



Head Teacher – Mr M Loveridge

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Dear Parents/Carers

Introduction from Mr Loveridge - Head teacher



Welcome to all our new students and their families, I feel very privileged to be introducing myself as the new Head teacher. As many of you will know I have already worked at Rowdeford School for two years as Deputy Head teacher. The positive, warm atmosphere and constant drive for improvement at Rowdeford School makes it a very special place.

Your child will be placed at the heart of everything we do. Our team of staff are skilled, hardworking and committed to developing all of your child, not just academically. We recognise that success for every child will be different and we will celebrate this in lots of ways. Achievement and good

behaviour will be encouraged using a positive approach.

At our Training Day last week, the staff started to look at the school's values and aims to re-evaluate them; this is the beginning of a journey to arrive at a collective vision for the school which all parents and carers will also be involved with in due course.

We know how valuable each day at school is, so we want all of our students to be happy, safe and to have access to an exciting, broad and engaging curriculum. You will be pleased to hear that the Outdoor Learning Centre is almost complete; we are looking forward to being able to fully utilise this space to further enhance our 'Learning outside the classroom' (LoTC).

We aim to work closely with families; you are welcome to make an appointment, to come into school at any time to discuss any issues or ask anything else you need to know. Please contact the school office, if you would like to make an appointment or ask a question.

Rowdeford is already a fantastic school; I believe it has the capacity to be the very best. Together we can achieve so much.

Introduction from Ms Chard – Deputy Head teacher

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself to the families and friends of Rowdeford School. My name is Ms Chard and I am the new Deputy Head teacher from this September. I will be taking the main responsibility for Behaviour, transport, parental support at the school, as well as supporting Mr Loveridge.

I have really enjoyed my first few weeks at Rowdeford and the staff and pupils have all made me feel very welcome and have helped me to settle in. I am looking forward to meeting more parents during the year. I will be starting to run a number of workshops that parents and carers can attend which are designed to help you support your children whilst at Rowdeford and beyond. If you have any thoughts about potential themes of these evenings, please email me at Admin@Rowdeford.wilts.sch.uk.





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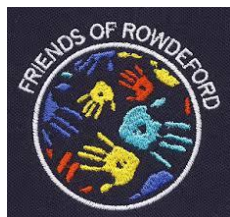
Term 1 Value – Cooperation

The value that we will focus on in Term 1 is **Cooperation**. Your child should have brought a poster about this value for you to have at home. If you would like to work with us to explore and develop this value, here are a few ideas for you to use at home:



- Display the Cooperation Poster at home and refer to it when members of the family show that they are being guided by this value;
- Use the sentences from the poster about cooperation as a starting point for talking together. Aim to be a role model of cooperation. Talk about what family members will try to do and what will they try to stop doing if they are being guided by the value of caring.
- Cooperation is helping one another.
- Cooperation is working together with patience.
- Cooperation is working together to reach a goal.

Friends of Rowdeford School (FORS)



The FORS has a dual purpose to support fundraising at Rowdeford and to provide a social network for parents and carers of pupils with special needs. We are currently a small, but dedicated group but did you know that membership is not restricted to people who have a child at Rowdeford? Extended family and members of the local community are very welcome and we are keen to expand the group. We meet on the second Tuesday of each term at 7.30pm. The next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th September in the Arts Centre.

Why not come along and help to shape the future of FORS? Or perhaps you know somebody who would like to volunteer in this way? Tea and biscuits will be provided. We hope to see you there!

After school clubs

After School Clubs will start the week beginning Monday 18th September, this is open to years 8-11 with year 7 starting after Christmas. Please look out for the letter which will go home this week.



Sponsored Walk

Our annual Sponsored Walk will be on Friday 29th letters and sponsor forms will be sent out this week.

Vaccinations

A child receives a number of vaccines through their childhood to provide and strengthen their protection against infectious illnesses. Is your child up to date with important vaccinations which protect them against potentially serious infectious illnesses? If in any doubt, please contact your GP surgery and check that they are up to date.

<http://wiseweb.wiltshire.gov.uk/documents/dsweb/Get/Document-16685/P032-17>



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Contact Details

Letters and information is sent out regularly by email so please ensure we have up to date contact details. Please note this week we are changing our email system so all letters have been printed but we will be back to normal correspondence next week.

Uniform Ordering



You can order directly from our suppliers WS Embroidery, Church Street, Calne. Telephone number: 01249 811210.

The Website details are: www.withstylecalne.com

Please note there is a small delivery charge.

Clothes Recycling for Rowdeford School

We have a clothes recycling bank on site for any unwanted clothes, bags, belts etc; which you may no longer need or want. Please help us raise money for the Green Team for projects in school by sending any unwanted items in with your child.



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 any letters which are relevant to your child.

- Values Poster – Cooperation
- Sponsored Walk – all year groups
- After School Clubs – years 8,9,10,11

Dates for your Diary

September

Tuesday 19th Humanities/Life Skills Day
Friday 29th Sponsored Walk

October

Thursday 12th Parents/Tutor Evening – 4.30pm -7.00pm
Wednesday 18th TD Day – No students in school
Thursday 19th End of Term 1 – 3.00pm finish
Monday 30th Start of Term 2

November

Monday 6th Work Experience Week – Year 11's
Monday 27th TD Day – no students in school

December

Wednesday 20th End of Term 2 – 1.50pm Finish

January

Thursday 4th Start of Term 3

Best wishes

Mr M Loveridge