Head Teacher – Mr M Loveridge

21 September 2018

Headteacher Commendation Award

Congratulations to **James Gibson** of **Willow** class who was recently presented with the 'Head Teacher's Commendation Award' for a fantastic piece of work in Art. The picture was of a lion and a gorilla, with speech bubbles showing the types of noise that the animals would make. Well done James.

Medical coordinator

We have a new medical co-ordinator in school, Laura Macleod – if you have any medical questions or need to pass on information please ring the school office or email lauramacleod@rowdeford.wilts.sch.uk

Sickness & Diarrhoea

We have had cases of Sickness & Diarrhoea in school. To prevent the spread of infection, especially to those children who have medical conditions and are vulnerable please could all parents & carers ensure that if their child has any symptoms of sickness and/or diarrhoea that they **do not** send them into school. **Children must be clear of infection for 48 hours** before they can return to school.

Medication in School

Please could all parents ensure that if their child needs medication during the school day, that the school are made aware of this. All medication **must** be handed to the Passenger Assistant or directly to the school office, **accompanied by the original packaging and patient information leaflet.** A consent form **must** also be completed. If your child is prescribed antibiotics the medication *only* needs to be brought to school if it is to be given during the school day.

Family support worker

Shirley Gale has been appointed as Family School support Worker; the aim of her role is to help students and families with advice, support and a listening ear in times of crisis. Shirley's number is **07739 502323** if you would like to speak to her. (Please see the attached flyer)

Sponsored Wheel and walk

We will once again be holding our annual "Sponsored Wheel and Walk "on Friday 28th September. Letters have been sent out with the sponsorship form, all proceeds will go to Macmillan this year; our year 7's will be hosting a Macmillan coffee morning here at school. ***Please ensure you return your permission or email to allow your child to take part.***

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival service will be held on Thursday11th October at school. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents or guests to this service, as we simply do not have the space. This year we are, once again, asking pupils to bring in food which we can give to Devizes Food Bank, who then distribute it to local people in need. Their requests are quite specific and the following items will be very much appreciated:

- Tinned tomatoes, soups, baked beans
- Tinned fish or meat
- Packets of dried pasta
- Jars of pasta sauces
- Tinned custard or rice
- Chocolate
- Squash or juice

These gifts can be sent in with your child on Monday 8th or Tuesday 9th October, please ask your child to take the items to their tutor group where they will be stored until the service. We really appreciate your support, thank you.

Work Experience for Year 11s

Only 3 weeks to go until work experience for our year 11's! Please ensure your young person has visited their placement and returned their forms to school as soon as possible. Any problems, please contact Ms Curwen.

School Lunches

With the trial period of Jacket Potato's or school packed lunch being on offer instead of the salad option being such a success, we will be continuing this for the foreseeable future. Students are eating more and have enjoyed having this as an alternative.

Nut Allergy

We have a student, who started with us in September, who has a nut allergy; we are asking all staff, parents and carers if they can avoid bringing or sending in food or products that may contain nuts.

Facebook and Twitter

Please follow our Rowdeford School, Facebook and Twitter account (@RowdefordSchool) to keep up to date with regular notices and information

Letters Sent Home

The letters listed below have been sent home since our last newsletter; please contact the school office if you have not received the letters that are relevant to your child.

- Work Experience – Year 11
- Drama Group – Shakespeare letter – Year 11
- Parish Council Letter –all year groups
- Online permission – HPV vaccination – Year 8 girls
- Parent/Tutor Evening – all year groups
- Wheel & Walk Coffee morning - year 7.
- College Information Evening – Years 9 & 10

Dates for your Diary 2018

September

Friday 28th	Sponsored Wheel & Walk

October

Tues 2nd	Year 11-Wyvern Theatre
Tues 2nd	Coffee morning 10.00 - 11.00
Tues 9th	College Information eve
Oct 15-19th	Yr. 11 Work Exp Week
Thurs 11th	Harvest Festival
Thurs 11th Oct	Tutor/Parent Evening
Tues Oct 23rd	*End of term 1*
Wed 24th	TD Day no students

November

Mon 5th Start of term 2

Mon 26th TD Day – No children in school

Best wishes

Mr M Loveridge