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# Rowley Lane Christmas Newsletter

## Latest updates

Thank you to all families for the fabulous support over this last month. We have had a wonderful few weeks being able to share the great performances and enjoy our Christmas Fair which was a great success.

Members of our Glee Group have been up to the Methodist Church singing for a local community group and our Y3&4 Hand Chimes group have also performed for parents and for the community group at the Methodist church.

Our Christmas Raffles took place earlier this week. There were many fantastic hampers, other prizes and the star prize of the shopping trolley. All winners have been notified. In addition to the donations to make up the hampers, we have also collected lots of food to donate to the food bank. This will be delivered in the week between Christmas and New Year. In the children's raffle, there were around 150 prizes won amongst lots of excitement. There is a list of all winning numbers and names for both raffles which will be available in the office.

Our Reception children enjoyed the pantomime Cinderella last week, they were all a delight to take out. Year 2 also visited the Methodist Church for Christmas Crafts earlier in the month. Many children enjoyed their school Christmas lunch this yesterday and this morning we all got together in the hall for a Christmas sing-along where Glee and Hand Chimes also performed.

Our Christmas Fair was a great success. The children had a wonderful time shopping, welcoming Father and Mother Christmas who arrived on a sleigh, and also fitting some party games in-between. Thank you for all the donations that made the fair a great day for all.



**Mother & Father Christmas with their Elf visited on Christmas Fair Day arriving in a sleigh**

### Staffing updates:

A reminder that Mrs Henman left today but she will be back at school running her crafts club in the new year. Today was also Ms Sykes's last day as part of our SEN Support team. As previously mentioned, Miss Charlotte Frankland will return to REACH five mornings but will now be working in the classroom each morning as part of our SEN support team and no longer be working at REACH on an evening. There is a vacancy for some hours at REACH in the evenings—please see the link [here](#) if you or anyone you know is interested. Miss Laura Sanderson joins our SEN support team from January.

### Governor Update:

Thank you to the parents who have put themselves forward for the parent governor opening. In the new year there will be a ballot paper coming out for each parent along with some supporting information.



**Adult Raffle Prizes**

Wishing everyone a restful break and hoping that you enjoy some family time together. Please remember school re-opens on **Monday 8th January** at 8:50am

## School Council & Uniform Exchange

Our school council were involved in running the Uniform Exchange stall at the Christmas performances. They did a fantastic job and the uniform exchange items were well received. Uniform Exchange have given us the following feedback regarding the items that were taken for use. They have also sent a thank you card for the kind money donations that were given.

Our School Council also went out and about delivering Christmas Card to the local businesses.



### SUSTAINABLE EXCHANGE

Reduce the cost Extend the life Promote positive sustainability



Choose to re-use



49 items taken for re-use



Equivalent of 147 plastic bottles saved from landfill



Over £550 saved by parents



REDUCE ENERGY



REDUCE WASTE



REDUCE WATER

There is no charge for reusing school uniform  
Our mission is to keep uniform in use and out of landfill

## Sporting Events

Our Sportshall Athletics team in Y6 took part in an area heat in early December; not only did they come first in our heat, they came first in the whole of the SPIN area. This means that they now qualify for the Kirklees which take place in next half term. Well done to all of the team and good luck in the next event.

A group of pupils also went to Lepton C of E to take part in a New Age Kurling Event and they also came first—another amazing achievement

## Important Reminder of dates in calendar for next term

(Yellow highlighted events are new or changed from last newsletter)

Spring Term Dates (2024)			
Mon 8th Jan	School re-opens Y4 Cooking this week	Half Term 10th Feb—18th Feb	
Tue 9th Jan	MHST workshop for parents— Scaffolding Self Esteem 9am School Bungalow	Mon 19th Feb	School Reopens 8:50am Arts' Week
Thurs 11th Jan	Cross Country Kirklees Final (re- arranged)	Wed 21st Feb	Young Voices Concert
Mon 15th Jan	Y5&6 Cooking this week	Mon 26th Feb	MHST Workshop—Supporting Mental Health 9am—School Bungalow Y4 Girls' Indoor Football 4-5:30pm KJS
Wed 17th—Fri 19th Jan	Y1 Balanceability sessions	Fri 1st March	Y5 Outdoor Learning
Tues 23rd Jan	TT Rockstars Day (Dress up as a rock star)	Tues 5th March	Y5&6 Netball 4—5:30pm Newsome
Thurs 25th Jan	Y5 Jodrell Bank Educational Visit	Thurs 7th March	World Book Day—Dress up as a character. Kirklees Book Quiz (Y6)
Fri 26th Jan	SSOC training—Oak Primary	Mon 11th March	Reception Height & Weight Screening (Locala)
Tues 30th Jan	Parents' Evening 3:30-6:15		Y1&2 Cooking this week
Thurs 1st Feb	Parents' Evening 3:30-6:15	Wed 13th—Fri 15th March	Frog Class Cliffe House Residential Visit
Mon 5th Feb	Y3 Cooking this week	Thurs 14th March	Reception Outdoor Learning
Tues 6th Feb	Lepton Community Link Meeting— Lepton Methodist Church 7:15pm	Wed 20th March	Class Photos
Wed 7th Feb	Nursery Drop in Session for parents interested in Sept '24 places	Fri 22nd March	Y6 Outdoor Learning Last Day of Term
Thurs 8th Feb	Y6 French Theme Day	Easter Holidays 23rd March—7th April	
Fri 9th Feb	Last Day of half term		

## RISE & SHINE Community Hub Information

Keep checking the RISE and SHINE Community Hub page of our website for updated local community information including information on clubs that are running on the second week of the holidays. You can click on the Rise & Shine icon for the link directly to the page.

Also, please scan the QR code to take you to the Rise & Shine Facebook page for the latest community information.

Keep checking back on both of these links for regular updates.



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