

Rook's Nest Academy Newsletter

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Harvest Time is here!

At this time of year we give thanks for the food we have and remember those who have less than us. The children will be joining together for a Harvest service at the Church on Thursday 2nd October. The service will begin at 10:00 however, we would like to invite parents to walk up to the Church with us at 9:30. Foundation children will not be attending the service unfortunately, only KS1 and KS2 children.



This year we will be donating the produce that is sent into school between two sets of worthy recipients: the elderly within the community and the Wakefield food bank. Any and all donations of produce will be greatly received and can be brought into school on Thursday morning.

If parents are willing to join us on the walk up to the Church could they please inform the academy either through the class teacher or at the main reception as we will need to know the numbers attending.

Dates for your diary this half term

- Friday 26th September
Macmillan coffee morning
- Thursday 2nd October
Harvest festival
- Thursday 23rd October
Halloween Disco
- Half term holiday 27/10/14 — 31/10/14

More information will be sent out closer to the dates.

Class Assembly Dates

- Y6 Mr Milfull 9th October
- Y5 Mrs McNally 16th October
- Y2 Mr Cooke and Mrs Wilcox 23rd October
- Y3 Mr Hufton 13th November
- Y4 Mr Robertshaw 20th November
- Y1 Mrs Beech and Mrs Williams 27th November
- Y5/6 Mrs Stacey 4th December



Macmillan Coffee Morning (on an afternoon!)

Mrs Hampshire is holding an event in school to support Macmillan Nurses. Why not come a little earlier to collect your children and join us for coffee, biscuits, buns and a social chat. New parents often find it nice to meet other parents over refreshments, Friday 26th September 2:00 - 3:15.

School grounds

It is wonderful to see so many parents collecting and dropping of their children at the academy but can I please make a plea. The playground is used straight after school for sports clubs and the Early Bird provision. Therefore, it would be appreciated if parents could vacate the playground as soon as possible after collecting their child. The equipment on the field is also being used by children before and after school which is also causing an issue, as they are not supervised. I would prefer that children remain on the playgrounds as a means of reducing any risk or injury.



Academy policy on earrings.

The amount of children wearing earrings is on the increase and I wish to remind parents of the academy policy. We do not allow pupils to wear earrings. As some parents have decided to have their children's ears pierced over the summer, and confusion over the length of time for the healing process, I have decided to allow for some give and take. Any child who has earrings in must have them covered this term, then when we return in January, all earrings will have been removed. If your child comes to the academy after this time, with earrings in, you will be contacted to come and remove them or take the child home. Giving parents until next term will ensure there are no issues around the healing process.

Thank you to parents.

I would like to thank all the parents who attended the "Meet the teacher" event. We had 105 responses from KS2 and 83 responses from KS1 - which is a fantastic turn out.

Lots of parents returned the questionnaire and they were both informative and thought provoking. I am going to endeavour to have a regular item in the newsletter that addresses some of the areas to improve. We will call the item, "You said... We did..." I hope that this will help to inform parents and give them confidence that the academy is listening and responding.

Another big thank you to all the offers of support within the academy. Lots of parents are willing to come and work in classes and I am eager to take you up on the offer. However, this half term I need to assess where the greatest positive impact from such support will be.

If you are free to help for this term, the best way to achieve that is through getting involved with the parents group we are trying to set up. Texts will be sent out to parents but please, if you can help, let Mrs Hampshire know.

School photographs

The school photographer will be in the academy on 16th October. If you wish to have family portraits taken, with children who are not in the academy, this can be arranged. Letters with more information will follow shortly.

Visitors at Rook's Nest

The students in Years 5 and 6 enjoyed an interesting visit from World Champion athlete Steve Cram



"You said....We did"

You wanted to know in advance what was available for school lunch.

We have added this onto the academy website.

You wanted to see an updated website.

We are currently revamping the layout, updating and making navigation of the site easier.

Halloween Disco

Letters will be coming out to invite children to this fun night.