

Rook's Nest Academy Newsletter

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40 Years On

We will be celebrating 40 years of education at Rook's Nest in September 2017. To help us celebrate we will be having a week of reflection and are asking parents who have had a long history with the school to find us photographs or artefacts that we can use. We are intending to take a trip down memory lane next year but just wanted to give parents and friends as much forward notice as possible. We will send out more details later in the year but if you can be thinking of anything you might have that you are willing to share. One of the ideas is to have an alumni gallery, so photographs would be greatly received.

Digital Devices

Please note that, as per our computing policy, for safeguarding reasons, we do not allow the children to bring into the school any personal digital or other device which allows video or audio recording. This includes cameras, phones and digital watches of any kind.

Social Media

We have recently had a spate of incidents including various social media platforms such as Muscial.ly, Livel.ly, Instagram and Snapchat. Please be aware of the dangers of allowing children unregulated access to these services. The legal minimum age for use of these services according to their terms of use is 13. If you require more information or assistance please contact us.

Parking

We are receiving multiple complaints on an almost daily basis from residents and parents about the unsafe parking practices that some people are engaging in. Our duty is to safeguard all children and quite clearly some drivers are putting our children in danger. I urge you to consider where and how you are parking as there have already been accidents. We have an agreement with Cheers to allow parents to use their car park when dropping off and picking up children. It takes less than 5 minutes to walk to school from there.

February 2017

10th	Drop Down Friday on E-Safety Break up for half-term
20th	Return to school (Red noses on sale at the Academy from today)
20th	Y5/6 NSPCC workshops
21st	Y5/6 NSPCC workshops
27th	INSET day

March 2017

3rd	World Book Day (see note)
6th	Week beginning 6th March— Sponsored Readathon
7th	Fencing Experience Day for KS2
13th	Science Week. All Classes will be involved in scientific exploration throughout the week.
14th & 15th	Music Concert 6pm - 7pm
21st	Y4/5 Parents' Roman Feast
22nd-24th	Y4 Cober Hill Residential
24th	Red Nose Day—Noses will be on sale at the Academy after the holidays
27th	Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm

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3rd	Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm
6th	Y2C Class Assembly 9.15-9.45am Y2M Class Assembly 2.45-3.15pm Design a dinosaur—Early Education Phase (am & pm)

Spring 2 2017 Afterschool Clubs

Day	Club	Staff	Year Group	Pick up location
Wednesday	Basketball	Mr Morrell	Y3 & Y4	Reception
Wednesday	Craft	Ms Smith/ Mrs Doxy	KS1	Reception
Thursday	Film Club	Mr Williams	Y5	Reception
Friday	Choir	Mrs Wilcox	KS2	Reception

Hoopy Loopy

The children in Key Stage 2 enjoyed some instruction in hoola hooping from an expert who visited our school. "I really enjoyed it and everyone else did too." (Alice, 3C)

Roman Artifacts

Years 4 and 5 had an exciting day getting their hands on authentic roman archeological finds (and some reproductions).



Young Voices

Year 6 travelled to Sheffield to attend the Young Voices Concert. It was an amazing night where we got to perform with an incredible 6000 other children and a host of exciting famous faces. The children sang their hearts out and we all had a wonderful night.



NSPCC

The NSPCC have been in school today giving the children a talk on personal safety and who to talk to if they feel they need to.

Alzheimer's Fund Raising

Today we are all raising money for the Alzheimer's Society. Everyone has come dressed in Red and have donated money. At the time of printing we have received over £400 and we

expect this figure to rise before the end of the day. Well done to everyone and thank you for your support.



World Book Day

On Friday 3rd March the children will be encouraged to come dressed as their favourite characters and spend a fun day involved in performance poetry. The Book Fair will also be available after school (3.30-4.00) on this day and will continue until Thursday 9th March.

School Uniform

Can we remind everyone of the school uniform policy which is available on our website. We do not allow decorative headwear so it's "No no" to Jo Jo Bows!

Foundation and Year 1 Walkabout

Our wellie walk to the woods - It was very muddy!!



Healthy Island

Huge congratulations to our team of future game designers and programmers, the "Gaming Girls" for getting through to the final of the Healthy Island School App Challenge Competition. They gave a fantastic presentation to a selection of highly influential people from Microsoft and the NHS and really impressed.

We didn't come first in the competition, unfortunately, but the team did a tremendous job and hopefully this will have given them skills and an experience they can carry forward.