

## Newsletter No 6 January 2017

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*We are very pleased with our new 'Warrior of the week' award in celebration assemblies. This shield is awarded to a child who has worked extra hard to overcome a challenge and shown hard work and resilience when learning.*

*Our value this month is honesty and we have been talking about telling the truth and what might happen if we don't do this. We have been discussing our right to share our views and opinions. This is one of the United Nations Rights of a Child that we respect and use in school. In order to respect this right we should tell the truth.*

*Please have a look at the values boards that we painted. They have been put up on the hoarding along the edge of the school field. The construction company that are building the new school for RES gave us these to paint and put them up for us. Some children have also had the opportunity to visit the site.*

*Best wishes*

*Anne Cooper*

### **Trips & Visits**

Year 1 have started their class trips to Pizza Express this week, as part of their topic: food from other countries. They tried a variety of different foods and learnt about the pizza making process. They are also looking forward to a visit from one of our parents who will be talking to the children about Chinese New Year. Each child will be trying noodles and various sauces, along with using chopsticks! Year 3 are off the Science museum tomorrow for a 'Feel the Force' workshop, looking at the effects of forces on materials.

### **BAM Construction**

BAM Construction, the company responsible for the build of the new Rydens Enterprise School site have very kindly offered a number of different experiences to our children over the next few months.

The year 6 children took part in a fun maths workshop, working out problems with Lego. Our Reception children have been thrilled to take part in "official" site visits, including the wearing of hard hats and yellow jackets! They were very excited to see the site in action close up.



Some children from years 1, 2 and 3 will also be going on site visits where they will be using recycled materials to make bird feeders and bug hotels. It is great for us to be able to use the building works, to show the children these exciting things.

### **Warrior of the Week**

We have introduced a new award to our Friday celebrations assemblies this term called 'Warrior of the Week'. This will be awarded to a child nominated by a member of staff, for showing a great growth mindset attitude towards their work. One child will be chosen from reception to year 2, and one from years 3-6. Parents of the winning child will be invited to our celebration assembly via the usual Wednesday special achievement email, so do keep an eye out for it.



### **School Crossing Patrol**

We are pleased to announce the appointment of our new School Crossing Patrol Officer, Mrs Leckie. She is now out on the crossing at drop off and pick up times so please do say hello!

### **Parent Consultation Evening News**

Parent Consultation evenings are coming up on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Online booking is now open via [www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com). Also on both evenings, our Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Beardon, will be running online safety workshops for parents. You can drop in to any of the advertised sessions, where she will be focusing on the rise in children posting photography online and social networking. On the evening of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, the Fostering and Adoption service from Surrey County Council will be available to chat to any parents who may want to find out more about fostering children in need in the local community.



### **Dates for your Diaries**

Our next Parent Forum will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 9.35am so please put the date in your diaries.

Rydens Enterprise School are holding a Primary Schools Roadshow at Bell Farm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 3.30pm for parents of children in years 5 and 6. The senior leadership team will be discussing improvements made at the school recently and how the new building will impact the students (also see update from RES below).



## RES update for Primary Schools

The key focus remains on rapid school improvement with teaching and learning at the



heart of all that we do.

A new data system is supporting us in tracking and supporting students towards their new, more aspirational targets.

Charity fundraising remains a key focus for all houses. Sixth form students raised nearly £800 from a range of activities during RAG week at the end of 2016 and were proud to donate this money to the Walton and Hersham Foodbank.

Work experience is being reintroduced this year for our Year 10 students. Students will be looking for a placement for the week commencing 26th June and we welcome contact from local businesses that might be able to help with this. If you think you might be able to offer a placement please contact Ms Armstrong (Assistant Headteacher) at the school.

Dominic Raab MP who has always been a strong supporter of the school, visited us again on Friday 13th January and spent some time with our sixth form Law and Politics students and also with a range of students across Years 7-11. The students had lots of questions for the MP and he was happy to answer them. He later described RES students as being 'top drawer'!

RES Senior Leaders were able to don hard hats and other safety gear to make an exciting first visit to the new school site just before Christmas. Work is certainly progressing well with the steel structure for the sports hall now complete and work about to start on the steel for the hall and the first of the blocks. Outside of the building itself, work has started on construction of the MUGA (multi use games area) and the full size All Terrain Pitch.



## Entrance to the School

Please be mindful that all visitors to the school **MUST** buzz on the gate to let the school office know they have arrived. If the gate is open, please do not just walk through, **especially not through the driver's gate**. This is extremely dangerous with cars and lorries entering and leaving the site all day. We thank you for your co-operation.

## Donations

We are very much in need of small trousers and undergarments for some of our younger children who may have accidents at school. Especially for when they fall over in the wet and mud! If you have any your children may have outgrown they would be very gratefully received.

## Friends News

The winter discos are coming up on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Letters have gone out so if you would like your child attend, fill in the slip and pop it in the box outside the main school office with £4 payment in an envelope.

We are always looking for helpers for events throughout the year so if you would like to take part in any way, please get in touch via [friends@bell-farm.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:friends@bell-farm.surrey.sch.uk)

Coming soon..... the first Bell Farm Movie Night for children, look out for details coming soon.

## Penalty Notices for unauthorised absence

We wish to draw to your attention that holidays taken during term time will not be authorised.

All requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in exceptional circumstances will they be approved. The policy of Surrey County Council, to which this school has agreed, states that each parent who takes their child out of school for five days or more during term time, without the authority of the head teacher, will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Each parent is liable to receive a penalty notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences in these circumstances. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority.

From September 2013, the penalty is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days, but within 28 days of receipt of the notice. If the Penalty Notice is not paid within 28 days, the Local Authority must prosecute the parent/carer for failing to ensure regular school attendance under section 444 Education Act 1996.

Penalty notices may also be used by the Local Authority in the following circumstances: -

When a pupil is stopped during school hours by the Truancy Team, and there is a history of unauthorised absence, a warning letter will be sent to the parent/carer informing them that their child's attendance will be monitored for the following 15 school days. If there are further unauthorised absences, a Penalty Notice will be issued.

Where a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance, and is failing to engage with any supportive measures proposed by the school or Education Welfare. Before a Penalty Notice is issued, the parent will be sent a formal warning of their liability to receive such a notice.

Absence request forms are available from the school office and must be completed and returned to the school office at least 4 weeks prior to the requested date of absence.

Please refer to our website for our school Attendance Policy.

<b>SPRING TERM 2017</b>		
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3	Year 3 to Science Museum
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5&6	RES – Primary Schools Roadshow – 3.30pm
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February		Parents Evening – 4.30pm – 7pm
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February		Parents Evening – 3.30pm – 6pm
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February		Year 1 to Pizza Express – Honeysuckle
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February		Year 1 to Pizza Express Snowdrop
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February		Winter Discos – Reception 3.30pm – 4.15pm Years 1 & 2 – 4.30pm – 5.15pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February		Winter Discos – Years 3, 4, 5 - 3.30pm – 4.30pm Year 6 – 4.45pm – 5.45pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February		End of half term
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February		Back to school
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Y2	Year 2 to RHS Wisley
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4	Elmbridge Schools Choirs Festival – 7.30pm
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February		Bell Farm Book Fair
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March		World Book day
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March		English Open Morning
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y5	Year 5 Bikeability
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6	Year 6 SATs information evening
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March		Parent Forum – 9.35am
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5	Year 5 to Guildford Cathedral – Surrey get Vocal
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March		Comic Relief – Red Nose Day
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1&2	Friends Movie Night
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3-6	Friends Movie Night
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery	Nursery last day of term
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March		Last day of term, school closes at 2.20pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April		INSET day – school closed to children
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April		1 <sup>st</sup> day of term – back to school for everyone
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1	Honeysuckle & Crocus classes to Hobbledown
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1	Snowdrop & Snapdragon to Hobbledown
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May		May Day Bank Holiday – school closed
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y2	Year 2 pedals
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Y2	Year 2 pedals
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6	Year 6 residential to Barton Hall
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6	Year 6 return from Barton Hall
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	YR	Reception to Chessington World of Adventure
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4	Year 4 residential to Gaviston Hall
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4	Year 4 return from Gaviston Hall
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May		End of half term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June		Back to school
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3	Surrey Borders Festival – Dorking Halls 7pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June		Class/Team Photographs
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5	Year 5 residential to Henley Fort
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y5	Year 5 return from Henley Fort
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5	Year 5 to Guildford Cathedral – Surrey get Vocal
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery	Nursery last day of term
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July		Last day of term, school closes at 2.20pm