



THE OWL

May 2017 Summer Term



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

May 2017

- 15th- 19th Walk to School Week
- 17th Tennis Tournament
- 19th Celebration Assembly (2.45pm)
- 19th Library-School Community (3.30-4.30pm)
- 20th Library- All welcome (10am-12 noon)
- 20th & 21st Environmental Weekend (10-3pm)
- 25th Governor Nomination Deadline
- 26th Celebration Assembly (2.45pm)
- 29th May – 2nd June HALF TERM
– SCHOOL CLOSED

June 2017

- 5th INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- 6th Children return to school
- 7th FORS Meeting (8pm)
- 9th Celebration Assembly & 100 Club Draw (2.45pm)
- 15th National Clean Air Day
– Wear something green to school
- 15th Rounders' Festival. Years 3 & 4 (1-4pm)
- 16th FORS Father's Day Sweetie Shop (Morning)
- 16th Celebration Assembly (2.45pm)
- 16th Library-School Community (3.30-4.30pm)
- 17th Library- All welcome (10am-12 noon)
- 20th Whole School Photograph (9am)
- 21st Sports Day
 - EY in morning
 - Reception – Year 4 in afternoon
- 23rd Celebration Assembly (2.45pm)
- 24th Strawberry Festival at St Mary's Church
- 30th Celebration Assembly (2.45pm)
- 30th Library-School Community (3.30-4.30pm)

July 2017

- 1st Library- All welcome (10am-12 noon)
- 1st FORS Wine Evening
- 5th Reception Class trip to Royston Library
- 7th FORS Meeting (9am school hall)
- 7th Celebration Assembly & 100 Club Draw (2.45pm)
- 12th Cricket Tournament. Years 3 & 4 (1pm)
- 13th Transition Day
- 13th Meet the Teacher (6pm)
- 15th Library- All welcome (10am-12 noon)
- 18th Leavers Play Dress Rehearsal (9am)
- 19th Leavers Play (2pm)
- 20th Leavers Play (6pm)
- 21st Leavers Assembly (9am)
- 21st Leavers Event (1pm)

Ofsted

We are all very pleased with the outcome of our Ofsted inspection in March. Parents should all have received a hard copy of the report which will be published on Ofsted's website, and will be added to our own, on Tuesday 16th May. Thank you to everyone in the school community who contributed to this success, especially the children who are the core purpose of everything we do in school. We are preparing a press release for inclusion in local publications from next Tuesday.



Staffing

Staffing for the summer term will remain as before with the exception that Mrs Rachel Armitage has now joined the Early Years team on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Mr O'Hare remains on sick leave and, when I hear any further news about his recovery, I will pass this on. Mr Richardson will continue to teach the junior class until the summer holiday. For those of you who knew Miss Foroughi when she was our Early Years teacher, her first baby is due any day now. I will let you know her news when I hear of the baby's safe arrival. It was lovely to see her in a recent assembly.

Walk to school week

Next week, we will be participating in Hertfordshire's Walk to School Week and hope that as many of our children as possible will walk, scoot or cycle all or part of the way to school. The theme this time is dinosaurs and each class will be trying to collect enough stickers on their charts to help Buster and Betsy to keep active. Walking to school helps make, and keep, children healthier and happier and more ready to learn. May is designated as national walking month and thousands of children across the country will be enjoying the spring sunshine and fresh air.



For those families who travel from outside the village, and for anyone within the village who would like to join them, Mr Richardson will be walking from the corner of the cricket green every morning except Wednesdays when Mrs Harvey will take his place. Mr Richardson will bring the hi-viz vests and will meet children at 8.35am for the walk to school. Although sensible children may be handed over to Mr Richardson at this point, responsibility for

younger children in Early Years and Year 1 will need to be taken by an adult.

We look forward to seeing how many children and adults we can get in our 'walk to school' crocodile. Do please try to join us on at least one day next week.

Environmental weekend

Thank you to those who have already signed up to help during our environmental weekend. Although there will be a few jobs for children, any who come will need to be the responsibility of their parents. A bread and cheese or ham lunch will be provided as well as cups of tea and coffee and chocolate biscuits. If you are coming and have any tools that would be useful for hedge trimming, sweeping leaves, painting/varnishing or planting, please bring them with you. There will also be some indoor jobs if people prefer, especially if anyone would like to sort and tidy book shelves in preparation for their electronic cataloguing next month. Many hands, even if you can spare just an hour over the weekend, will make light work. Please also see FORS paragraph below.

FORS News

A huge thank you to everyone for all your help and support over our amazing FORS Fabulous Fortnight. This Easter, you've truly excelled yourselves with some stunning colourings for our Easter competition, rocking some amazing jim jams for our PJ day, and providing us with an EGG-ceptional amount of chocolatey goodness for our tombola stall at Tesco, which made a whopping £294.67 for our library fundraising drive.

Last weekend, we were lucky enough to work with Anna Marriage, who shot some beautiful family photos. We hope you're as pleased as we are with our pics, and this made the library pot £92, so thanks again to everyone who came and supported this event. We're hoping to run another for Christmas, so watch this space for further info!

The summer term is always the busiest, and as ever the FORS team are out in force. We have a few key dates for your diary listed below, but here are just a few of the things coming to a book bag near you in May and June ...

Environmental Weekend

Sat 20th - Sun 21st May, 10 - 3 pm

FORS are asking for your help to please help them tidy and tidy our school. If you have a rake and are not afraid to use it, or a jet wash in need of an outing, then please, please, please sign up to help us on our environmental weekend. We have a whole list of jobs to help give Reed First a little spring clean, and if you can donate an hour or two either on one or both days, we would be incredibly grateful. We're also more than happy to bribe you

with a free lunch, should this help seal the deal! See the noticeboard for more details.

Father's Day Sweetie Stall - Fri 16th June

Our sweetie stall will be back again this year, with a variety of treats for the children to select for the men in their lives. Just £1.50 a bag, more details will follow in book bags shortly. Please also let us know if you would rather your child didn't participate. Many thanks.

Harry Potter Treasure Hunt - Sat 24th June 12 - 2

To honour the 20th anniversary of Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone, FORS have organised a themed treasure hunt around Reed. Look out for Dumbledore and Dobby as you navigate the village in homage to this modern day literary classic. £3 per entrant (whether this be individuals, couples or families), it proves to be a fun activity for all - small children and big kids alike!

Strawberry Festival - Sat 24th June 12 - 4

Once again, FORS are teaming up with our friends at St Mary's Church to host a fantastic village event. This year's Strawberry Festival looks set to be our biggest yet, with the traditional Strawberry Tea, BBQ, bar, owl stall, plant stall and not to mention our fabulous raffle of a foodie hamper, worth £100. It's always great fun for all the family, and a perfect way to relax with a glass or two, after our Treasure Hunt. We make that Pimm's o'clock!

Save the dates

Wine Night - Saturday 1st July, Reed First School
Bookworm Ball 2018 - Saturday 17th March 2018, Sheene Mill

TREASURER POST

At the end of this year, we are sadly losing our fabulous treasurer Isobel. If you are good with figures, we need you! The treasurer post is an elected position, but can also be a silent role within the committee. If you are interested or know someone who might, please let us know.

We are always looking for volunteers to help. If you would like to help, every hour volunteered makes a huge difference to what we can provide for the children in this school. No gesture is too small, so if you would like to know more, please either speak to a member of the FORS committee or email us at fors@reed.herts.sch.uk.

Thank you

The FORS team

Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers

Please send in any vouchers you may have as we would like to make an order next week. Thank you. There is a collection box in the school reception area for these vouchers.



Hertfordshire Catering Awards

I am delighted to tell you that our school was one of only four schools shortlisted recently for a Hertfordshire Catering Ltd award in the category Primary School Catering Team of the Year (fewer than 200 meals per day). Sarah Blair and Margaret Watson's hard work and dedication to the school was recognised and, although they were not overall winners, they were identified as very deserving runners up. A framed certificate will be hung above the kitchen door. Well done to our catering team.

Bag2School

We collected 190kgs this time and have received a cheque for £76.00. Thank you for all your contributions.



Renewal of Free School Meals application for September 2017

If you have not already registered your child for Universal Free School meals, could you please register at:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

This particularly applies to reception children in September.

School Uniform

We still have some new school uniform available from the school office at a reduced price.