



Randwick Primary School: Resilience, Passion, Success



NEWSLETTER

6 September 2019

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,
A warm welcome to all our new parents and carers who have joined our school community this year, and welcome back to everyone else! I hope your summer break was enjoyable and that you had some time with your families. As a parent, I have been reading Philippa Perry's, 'The book you wished your parents had read' and I can recommend it to anyone who has the pleasure of raising children! Much has happened over the summer here in school and I'm delighted we're able to welcome the children back with almost all the work done. Huge thanks to our neighbours, Will and Sophie, for their patience and kindness, and to Roz and Perry for helping straighten things out last minute! My personal thanks to Philip Walker, one of our Governors, and a great source of support with the building work.

You are welcome to join me for a look around next **Friday 13th September at 15.15** but do collar me at other times if this doesn't work for you. We have a revamped curriculum which we will share with you next week, and knowledge organisers for the key topics in each of the classes. These replace our topic webs. With this newsletter comes our MOP (Moving on Plan) which shows our priorities for the year. This changes over the year and will be updated on the website as we move forward. Our new website is in the final stages of production and we hope this will go live before the end of September – details to follow. Once again, I am excited about another year at this wonderful school and look forward to a successful start.

Best wishes
Dave Poad

Forest School

We are organising this differently this year to ensure children build on skills week by week. For our children in reception and y1, this will be weekly (reception on Wednesday morning and y1 on Thursday morning, starting next week). For the children in y 3 – 6, they will have a half term (around 6 – 8 weeks) of Forest School sessions on a Friday, as part of the PE curriculum. For y2 children, they will have two half term's of Forest School sessions. The first year group for Forest School is y3 so next Friday they need to come to school in the Forest School clothes. Details to follow next week on what to wear and when. Y4 will be after half term.

Volunteers

As always you are very warmly invited to help in school with tasks ranging from managing the library, hearing children read, help with special days and Forest School sessions. We will leave a clipboard outside the office for Forest School sessions (these can only run if we have support from parents) and volunteering. We desperately need someone to join our yoga teacher on Friday afternoons in the church from 2 – 3. She will be taking a Randwick Runway group each term so all children should have at least 6 weeks of yoga.

Randwick Runway

We start on Friday from 2 – 3pm and have changed one group. We will still have the café, Eco-Schools group, art and crafts group, Randwick Worship group and the Randwick Runner group (reintroduced this year, our School Magazine), but new this year is the Yoga group, being led by Robin Watkins from 'Bliss by Robin' Yoga. We hope this can happen in the church but need a volunteer – please sign up if you can!

Homework

Homework will be set from next week with online tasks on *mathletics* (an online programme we subscribe to; we will reissue logins for children next week) for maths and a half termly project based on the topic (history, geography or computing). We are continuing to support children to learn their times tables and would urge you to help us with this at home: there are lots of activities on *mathletics* you might also like to sign up to rock star times table. All children are now expected to learn their times tables to 12 by end of y4 and this year's y4 children will be the first year to formally sit the government's Multiplication Tables Check in June 2020.

Coming in in the morning

Last term I let you know about a change to how we settle children first thing. This week children have come in from 08.35 and gone straight to classes. This has ensured a calmer start and a less frenetic entrance through the back door. We are going to continue for the half term but on Fridays children will stay on the playground for the fun run. I (or another member of staff) will be at the back gate and you can of course talk to me then or arrange to meet if you need longer. You can contact the office to arrange a meeting with teachers or speak to them at the end of the day. We are responsible for your child once they are in school (anytime from 08.35, or if they are breakfast club, from 08.00) but as I am not on the playground, we cannot be responsible for children there. Parents are of course welcome to meet on the playground and send children in at 08.45. We will review again at half term but feedback from staff and children suggest this has benefits to us at this time.

Finish times

To help children leave more easily, we are dismissing our Owl and Buzzard classes at 15.10 and our Kestrel and Sparrowhawk classes at 15.15. Sparrowhawks will leave via the back door. Children from y4 upwards can walk home on their own but please let us know if your child is going to be doing this.

PFORs second hand uniform sale

There will be a second hand uniform sale on Monday 9th Sept at 3.15pm in the small playground. If you have any uniform that is no longer required including PE kits and daps, PFORS would be delighted if you would be able to drop it off at the school beforehand.



Anya N and Freddie W for playing with younger children at lunchtime.

WEEKLY AWARDS



Miri for focusing in maths lessons.

DATES FOR THE YEAR

Mon 9 Sep	2nd hand uniform sale at 3.15pm in small playground	All
Fri 13 Sep	Tour of school for parents at 3.15pm	All
Mon 23 Sep	School photographs	All
Wed 2 Oct	Owls and Kestrels out all day at Nature in Art	YR, Y3 & Y4
Thur 3 Oct	Buzzards and Hawks out all day at Nature in Art	Y1, Y2, Y5 & Y6
Fri 18 Oct	Yoga group to St Lawrence's church in Stroud for workshop	
Mon 11 Nov	Remembrance Service at the Church at 2.30pm	All
Tue 10 Dec	Nativity at the Church at 2pm	All
Wed 11 Dec	Nativity at the Church 6pm	All
Fri 20 Dec	End of Term	All
Mon 6 Jan	Inset Day	All
Tue 7 Jan	School starts	All

Cirencester Deerpark

Open Morning:

16th & 17th September 2019

9.15 – 11.15am

Open Evening:

25 September 2019

6.30 – 8.30pm