



Head Teacher – Mr M Loveridge

24 January 2019

### Headteacher Commendation Award

Congratulations to **Luke Brickell** of **Apple** class who was recently presented with the 'Head Teacher's Commendation Award' for his fantastic work in Art. His representation of a cubist piece of Artwork was incredibly accurate. Well done, keep up the good work.



### Consultation

I am very keen to ensure that the ethos of Rowdeford School, its values based curriculum and the outdoor learning it promotes is preserved. I have already started to challenge the LA about why Rowdeford School needs to close to make way for expansion and why it can't just be a natural growth of the current school; this increase is set to begin in September 2019 due to a larger than expected cohort. Growth of Rowdeford School will help us to preserve the character and magic of the school, ensuring that it is retained for the benefit of all complex needs students in the future.

The official consultation notice is now on the Wiltshire LA website

[http://wiltshire.objective.co.uk/portal/education/special\\_schools\\_consultation?tab=info](http://wiltshire.objective.co.uk/portal/education/special_schools_consultation?tab=info)

In addition, the consultation survey can be found via the following link

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

I would also urge you to provide a fuller response to the consultation by emailing commissioners and directors using the following email address [SpecialSchools@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:SpecialSchools@wiltshire.gov.uk)

There will be an opportunity to attend a consultation meeting at Rowdeford on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 5pm and Wiltshire Parent Carer Council (WPCC) will be organising alternative opportunities for parents/carers to share their thoughts. WPCC will advertise dates on their website [http://www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk/en/Home\\_Page](http://www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk/en/Home_Page)

Finally, please can I encourage you all to sign our new petition at the following link to ensure that the magic of Rowdeford School is not lost.

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

All of this information will also be available via our Facebook page and our twitter feed (@RowdefordSchool).

Together we must ensure there is outstanding provision, retaining space and a quality environment for current and future students. Please join with me to ensure that the ethos of Rowdeford School, its values based curriculum and 'Outstanding' practice, and the outdoor learning it promotes is retained through **growth** of the present school and not the closure and potential loss of its special magic.

### Lions Club Weekend – Year 7 & 8

This week, Year 7 and 8 students were fortunate enough to have a presentation from Tony Scorer from the Devizes Lions Club Charity. The presentation was about the Sports Coaching weekend taking place on *Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March*. This is open to all YR 7 and 8 students and is an opportunity for students to be involved in a wide variety of sporting activities with expert coaches. All students have taken home a yellow application form that explains all the activities. If you have any questions, there is a phone number on the letter that you can contact.



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Once again this is a great opportunity for the students to be involved in activities and try something new, and I hope as many of our students as possible will participate and enjoy the weekend. There is a small charge of £7 for the weekend. If you are interested, then please complete the form and send it in to your child's tutor along with the £7 contribution, however if this may be difficult to pay, please ring the Lions Club to discuss as they are happy to help.

### Parents Subject Evening

Parent's evenings are a crucial way of supporting your child. It is an opportunity to meet staff, find out about your child's progress and development and communicate with school about your child's welfare and happiness.

Rowdeford School sees the relationship between home and school as critical. It ensures that students are happy and make the progress they need towards becoming independent adults. It is essential that your child see their teachers and their parents talking about just them, celebrating all the good things they have achieved this year and then discussing the "even better ifs". Our next Parent/Carer Subject evening is for **KS3 on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February from 4.30 -7.00pm**; please inform the school office if you have not received a letter.



### Coffee Morning for Parents/Carers

We will be running a coffee and cake morning for parents/carers and friends on the first Tuesday of each month to give you a chance to meet with other parents and talk informally to staff. Our next coffee morning is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 10.00 – 11.00am.

### Rowdeford Annual Garden Fair

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 [ma99iemore@gmail.com](mailto:ma99iemore@gmail.com) telephone 01249 814979, or go to [www.rowdefordcharity.org.uk](http://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>



### Bad Weather

In the case of bad weather, please could all Parents/Carers look at the school's website and listen to BBC Radio Wiltshire, Heart FM or Spire FM for 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.

- KS3 Parent/Carer subject evening letters
- Options Evening Information – Year 9
- Consultation on Special Schools Information & template letter – all years
- Lions Club – Activity Weekend –years 7 & 8
- Parent/carers Questionnaire – all years
- Residential Trip July 2019 – Year 8



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## Dates for your Diary 2018/2019

### January 2019

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Subject Parents Eve KS4

### February

Thur 7<sup>th</sup> Subject Parents Eve KS3

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Car Boot Sale – More info to follow

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> End of term 3

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> TD Day – no students in school

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Start of term 4

### March

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> FORS meeting – 7.00pm

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Options Evening – Year 9

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> FORS Quiz Night – 7.00pm

### April

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> End of term 4 – **12:40pm finish**

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> TD Day – no students in school

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Start of term 5

Tue 29<sup>th</sup> FORS Meeting – 7.00pm

### May

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday – No school

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Rowdeford Garden Fair

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> End of term 5

### June

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Start of term 6

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> FORS Meeting – 7.00pm

### July

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> End of term 6 – **12:40pm finish**



## Best wishes

Mr M Loveridge - Head Teacher