.
FRI	20.
MON	23.
TUES	24. Y5RS Outdoor Learning PM Y1 Outdoor Learning
WED	25. Neiley Races—Race 3
THURS	26. Magic Tom (PTA After School Event) Y5MWO Outdoor PM Year 3 Magna Visit
FRI	27. Last day of term
MON	30. SPRING BANK HOLIDAY
TUES	31. SPRING BANK HOLIDAY
WED	1. JUNE SPRING BANK HOLIDAY
THURS	2. SPRING BANK HOLIDAY
FRI	3. SPRING BANK HOLIDAY
	JUNE
MON	6. ADDITIONAL BANK HOLIDAY
TUES	7. School Reopens

Term Dates for next Academic Year

Term date cards for the academic year 2022-2023 are going out this week. Please check your child's reading folder and keep these safe for future reference. If for some reason the card does not reach home, we do have some spares located in the office.



Easter Raffle

Our PTA have been selling tickets for our Easter Raffle which will take place on Thursday 7th April. There is still time to buy tickets—please just send money in to the school office in an envelope marked with your child's full name and Easter Raffle by Wednesday at the latest. We will not be sending tickets back home, but all tickets will go in with names written on the back of the ticket. We always ensure that all pupils will have one ticket in the draw free of charge, that way all pupils will have a chance of winning. Thank you to parents who have arranged kind donations towards the prizes.



COVID Memorial Flag

Earlier this term, Kirklees launched a competition for school children to design a COVID memorial flag. Each school could submit one entry. We held class level competitions then staff voted on the winning design for our school. Although our design did not get selected as the winning flag for Kirklees, they have created all the submitted designs into flags for schools and we are really proud of ours. It was designed by Oliver S in Year 3 and has a lovely positive message of hope. We have used the flag to help deliver some messages in our recent assemblies and it will be on display within school in the Summer Term.



Important Reminder—Additional Bank Holiday for Queen's Jubilee celebration will be on Monday 6th June 2022 at the end of the Spring Bank Holiday. The last day of term will be Friday 27th May then School will reopen on Tuesday 7th June 2022.