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## Rowan Class Newsletter – Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Curriculum

This term our topic is '**Ancient Greece**'. For more information, please view our Topic Web, which will be displayed on the school website.



### Homework

Enriching learning sheets for our class are posted on the school website and a copy will be in the children's homework books. The expectation is for homework to be returned to school, completed, on a **Friday**. Spelling homework will be handed out on **Friday** and will be tested on the following **Friday**. Reading records will also be checked every **Thursday**.

### P.E.

For Term 1, the children will have P.E. on Mondays and Tuesdays. However, it is essential for the children to have their kit in school every day. All children should have indoor and outdoor kit, such as shorts, t-shirt and trainers for indoor use, and tracksuit bottoms, a long-sleeved top and trainers for outdoor sessions.



Please ensure that your child's PE kit is clearly named. During Term 1, the children will have swimming lessons on Mondays. During Term 2, the children will be attending Forest School on Tuesdays where they will need a change of clothing for outdoor activities.



A separate letter will follow.

### Parents' Evenings

There will be formal parent / teacher meetings on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of November, when we will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress so far and targets for the year. A sign-up sheet will be available nearer the time.



### Important Dates

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September – **Information Evening for Year 5/6 Residential**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September – **Individual School Photos**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September – **Race for Life and Macmillan Coffee Afternoon**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – **Harvest Festival (in school – pupils only)**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – **Year 5/6 Residential to Kilvrough**

Monday 23<sup>th</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – **Half-Term**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – **Kilvrough Sharing Worship**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – **INSET Day (school closed to pupils)**

W/C 6<sup>th</sup> November – **South Africa Week**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – **Parents' Evenings**  
W/C 13<sup>th</sup> November – **Anti-Bullying Week**  
W/C 20<sup>th</sup> November – **Maths Week**  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – **Singing Around The Tree**  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – **Christmas Church Service & Christmas Lunch**  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - **Last day of term**  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – **INSET Day (school closed to pupils)**

Details on these and news on further events will be communicated with you via email. Please see the school website for dates for the whole academic year.

### **Contact**

If you wish to make contact with me, there are a number of ways that you can do this

- You could send a message (written or verbal) with your child.
- You are able to phone the School Office, who will be able to help you to pass on a message.
- Alternatively, I will usually be available at the end of the school day once all of the children have been collected and this would be a good time to have a quick conversation. A longer meeting can then be arranged at a mutually convenient time if required.
- As you will have seen in the recent communication from Mr Horner, emails should now be sent via the school office (office.3082@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk), who will forward your message to me if necessary, and you can expect a response within 3 working days.

### **Reminders**

- Water Bottles – Please make sure children have a clear, named water bottle with them every day (separate from any drink in their lunchbox) as this allows access to water as and when they require it. Please note that we only allow water in these bottles (not squash, juice or flavoured water).
- Outdoor Footwear – All children should be prepared for outdoor play by keeping wellies and a warm waterproof coat in school.
- Pencil Cases – Children do not need to have a pencil case in school, but if they would like one, it needs to be small enough to fit in their trays.



Kind regards,

Miss Barrett

