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Dear Parents and Carers

Newsletter Number 2

Whole School

The new school year is now well underway with our extra-curricular clubs running and school trips taking place for some. Year 3 have now fully settled in and are adapting well to new routines and clearly enjoy being with their friends.

Our Pastoral Support Team are on hand should children need additional support with any aspect of school life.

Safeguarding in School

Safeguarding is our top priority and we take our moral and statutory responsibility seriously. We work hard to create a safe and welcoming environment where both children and adults feel secure, have a voice and believe that they are being listened to. We are supportive of all their needs including any needs they have for protection from abuse. We all have the right to be happy, to be safe and to learn and we all have the responsibility to make this happen. Safeguarding underpins all aspects of our work as a school.

Everyone in school is trained to spot the signs of Safeguarding concerns and we use CPOMS (an electronic recording system) to record any concerns we have. Mrs Thornton (Assistant Head and SENCO) and I are Designated Safeguarding Leads and we oversee and monitor safeguarding practices across school. We are supported by Mrs Gosling (Operating Deputy Safeguarding Lead), Mr Crane, Mrs Marriott, and Mrs Young who are all Deputy Safeguarding Leads.

Should you have any individual concerns you feel you need to share with us then please approach us and we will discuss these with you confidentially.

I thought it would be helpful to remind you of our designated safeguarding email DSL@ringwood-junior.hants.sch.uk

This email address is on the school website under contact details and is monitored by a member of the strategic leadership team during term time and the school holidays.

Open Mornings for Prospective Parents and Carers

On **Tuesday 18th November and Thursday 27th November**, from 9:00am – 10:30am, there will be an opportunity for parents, who are considering sending their child to our school, to come in and see the school in action and meet myself and other school leaders. We welcome all parents who have a child currently in year 2, who would like to join our school in September 2025.



We shall need to do this on an organised basis so hope any interested parents or carers will join us at 9.00am for the 'Official Talk and Tour'. Afterwards, over a cup of tea or coffee, there will be the chance for an informal chat with staff and the Leadership Team about aspects of the school.

Open Mornings/Afternoon - Reminder

It was lovely to see so many parents at our Year 6 open morning this week. We shall be holding more open mornings next term for the other year groups.

We are looking forward to Year 4 sharing their new knowledge and skills with parents.

Year 3 – Thursday 11th December - Sing-Along – 2:00pm

Year 4 – Wednesday 3rd December – Mini Recorder Music Concert

4MB 9:00am – 9:30am, 4KM 9:45am – 10:15am, 4HW 11:05 – 11:35am

Year 3 Sing-Along

The Year 3 Nativity Performance will be held in school on Thursday 11th December. This will be a traditional Christmas story told through music and actions with a modern twist.

Curriculum Events

Curriculum Newsletters

Your child's termly Curriculum newsletter has been sent out to you. These outline the areas of learning that will be taught this term across all Curriculum areas. The Curriculum newsletter for each year group can be found on our school website under the Curriculum tab. Please look at the website from time to time for details of key information that you may need to know, such as dates and times of events.

Curriculum Knowledge Organisers

When a new unit or block of learning begins, the children are given a 'knowledge organiser'. This sets out the key knowledge that is to be learnt during this study. It outlines for children what is to come and provides an aide memoire to help memorise this new learning. This goes into the children's exercise books and is referred to throughout the project. We have sent this in booklet form for your convenience, and hope you will use this to discuss learning with your child.

Year 5 Chris Connaughton visit – Tuesday 2nd December

Chris Connaughton, a local author and story teller, will be working with year 5 children to introduce their next English unit based on Legends. He will tell adventure stories based on 'Robin Hood' to enhance children's writing through learning dramatic techniques and engaging in role play. This will stimulate pupils' imagination and inspire them to turn their own ideas into quality writing.

Community

Harvest Festival for Ringwood Foodbank

Before half-term, we held our Harvest Festival and were pleased to collect food and household items for Ringwood Foodbank. We are most grateful to you for your donations.

There is an ongoing need to support families whose economic circumstances have changed and those who rely on community support to supplement their income.

Should you find yourself in a challenging situation, then please speak to Mrs James or Mrs East in the school office who will be able to help.



Help with your utility bills

If you are having difficulties with the cost of energy bills, the Citizens Advice Bureau can offer free support and advice. For more details visit this part of their website:

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/energy/energy-supply/get-help-paying-your-bills/grants-and-benefits-to-help-you-pay-your-energy-bills/>

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Each year we contribute to the House of Opportunity Christmas Shoe Box appeal for people in South East Europe. The shoe boxes go to abandoned children living in state care, poor rural schools and kindergartens, women's refuges, prisoner's children, isolated elderly people, refugees and Roma children living in difficult conditions. I am therefore inviting you to keep up the tradition and give your support. A leaflet will be sent home this week with further information about making your Christmas shoe box and suggested items to include. **Shoe boxes will need to be in school by Friday 28th November 2025.**

Update from the PTA

Before Autumn half-term we had our Spooky Spoons competition. There were many fun and amazing creations, and the judges had a difficult time choosing year group winners and an over-all winner.

We are now onto planning the Christmas term. November is packed with activities.

If you're not already supporting us through easyfundraising consider doing so now! During November, download the App and register via this link only https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app/?caused=160624&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=app-eal-nov-em1 and they will donate £2 for every new RJS supporter. Every time you shop via easyfundraising, retailers donate!

Thursday 13th November we are holding the Glow Disco and tickets for this are on sale on the PTA website – please buy your tickets early as these are limited due to capacity. Years 3 & 4 will be 5:15pm – 6:30pm and Years 5 & 6 will be 6:45pm – 8:00pm.

Friday 14th November: Bookings for Santa's Grotto and Christmas Fayre tokens are available on the PTA website

Friday 28th November we are holding our Christmas Fayre and Santa's Grotto. We will need volunteers to help during the day at school. We need help organising the donations and the rooms for the fayre. If you are able to help, please email us at pta.ringwoodjuniors@gmail.com

Funds are being raised towards the cost of the new playground and play equipment in the front playground.

All of our events and details about our fundraising are on our PTA website: www.pta-events.co.uk/ringwoodjuniors and our PTA Facebook page.

Communication

School Uniform

Since our first Newsletter when we covered all aspects of uniform information, the weather has changed and it is becoming colder and wetter. Please ensure your child has a warm and waterproof coat at all times and it is clearly labelled.



Christmas Holiday

For your diary please note that the Autumn Term will end on **Friday 19th December at 12:45pm**. The first day of term for pupils will start again on **Tuesday 6th January 2026** as Monday 5th January is an Inset Day.

Diary Dates

Please find attached a list of main school events for the rest of this term to help you with your forward planning and keep you up-to-date with what is going on in school.

One of the pleasures of our day is welcoming children at the beginning of the day and saying farewell to them as they leave the site at the end of the day. We have enjoyed meeting our new children, especially year 3 and informally talking to you. There are always members of our Pastoral Support Team and Senior Leaders who join me at the gate each day, so please pop over for a chat or come and tell one of us if you have a query, concern or question and we will do our best to help you.

Your sincerely



Mrs S-A Evans
Headteacher



Diary Dates

Thursday 13 th November	PTA Year Glow Discos – Years 3 & 4 will be 5:15pm – 6:30pm Years 5 & 6 will be 6:45pm – 8:00pm
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need – Non-Uniform Day
Monday 17 th November – week of	Road Safety Week
Tuesday 18 th November	Prospective Parents' Open Morning 9:00am
Wednesday 19 th November	Year 6 Height and Weight Checks
Thursday 27 th November	Prospective Parents' Open Morning 9:00am
Friday 28 th November	Christmas Shoe Boxes to be collected
Friday 28 th November	Christmas Fayre and Non-Uniform Day
Tuesday 2 nd December	Year 5 Chris Connaughton Writing Workshop
Wednesday 3 rd December	Year 4 Mini Recorder Music Concert 4MB – 9:00am-9:30am 4KM – 9:45am-10:15am 4HW – 11:05am-11:35am
Thursday 11 th December	Year 3 Christmas Sing-a-long – 2:00pm
Tuesday 16 th December	Christmas Carol Service, Ringwood Church 6.30pm
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch, Santa Visit & Year 6 Party
Friday 19th December	Last Day of Term, school finishes at 12:45pm
Monday 5 th January	INSET DAY
Tuesday 6th January	RETURN TO SCHOOL

