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Dear Parents and Carers

Newsletter Number 2

Whole School

The new school year is now underway and children are now fully settled into their new classes, new routines and are clearly enjoying 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.

Cemetery Parking
Ringwood Town Council have written to me to advise that after the October half-term holiday they will be closing their gates to the cemetery carpark during school drop-off and collection times. The decision has not been taken lightly but is necessary due to the need to protect the carpark surface, protect staff in the carrying out of their duties, and protect access for those visiting the cemetery. The cemetery will ensure additional signage is put up. Please respect this decision.

Open Mornings for Prospective Parents and Carers
On **Tuesday 3rd November and Monday 23rd 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 2027.

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/Afternoons - Reminder
We look forward to welcoming you at the following open mornings/afternoons -

Year 3 – Friday 11th December - Sing-Along – 2:00pm
Year 4 – Friday 4th December – Mini Recorder Music Concert
4KW 9:00am – 9:25am, 4MB 9:30am – 9:55am, 4FS/SD 10:55 – 11:20am
Year 5 – Friday 27th November – 1:20-2:40pm Design and Technology lesson
Year 6 – Monday 9th November – 9:00am – English lesson

Year 3 Sing-Along
The Year 3 Nativity Performance will be held in school on Friday 11th December at 2pm. This will be a traditional Christmas story told through music and actions with a modern twist.

Carol Service Rehearsals for the Choir
Our Carol Service takes place on Tuesday 15th December. In readiness for this, our Choir practice will be starting after half-term on Thursday 5th November from 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Mrs Desborough will be running the Choir assisted by our Music Leaders, Miss Bastow and Mrs Sharpe.

We have taken the decision not to charge for Choir this term as these sessions will be the rehearsal time for the Carol Service. Please register via Arbor if you would like your child to take part.

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 are sending these electronically in booklet form for your convenience, and hope you will use this to discuss learning with your child.

Year 4 Chris Connaughton visit

Year 4 had a fantastic time welcoming Chris Connaughton into school, who brought Ernest Shackleton's incredible Antarctic adventure to life! The children were immersed in the story of the Endurance and discovered more about the challenges Shackleton and his crew faced during their extraordinary journey.

The experience linked perfectly with our English writing, as the children are writing a letter home from the perspective of one of the crew members. It gave them the chance to really imagine what life might have been like in the Antarctic and how the crew would have felt, helping them to develop their use of emotive language and bring their writing to life. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring our learning to life and help the children feel part of Shackleton's amazing adventure!

Year 5 Chris Connaughton visit – Thursday 3rd 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

Last week, 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 contact the office.

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 has been sent home this week with further information about making your Christmas shoe box and suggested items to include. Our Year 4 pupils are helping coordinate this is school. **Shoe boxes will need to be in school by Friday 27th November 2026.**

Update from the PTA

The first term has flown by! We've loved welcoming our lovely new Year 3s and seeing them enjoy their very first disco, which was a huge success.
We've also been out on the playground selling wooden spoons in preparation for our Spooky Spoon Challenge. This is one of our favourite activities of the year, and we absolutely love seeing all the creative and imaginative designs everyone comes up with!

Year 5 and Year 6 have also kicked off this year's cake sales, and we're looking forward to seeing what delicious treats are in store throughout the year. As always, none of these events would be possible without the continued support and kindness of our parents and carers. Thank you for helping us make these activities so special for the children and our school community.

Glow Disco Thursday 12th November – Our Favourite Disco of the Year!
It's nearly time for our much-loved Glow Disco! Tickets are £5 per child and include two glow items, so everyone can get glowing on the dance floor.
Please note the timings for each year group:

- **Years 3 & 4:** 4:45pm–5:45pm
- **Years 5 & 6:** 6:00pm–7:00pm

We can't wait to see everyone there!

Book Fayre
Our Book Fayre will run from **Wednesday 4th November to Tuesday 10th November**.
Please pop along after school to browse the fantastic selection of books on offer. If the weather isn't on our side, the Book Fayre will be held in the school hall.

Clothes Collection – Thursday 5th November
Our next clothes collection will take place on **Thursday 5th November**, from **7:30am to 9:00am**.
Location: The Cemetery
Please bring along any bags of unwanted clothes to donate. It's a great opportunity to clear out those wardrobes while supporting our school. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

Introducing Our New Committee
Following our AGM last month, we're pleased to announce our newly elected committee members:

- **Chair:** Makaela Tate
- **Co-Vice Chairs:** Sam Ellis and Lucy Lyons
- **Treasurer:** Letitia Cox
- **Secretary:** Kirsty Shutler

Congratulations to everyone taking on these roles, and thank you to all those who continue to support our PTA.
We're looking forward to another successful year, filled with fun events and exciting opportunities to support our school and children. If you'd like to get involved in any capacity, whether by volunteering at an event, helping behind the scenes or sharing ideas, we'd love to hear from you!

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 18th December at 12:45pm**. The first day of term for pupils will start again on **Tuesday 5th January 2027** as Monday 4th 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.

Monday 2nd November is an inset day, children are to return to school after the half-term holiday on Tuesday 3rd November.

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

Tuesday 3rd November	Prospective Parents' Open Morning 9:00-10:30am
Monday 9th November	Year 6 Open Morning – 9:00am
Thursday 12th November	PTA Year Glow Discos – Years 3 & 4 will be 4:45pm – 5:45pm Years 5 & 6 will be 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Friday 13th November	Children in Need – Non-Uniform Day
Friday 20th November – Thursday 26th November	Year 6 Bikeability
Monday 23rd November	Prospective Parents' Open Morning 9:00-10:30
Friday 27th November	Year 5 Open Afternoon 1:20-2:40pm
Friday 27th November	Christmas Shoe Boxes to be collected
Friday 27th November	Christmas Fayre and Non-Uniform Day 3:15-5pm
Thursday 3rd December	Year 5 Chris Connaughton Writing Workshop
Friday 4th December	Year 4 Mini Recorder Music Concert 4KW – 9:00am-9:25am 4MB – 9:30am - 9:55am 4FS/SD – 10:55am-11:20am
Friday 11th December	Year 3 Christmas Sing-a-long – 2:00pm
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Carol Service, Ringwood Church 6.30pm
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Lunch, Santa Visit & Year 6 Party
Friday 18th December	**Last Day of Term, school finishes at 12:45pm**
Monday 4th January	INSET DAY
Tuesday 5th January	**RETURN TO SCHOOL**