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Dear Parents and Carers

Newsletter Number 4

Curriculum

Open Days

We are delighted to be welcoming you back into school to see the children's learning in action. Please see below open mornings/afternoons for the Spring Term –

Year 3 Ancient Egypt Exhibition Afternoon	Tuesday 24 th March	2:00pm-3:00pm
Year 4 Maths Multiplication Tables Lesson	Wednesday 18 th March – 4MB	9:00am-9:30am
	Friday 20 th March – 4HW & 4KM	9:00am-9:30am
Year 5 Open Morning – Maritime History	Thursday 12 th February	9:00am-10:00am
Year 6 Parents' Maths Open Morning	Tuesday 3 rd February	9:00am-10:00am

Termly Curriculum Information Newsletters

The year groups' termly curriculum newsletters will be sent out via email this week. The curriculum newsletters are also available on the website under the Curriculum tab. This is an excellent way of sharing with you our expectations and offering suggestions as to how you can support the learning, through useful websites, visits and curriculum activities, including home learning.

The curriculum overview for the whole year can also be found on our school website under the Curriculum tab: Year Groups, for your information.

Year 5 Travelling Planetarium

Year 5 children have enjoyed spending time inside a mobile planetarium and have been amazed at and inspired by our travelling scientists who have brought to life the children's understanding of Earth and Space.

Iron Age Day

Year 3 are looking forward to a day learning about the Iron Age with Mr Russell. The children will be exploring and handling a range of real and replica artefacts from the Iron Age to help them gain a better understanding of life at this time. During the afternoon the children will complete their Iron Age warrior training and decorate shields which they will then able to take home with them. We will capture the day on our website, so please take a look at the year group page.

Year 6 SATs Meeting

Yesterday, Year 6 parents were invited to a SATs meeting to find out about the SATs, which children will take from **Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2026**. We outlined the process and explained any changes this year and talked you through some past SATs papers to give you a flavour of what is involved. The session covered revision and suggested ways in which you can support your child at home.



SATs is obviously a very important event in your child's life and we hope you found this meeting both informative and supportive. If you were unable to make the meeting, then you will be able to access the information on our website under the Curriculum tab, Year 6.

CGP revision packs are available to purchase at a discounted price, via the school office. You should have already received an order form and these can also be obtained from the school office. We have found over the years that these are an excellent resource in helping children revise the vocabulary and language they need for SATs and to practise the skills needed. Our year 6 teachers are using additional resources from the range to support the children's revision programme.

The year 6 teachers have been running booster sessions for children who have gaps in their learning. This covers all ability ranges. These booster sessions may be before or after school or during the school day. It is important that your child takes advantage of these smaller teaching groups in order to address any gaps in learning. Ensuring that the children are ready for secondary school is a key element to this work.

If you are interested in tutoring for your child then please contact the school office who will be able to give you the names of tutors.

Year 5 Portsmouth Historic Dockyard Visit – Wednesday 28th January

As a part of the Year 5 history project exploring British Maritime History, an exciting visit is arranged to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. This will give children a greater insight and understanding of Britain's maritime history and traditions. The children will visit HMS Warrior and The Mary Rose Museum to compare what life was like aboard these two ships.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Meetings – Monday 26th January 5:00pm

Year 4 parents are invited to an information meeting to find out about the Multiplication Tables Test your child will be taking later in the year. We will explore how we are preparing the children for the test and ways that you can support at home. The meeting is at 5:00pm and will be held **virtually**.

UK Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 10th February

The theme this year is "**Small tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI**". This year the focus is on:

Everyone's talking about AI, and with many children and young people hearing about and using AI online, it's important they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology.

This Safer Internet Day we are exploring the impact of AI on all our lives, looking at how AI can be used for good, and giving advice and guidance that empowers people to use AI safely and responsibly.

Miss Webber will be launching the day through an assembly, and staff will teach children about safer internet use, both in class and through assemblies, throughout the week. Free resources to help parents to talk with their children about Safer Internet use are available at:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week – 9 – 13th February

This year's theme is **This is my place** and is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. When we feel empowered, there's a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self-esteem.

As a school, we will be exploring practical ways of empowering children. Resources for parents and carers can be found at <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>



World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

World Book Day was created by UNESCO on 23rd April 1995 as a worldwide celebration of books and reading. It is marked in over 100 countries around the globe. The first World Book Day in the UK and Ireland took place in 1997 to encourage young people to discover the pleasure of reading.

Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. We want to see more children, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, with a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and the improved life chances this brings them.

The children are invited to dress as one of their favourite book characters and share one of their favourite books.

For more information, please visit the official website at: <https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

Parent Consultation Meetings – Advanced Notice

The dates for your diary are as follows:

Monday 16th March and Tuesday 17th March – 3:30pm – 6:30pm

These meetings will be held in school and will provide the opportunity for you to look at your child's books with your child who will be able to accompany you to the meeting.

As previously, the booking system will be online using your Scopay account. If you have not already registered to use the Scopay online payment system, please contact the school office to request a unique link code to register your child's account. Parents/carers will be advised by email of the date the booking system will be available.

Get Caught Reading This Christmas

We were delighted with the response to our 'Get Caught Reading this Christmas' photo challenge. These will be shared with the children in an assembly, where the winners will receive a certificate and the overall winner a book token. We shall be displaying the photos in school.

Extra-Curricular Activities

It is important to contact the school office to let them know if your child is unable to attend a club on any given day. A register for each club is taken and if a child does not arrive to club, as expected, this causes concern for your child's whereabouts during this time and will result in a phone call to ascertain that your child is safe. Please note the finishing time for each club and arrange for your child to be collected promptly. Thank you.

We still have spaces available in a few clubs, so please check availability with Mrs James in the School Office and register your interest.

Fundraising

From the PTA

Following the huge success of our first term, we have plenty of fundraising activities coming up over the Spring Term. This has started with the **coin bottle challenge** – the children have been excited to see the bottles filling up and are looking forward to their sweet treats for the class that raises the most by the end of January.

For February we have our **school disco on Tuesday 10th February**, This is ticket only and these are limited so please do buy early.

Years 3 and 4 at 4:30pm – 5:45pm and years 5 and 6 at 6:00pm – 7:15pm.

Tickets for the disco entries are available from www.pta-events.co.uk/ringwoodjuniors



We will be holding our next **PTA meeting on Thursday 29th January at 6:30pm**, to discuss plans for the rest of the term and start our Summer Fayre planning. We would love as many parents to join us as possible but if you cannot make it, please do send any ideas to us at pta.ringwoodjuniors@gmail.com

Other Matters of Interest

Consideration for our Neighbours

Please be considerate to our neighbours and surrounding roads when parking at the beginning and end of the school day. Please ensure that they are able to access their driveways, and roads can still be accessible for emergency services if needed. We would ask that you park carefully at all times.

Cost of Living Support

With the well published and ongoing cost of living concerns affecting many families, we are working with the local pyramid of schools, churches and organisations to provide support to our school community. If you are in any financial difficulty please do speak to the office or Mrs Gosling about any support we can help with, including referral to Ringwood Foodbank and other charities we have links with.

School Expectations – School Uniform

Our school uniform is a navy-blue school jumper or sweatshirt with our school name, white shirt or blouse, tie (optional), boys – grey trousers, girls – navy skirt / navy blue school trousers. Shoes must be comfortable and in black or navy with no high heels. Hair, if long, either boys or girls, must be tied back or shorter hair may be secured with a plain hairband. At the moment the weather is either very wet or very cold – children need to wear a warm, well-fitting coat with a hood and gloves. If the children wear boots because they are walking to school, then they will need to change out of these into their school shoes, on arrival at school.

Lost Property

We currently have a large amount of lost property, the vast majority of which isn't labelled. Please can we remind parents that all clothing, especially school jumpers and other articles where there are many of the same, are clearly labelled to enable us to return lost property to its owner. If you know your child has lost clothing, please ask them to speak to their teacher, and check the lost property bins for all year groups.

Attendance

Dedicated Email Service & Telephone Line for Children's Absences – attendance policy on website.

If your child is absent from school please either advise us by using our dedicated email service absence@ringwood-junior.hants.sch.uk or by phoning the dedicated absence line **01425 476770**. Please inform us if possible **by 9:00am** and advise us of your relationship to the child, child's name, class, reason for absence and explanation of illness. If you do not notify us of their absence, or leave a reason for the absence for safeguarding reasons a member of staff will phone you.

Healthy Snacks

Children are able to bring an appropriate snack for mid-morning break. This needs to be fresh fruit, vegetables, or dried fruit. Please ensure this is a distinct snack and not part of their lunch. We have noticed that a number of children are going to their lunchbox at breaktime and instead of this being a healthy snack they are eating crisps, chocolate or sugary items. Please reinforce our school policy on this by providing a separate mid-morning snack to help children develop good eating habits that reflect a healthy lifestyle.

Main Reception

May I remind you that the reception office is not open until **8:20am**. If parents or children have an appointment before this time, please ring the doorbell and wait. The reception office closes at **4:00pm**. Outside of these times you can leave a voicemail or email the office.



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.

School Term Dates

School will finish for the half term holiday on **Friday 13th February 2026**. Children will return to school on **Monday 23rd February**.

We finish for the Easter holiday on **Friday 27th March** at **12:45pm** and school reopens for the Summer Term on **Monday 13th April**. Half term is w/c **Monday 25th May** and school restarts on **Monday 1st June**. Summer Term finishes on **Wednesday 22nd July**.

Please note that the last **Inset Day is the 22nd May** so we will finish for half term on the 21st May 2026.

Yours sincerely



Sally-Ann Evans
Headteacher



Diary Dates

Monday 19 th January	Year 3 - Iron Age Day
Monday 26 th January	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Meeting for Parents – 5:00pm virtually
Thursday 29 th January	PTA Meeting – 6:30pm
Wednesday 28 th January	Year 5 Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
Tuesday 3 rd February	Year 6 Parents' Maths Open Morning 9:00am – 10:00am
Friday 6 th – Thursday 12 th February	Year 6 Bikeability
W/C 9 th February	Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
Tuesday 10 th February	PTA Disco Years 3 & 4 at 4:30pm – 5.15pm Years 5 & 6 at 6.00pm – 7.15pm
Tuesday 10 th February	UK Safer Internet Day
Thursday 12 th February	Year 5 Open Morning – 9:00am – 10:00am
Friday 13th February	Last day of half-term
Monday 23rd February	Return to school
Tuesday 3 rd March	Year 6 – Chris Connaughton
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Monday 16 th March	Parent Consultation Meetings 3:30pm – 6:30pm
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Wednesday 18 th March	Year 4 Maths Open Morning – 4MB – 9:00-9:30am
Friday 20 th March	Year 4 Maths Open Morning – 4HW & 4KM – 9:00-9:30am
Friday 20 th March	Year 6 Greek Day
Tuesday 24 th March	Year 3 Open Afternoon – Egyptian Exhibition – 2:00pm
Friday 27 th March	Easter Raffle
Friday 27th March	Last day of term – finish at 12:45pm
Tuesday 13th April	Return to school
Friday 22nd May	Inset Day

