



Head Teacher – Mr M Loveridge

05 October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

### Sponsored walk



The day of the sponsored walk started with a heavy rain, but no one was going to allow it to stop them enjoying the day. All students had been asked to dress in bright colours, in line with this year's theme; celebrating diversity.

Just as the first group were being dropped at their starting point, the rain stopped and the sun started to shine. This did mean there were

some very big puddles on the canal walk; which some of the students enjoyed immensely!

Most of the students completed the 7-mile walk in record time, raising money towards a new minibus. Some students completed the walk for the first time; special mention should go to Beth, Oscar, Carl and Troy who all enjoyed their experience. Many other students took great pleasure filling in their spy book, which was new this year, with some students managing to find all 48 pictures (including one sighting of the Loch Ness Monster!) Students and staff finished the walk tired, but happy and with a massive sense of achievement.

Year seven pupils stayed on site and made food from other cultures.

They also tried their hand at remaking the CBeebies video celebrating differences (this is on the school website). At lunch, there was an opportunity to dance with the staff and older students who were helping them. In the afternoon, they joined in their own sponsored walk with a difference. Whilst walking, the students went through bubbles, a silent disco, tunnels, and a paint run! The outcome was a lot of children and staff covered in paint. I think it is fair to say all had a good time.



### Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) visit to School.



On Thursday 28th Rowdeford school played host to two PCSOs in training.

Paul and Georgie spent all day at the school shadowing Miss Chard and meeting students and staff. This was part of their 12 weeks training to become PCSOs based in Devizes. Rowdeford students had the opportunity to ask questions about their jobs. The PCSOs also visited a number of lessons. The year 11s had prepared questions in their English lesson to help write a job advert. They also met the year 7s who had many questions about the law and



especially road safety, which happens to be their topic for this term. Year 8 decided that they were all interested in becoming PCSOs in the future. The cookery class made sure the PCSOs were fed and made them toasties. Georgie and Paul said they really enjoyed meeting the students and visiting the school and commented on how polite and interested they found Rowdeford students. They are keen to re-visit once fully qualified.



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Please remember to send in your sponsorship money, this will go towards purchasing a new minibus for the school.

### Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival service will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

Don't forget parents evening!

### Parent/Tutor Evening – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Appointment confirmation slips have been sent out today for Parents Evening, if you have not received yours please inform the school office. We do still have some appointments left, if you want to see you child's tutor please let us know.

### Operation Christmas Child

It is that time of year again when we are collecting for the Shoe Boxes to be sent abroad for less fortunate children. Please look out for the information leaflet in your child's bag. If you are unable to complete a whole shoe box the boarders enjoy making up the boxes so any donations you can send in will be gratefully received. Linda Cook has travelled to Belarus to deliver these boxes and can assure you the children are thrilled to receive these Christmas boxes. Please could you send in your shoe box or donation into school by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, a lovely activity to do over the half term with your child. We will be having a **Non-uniform day on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>**



**October**, which is the last day of term 1 for the students; they can bring in a 50p donation or an item to go in the shoe boxes.



We are holding this alongside **Wild Hair Day- also on 17<sup>th</sup> October** organised by The Buddy Group who are raising funds for school. Students can bring in 50p and have their hair in a wild style – glitter, coloured hairspray or use their imagination. There will be a sweet raffle costing 10p a ticket. We will be selling raffle tickets from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October at break-times and the draw will take place on the last day of term Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October.



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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.

- Duke of Edinburgh – Some year 10's
- Post 16 information Poster – Years 9 & 10
- Parents Evening appointment confirmation slip

### Dates for your Diary

#### October

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Parents/Tutor Evening – 4.30pm -7.00pm

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> *Non-Uniform Day*

*End of Term 1 – 3.00pm finish*

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> TD Day – No students in school

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> *Start of Term 2*

#### November

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Work Experience Week – Year 11's

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> FORS meeting – 7.00pm

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Enterprise Day

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Book Fair – until Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> TD Day – no students in school

#### December

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Humanities Day

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch

#### December Cont....

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> KS 4 Christmas Carol - Rowde

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> KS3 Christmas Carol - Bromham

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> *End of Term 2 – 1.50pm Finish*

#### January

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 3

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> FORS meeting – 7.00pm

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> KS3 – Parents Evening

#### February

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> KS4 – parents Evening

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> FORS meeting

#### March

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> World Book Day

#### April

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> FORS meeting – 7.00pm

#### May

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Rowdeford Garden Fair

#### June

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> FORS meeting – 7.00pm

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Rowdeford School Fete

### Best wishes

Mr M Loveridge