



# THE OWL

## October 2018 Autumn Term



**Diary Dates:** Please check the website for updated diary dates.

### October 2018

22<sup>nd</sup> Parent Consultations

26<sup>th</sup> FORS AGM (2pm)

### 29<sup>th</sup> Oct – 2<sup>nd</sup> November HALF TERM

### November 2018

3<sup>rd</sup> Community Library (10am-noon)

3<sup>rd</sup> Reed Village Firework Display (6pm)

7<sup>th</sup> Youth Speaks (1.30pm)

9<sup>th</sup> FORS Meeting (9am)

9<sup>th</sup> Kingswood Meeting (2pm)

13<sup>th</sup> Bag2School Collection

16<sup>th</sup> Children in Need

16<sup>th</sup> School Library (3.30pm)

17<sup>th</sup> Community Library (10am-noon)

22<sup>nd</sup> Individual School Photos

26<sup>th</sup> Nasal Flu Vaccinations

30<sup>th</sup> Decorations Day

30<sup>th</sup> School Library (3.30pm)

### December 2018

1<sup>st</sup> Community Library (10am-noon)

3<sup>rd</sup> Occasional Day (School Closed)

### Jeans for Genes

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September we raised £45. Thank you.

### Open Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our Open Afternoon in any way. There was a lovely buzz and visitors commented positively about our happy, welcoming ethos. Thank you to the children for being such good ambassadors and helping to show prospective families round. Many thanks, also, to FORS for providing refreshments.

### Harvest

Thank you to all the children who made such an interesting display of Harvest boxes. It was



really difficult to choose the winners as we felt that such a lot of effort had gone into them all. Thank you, also for the donated produce. The non-perishable items were taken to Jimmy's Night Shelter in Cambridge and the fresh fruit and vegetables were raffled off at the Harvest Supper for charity. The children who came with their parents to the church service behaved amazingly and sang with great enthusiasm. Thank you all for supporting this event.

### Data Collection

During our Parent Teacher consultation afternoon and evening on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, you will be given details of information we currently hold regarding contact numbers, address and emails. Please take time to check this carefully, indicating any changes or updates before returning the Data Collection sheets to the office.

### Bonfire Night

Come and see the grand firework display in Reed on the Green on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>**



**November.** The bar will be open from 5pm with fireworks at 6.45pm, followed by the lighting of the bonfire. Entry is free but donations are welcome in support of FoRS, St Mary's Church & Reed Cricket Club.

### Lunch menus

The new menus will come into effect after the half term holiday and will run until the end of the Spring Term. The School Council will survey pupils once the first three week cycle is complete.

### Poppy Appeal

We will once again be supporting the Poppy Appeal this year. The poppies will be taken to classes every afternoon in the week after half term. Please send in a small donation if you wish to support this.



### Youth Speaks

The Year 4 children will, once again, join with other local schools to practise their public speaking. They are busy preparing their presentations ahead of the event on the afternoon of **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**. Details have been sent out to those concerned.

### Residential Trip

A residential trip to the Kingswood Activity Centre in West Runton in Norfolk has been booked for the children in Years 3 and 4 in May 2019. There will be a meeting for parents and children on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November** at 2pm.

### Bag2School

Bags for your contributions of outgrown clothes are available at the front of school. Clothes, shoes and hand-bags are fine but please check the information on the bag as there are some things, e.g. duvets and pillows, that won't be acceptable. As space to store the bags beforehand is limited, please bring them to school at the start of the day of collection if at all possible, **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**. The school is then given money based on the weight of your donations.



### Children in Need

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November** is Children in Need Day and this will be a non-uniform day for donations to the charity. The School Council is deciding on activities for the day and it is likely that there will be a 'spotty' theme and cakes at break time.



### Individual photos

A photographer from Van Cols will be in school during the afternoon of **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**. Photographs will be taken of all children individually and with their siblings in school. It is possible to take photos of older and younger siblings as well as whole families at the end of the school day by prior arrangement. Please let the school office know to enable us to work out timings.

### School Closure Notification System

Hertfordshire County Council operates a school closure notification system. If parents have not yet signed up for this system, please do so as soon as possible, at [member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489](http://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489)

### Staffing news

We are pleased that Mrs Nicola Samuels has now joined our staff team. Mrs Samuels will be working in the Infant Class providing 1:1 support. We are grateful to Mrs Curtis who fulfilled this role temporarily during September.

### ... and more staffing news

Some of you are already aware that Mrs Harvey and Mr Craker are getting married during the half term holiday. The whole school community wish them both well for their future together. The governors have agreed additional leave for Mrs Harvey so she will not be in school on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October or for the first two and a half days next half term. Mrs Tansley will lead the school in her absence. As Mrs Harvey will be retiring next summer, she has decided not to change her name for school purposes.



### FoRS

The date for FoRS' AGM will be held on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October** at 2pm. All parents and carers are automatically members of FORS and are entitled to vote for the committee or indeed to stand for one of the committee positions. It would be lovely to see some new faces so do please come along if you can.

Thank you to everyone who supported us by buying our handmade cards. We hope you liked your children's creations as much as we did, and a huge thanks goes out to our crafty card helpers and to the children for making some beautiful Picasso moments! Great fun, and a lovely way to make some money for our funds.

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, FoRS will be joining forces with St Mary's Church and Reed Cricket Club to throw a Fireworks extravaganza on the Green in Reed. Fireworks begin at 6:45pm, followed by a bonfire. The event is free, but donations are always most gratefully received. There will be a bar, which will be open from 5pm, and a BBQ providing all your winter warmers. We hope it will be a great night for all the family. And don't forget your torch!