

Newsletter 2

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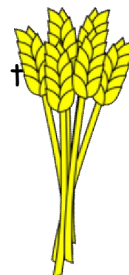
So far this term the children have enjoyed a visit from Olly Day, who used puppets and lots of laughs whilst getting across the serious messages about keeping safe on the roads; being bright at night- especially as the mornings and evenings draw in- and the importance of wearing a cycling helmet were two of the key messages.

Rowan and Oak pupils have enjoyed another visit to Whitwell Hall, enjoying an Outdoor Day with a scavenger hunt, bush craft and natural art.

Willow pupils have enjoyed two visits from the fire service and a fire engine, and a team of Rowan and Oak children have been to the Gresham's cross country.

We have also met with a representative from the Break charity, organisers of the Go Go Hares, who brought along two the Hares for the 2018 trail, along with a leveret – the children heard how the school will receive one to design for the trail, and have to keep at the end of it all.

The Reverend Helen Rengert opened our Harvest Thanksgiving service at St Margaret's church, where the children sang and recited poems. Thank you to all the parents/carers and family members who were able to attend- it was lovely to see so many people. Donated Harvest gifts have been sent to the Dereham Food Bank, and a generous £51.14 was raised during the collection. As part of our Harvest celebrations, the children have also learned about harvest in Africa, and a charity called Self Help Africa.



*Our New School Website is now up and running...!
Feedback has been noted.. We hope you like the new look!*

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who baked and to all those who joined for 'Coffee and Cake'.



Our event is a success not only because you come along and support with your donations but also because of all the scrumptious cakes that are so generously contributed.

All proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer Care as part of their 'Biggest Coffee Morning'

Our Values

This half term we continue to learn about Thankfulness –
Next half term, our Values will focus on 'Trust'



Headlice Please check your child's hair regularly ... onceaweektakeapeek.com has advice.

Parent Workshops

Thank you to those of you who returned your slips.
As a result of the responses, we will be holding
Maths Calculations workshops for parents as follows:

Friday 17 November After Drop In –KS1 (Willow)

Friday 24 November After Drop in - KS2 (Rowan, Oak)

In addition, there will be a Parent Workshop for Cherry Class parents
on Friday 3 November, after Drop In, where the focus will be on how
you can help at home with early phonics and maths.

At parents evenings, there will be a display of maths calculations
materials and ideas for parents who are unable to attend the
workshops, as well as a Growth Mindset display.

In the spring term, there will be further workshops on popular topics
requested from your replies.

Parents' consultation Meetings

Arrange to meet your child's class teacher, in
order to find out how your child has settled
into the new school year, how he/she is
achieving, and how can support at home.
Your child's books are also available to look
at.

Please return your form to book your
appointment.



Our lovely new library is taking longer to complete than expected, due to a delay with one of the furniture contractors. It is being created from the old Rowan class base, using ideas from the children and staff. Freshly decorated, and with new carpeting, there is space for comfy reading and 'story time', study and work space with computers. The teaching IT screen has been kept for class and group use.

We anticipate being able to complete the final touches by the end of half term, so you will be able to take a look at parents' evenings.

FOLS

See FOLS page on our new website. Christmas cards have been ordered!

Coming up ...

16 Oct– bags2school, 19 Oct Bake Sale, 19 Nov Mufti Day, 1 Dec Christmas Fayre 5-7pm

Oct 10-Whitwell Outdoor day (Oak)

Oct 11-Whitwell Outdoor day (Rowan) ; Fire Engine Visit to Willow

Oct 13- MacMillan Coffee Morning

Oct 18- Family Lunch (Cherry class) 12pm

Oct 30 – Cross country tournament (sports partnership)

Nov 2- Family Lunch (Year 4 pupils in Rowan class) 12.15pm

Nov 3 – Parent workshop after Drop in (Cherry class)

Nov 7 -Oak class Egyptian Day at Castle Museum

Nov 8- Puppet Assembly

Nov 15 – Anti bullying Play in a Day – Oak class – parents invited to attend performance 2.40pm.

Nov 17 – Mufti Day (non- uniform) ; Calculations workshop after Drop In (Willow)

Nov 21- Rowan class Roman day at Castle Museum

Nov 24 – Calculations workshop after Drop in (Rowan, Oak)

Dec 4- Sportshall athletics tournament (sports partnership)

Dec 12-Christmas Nativity at church 10 am (adults only)

Dec 13- Christingle making with Reverend Helen

Dec 14-Christmas Nativity at church 10am (adults and younger siblings)

Dec 15- Visiting theatre – Pantomime

Dec 19 – Christmas Dinner, last day of term.

Holiday dates: Half term: school closes 3.05pm Thursday 19 Oct and reopens 8.55am Monday 30 Oct

Christmas holidays: school closes 3.05pm Tues 19 Dec and reopens 8.55am Thurs 4 Jan

