



Head Teacher – Mr M Loveridge

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Headteacher Commendation Award

Congratulations to **Olly Shergold** of **Apple** class who was recently presented with the 'Head Teacher's Commendation Award' for his amazing work in French. His understanding of the words used for different colours was fantastic. Keep up the good work Olly.

Consultation

It is really important that everybody associated with Rowdeford School **engages in the current consultation**. There is a danger that the **initial decision made could be reversed** if we are not proactive throughout the current consultation period.

This could mean that Rowdeford School is not the site for the new proposed development, even though the Local Authority has proposed it as the preferred solution.

I believe that **the only solution that will involve Rowdeford School is the one school solution**.

If you have not done so already then please...

1. **Complete the consultation survey**, supporting the LA proposed solution, which can be found via the following link. I cannot stress enough how important it is that everybody and anybody completes this in support of Rowdeford School.

<https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=154694247351>

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Proposal for Special School Provision in Wiltshire

Q1 The proposal for the future provision of Special Schools in Wiltshire is to invest £20m in a new centre of excellence for pupils with special needs and disabilities. It will be developed at Rowdeford/Rowde near Devizes to match the excellent facilities at Exeter House, Salisbury. This will involve closing the three schools, Rowdeford, St Nicholas and Larkrise and opening a new school at Rowde. We want to know whether you support this proposal?

I support the proposal

I do not support the proposal

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Please support the proposal when asked in Question 1.

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Q2 If you said you support the proposal can you say what is your main reasons are for this? (please tick up to three boxes only)

The idea that a Centre of Excellence will be created

The proposal would provide improved facilities

There would be access to therapies all at one site

The proposal is about giving the best provision for children and young people with SEND

Keeping the best of the schools

Having a rural location but close to a town with good community links

Other reason

If you said other please say:

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Question 2 is your opportunity to confirm your support for Rowdeford School. Please select 'other' and comment on the importance of retaining the Rowdeford site and the fact that Rowdeford can grow to accommodate the increase in numbers rather than needing to close. Please select up to two other options as appropriate.

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About you

Q4 Are you answering this survey as? (tick all that apply)

- A Wiltshire resident
- A parent carer of a child or young person with a SEND
- A relative or friend of a child/young person with SEND
- A parent carer of a child/young person currently in one of Wiltshire's Special schools
- A professional with an interest in special school provision
- Someone representing an organisation with an interest in special school provision

If you represent an organisation can you say what organisation?

If you want to know more about the proposals please see the documents identified above that are also available to read on the Wiltshire Council website consultation portal, just search for consultations

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Question 4 needs to be completed to reflect your personal circumstances.

If you have already completed the questionnaire, **you can complete it again** using this additional guidance. Please get your family and friends to complete this to show their support for Rowdeford School.

2. Visit our **new petition page** on-line, **sign it and share it** with all of your friends and families, **urging them** to also sign and share. The link to the petition is below. Please make sure people know it is a NEW petition and they will need to sign it even if they signed the last one.

<https://www.change.org/p/wiltshire-council-retain-the-magic-of-rowdeford-school>

Please also write to councillors, MPs and cabinet members, supporting the one school solution, reminding them of the amazing provision at Rowdeford School and urging them to ensure that the magic of Rowdeford is retained throughout any planned developments.

Please also send your letters to commissioners and directors using the following email address SpecialSchools@wiltshire.gov.uk

Please also encourage your family and friends to write to councillors and the special email address given.

Thank you for your continued support. We need to do everything we can, during this final stage of the consultation, to ensure that the council uphold their initial proposal, a School for all SEND students in the north of the county **at Rowdeford**.

Indoor Car Boot Sale

This Sunday 10th February is our indoor car boot sale in the school halls. As this is indoors it is not weather dependent so please come along rain or shine!
 Sellers £5.00 from 9.00am - Buyers £1.00 per car - from 10.00am.
 Refreshments will be available.





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Year 8 – Residential Trip

Information was recently sent out to year 8 students regarding the residential trip in July to Runway's End in Hampshire. In order for the trip to go ahead and to enable us to secure our place with the residential setting, we need confirmation your child would like to attend before the half term break. Deposits can be sent in after half term to finalise your child's place.

Non-Uniform day – Friday 15th February

Students can pay £1 to wear non-uniform for the day.

We are raising money for a Water Survival Box.

Each box contains water purifying equipment and other useful tools. The boxes can be sent to areas anywhere in the world, where people have lost their homes so that they can transform any water into clean drinking water. Although the boxes go around the world, they are put together by a locally based charity in based in Somerset.

It would be amazing if the school can raise the cost of one box, which is £150 This includes the transportation to the country where it will be used.



Keeping your Child Safe on the Internet

Sessions run by PCSO Georgina Dodd on internet safety for parents/carers.

Tuesday 5th March @ 6.00pm Dauntsey's Academy Primary School – SN10 4HY

Topics Covered:

- Apps and games children are using
- What options these apps have (Live chat, permissions etc.)
- Apps parents can use to monitor what their children are downloading/using.

It is recommended that children do not attend due to the nature of the talk.

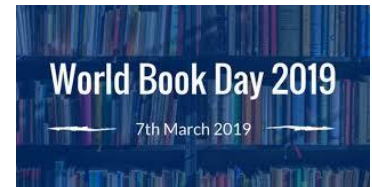
World Book Day – Thursday 7th March 2019

As usual, we will be taking part in World Book Day, and would like to see many students coming to school that day dressed as a character from a favourite book. Those who do not want to dress up should wear normal school uniform. We are also planning a **Book**

Swap. If your child would like to take part in this, they need to bring in up to three good condition books that they no longer want. In

return, for each book they bring in they will get a voucher to exchange for a different book to take home on World Book Day. Books for swapping can be bought into school between Monday 4th and Wednesday 6th March. We will also be holding some book and story themed quizzes and activities that week, with books and bookmarks as prizes.

Students will be receiving their free Book Token on Thursday 28th February. This can be exchanged for a special £1 World Book Day book, available in most bookshops and some supermarkets, or be put towards the purchase of another book.



Wiltshire College Open events

For students, parents and carers in Year 9, 10 and 11, please do have a look at the link below, which gives details of the Wiltshire College Open events. Do also remember that the staff at Wiltshire College are very approachable and will be more than happy to talk to you about their foundation courses, and how the provision works for students who have additional learning needs. Remember, if you book to go onto one of these events, you will need to ask about Foundation courses, and to have a look at the provision for young people with additional learning needs.

<https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/rss/events>





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Rowdeford Annual Garden Fair

Sunday 19th May is the day for the Garden Fair and we need your support. The proceeds of this event will be going towards further development of Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) at Rowdeford. There is exclusive entry for ticket holders from 10:00-11:00. The Fair commences from 11.00 am until 3.00 pm. There will be gorgeous plants from specialist plant growers plus practical and attractive garden accessories. Other attractions include farm animals, WI teas, a Pimm's tent, Bistro lunches and live music. Advance tickets are £4 per adult (£5 on the day) with children under 16 free. Parking is free; but sorry, no dogs. *These can be purchased from school reception – please ring 01380 850309.* For further information or advance tickets, please contact ma99iemoore@gmail.com telephone 01249 814979, or go to www.rowdefordcharity.org.uk For more information about the Garden Fair, please click on the link below: <https://www.rowdefordcharity.org.uk/garden-fair/53-garden-fair>



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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.

- Further information on the Consultation for Special Schools .

Dates for your Diary 2019

February

Sun 10th Indoor Car Boot Sale
 Fri 15th End of term 3
 Mon 25th TD Day – no students in school
 Tues 26th Start of term 4

March

Tues 5th FORS meeting – 7.00pm
 Wed 20th Options Evening – Year 9
 Fri 22nd FORS Quiz Night – 7.00pm

April

Fri 5th End of term 4 – **12:40pm finish**

Tues 23rd school

TD Day – no students in

Wed 24th

Start of term 5

Tue 29th

FORS Meeting – 7.00pm

May

Mon 6th

Bank Holiday – No school

Sun 19th

Rowdeford Garden Fair

Fri 24th

End of term 5

June

Mon 3rd

Start of term 6

Tues 11th

FORS Meeting – 7.00pm

July

Thurs 25th

End of term 6 – **12:40pm finish**

Best wishes

Mr M Loveridge - Head Teacher