



# THE OWL

October 2017

Autumn Term



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

## October 2017

- 19<sup>th</sup> Last Gardening Club
- 20<sup>th</sup> Celebration Assembly (2.45pm)
- 20<sup>th</sup> School Library (3.30pm)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Community Library (10am-noon)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM

## November 2017

- 3<sup>rd</sup> FORS AGM (2pm)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Celebration Assembly (2.45pm)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> School Library (3.30pm)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Community Library (10am-noon)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Reed Village Firework Display (6.30pm)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Youth Speaks (1.30pm)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Bag2School Collection
- 10<sup>th</sup> Anti-Bullying Day (Wear blue)
- 10<sup>th</sup> FORS Meeting (9am)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Celebration Assembly (2.45pm)
- 11<sup>th</sup> OPEN DAY (2-4pm)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Individual School Photographs (9am)
- 16<sup>th</sup> FORS Christmas Shopping Event (7-9pm)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Children in Need (Wear something spotty)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Nasal Flu Vaccinations (9am)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Celebration Assembly (2.45pm)
- 17<sup>th</sup> School Library (3.30pm)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Community Library (10am-noon)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Last Carpet Bowls Club
- 24<sup>th</sup> Celebration Assembly (2.45pm)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Reed Village Quiz (7.30pm)
- 30<sup>th</sup> Decorations Day
- 30<sup>th</sup> Celebration Assembly (2.45pm)**

## December 2017

- 1<sup>st</sup> INSET Day – School Closed
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Library (10am-noon)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Last Recorder & PE Club
- 6<sup>th</sup> Last Mathletics & Book Club
- 8<sup>th</sup> FORS Christmas Wrap
- 8<sup>th</sup> Celebration Assembly (2.45pm)

## Poppy Appeal

We will once again be supporting the Poppy Appeal this year. The poppies will be taken to classes every afternoon in the first 2 weeks of next half term. Please send in a small donation if you wish to support this.



## 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, **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November**. The school is then given money based on the weight of your donations.



## Open Day

This has been planned for **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November** between 2pm and 4pm and, although primarily for parents of children due to start in Early Years next September, this also gives an opportunity for parents in other age groups to see what we offer. As in previous years, FORS will provide refreshments and the classrooms will be set up with activities and resources appropriate to each age group. If any of our older children would like to act as guides on the day, supervised by a school adult, please let the school office know. A list will be compiled nearer the time.

## Individual photos

A photographer from Van Cols will be in school on the morning of **Monday 13<sup>th</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 first thing in the morning by prior arrangement. Please let the school office know to enable us to work out timings.



## Children in Need

Once again we will be supporting this nationwide appeal in school with a non-uniform day on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**. Children are asked to wear something spotty for a suggested donation of £1 to be donated to the charity.



## School Closure Notification System

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

## Jeans for Genes

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September we raised £71.35 Thank you.

## Playground Safety

When collecting your child from school, please do not allow your children to ride their bikes or scooters in the playground.

## Harvest

Thank you to everyone who supported the children to make imaginative harvest boxes this year and for the thoughtful produce involved. The children sang beautifully in the church and clearly enjoyed bringing their Harvest gifts to the altar. We have heard that a total of £548.73 was raised as a result of the service and Harvest Supper. Thank you for your generous donations.



## Early Birds

This was set up to help those parents who need to get to work earlier than the 8.45am entry allows. We are now over-subscribed on several mornings. Please ensure that your child/ren are booked in and that you notify us if you don't need your reserved place as we don't want to turn anyone in genuine need away. Early Birds is currently staffed for a maximum of 8 children.

## Clubs

Gardening Club has now finished for this term. A new club – carpet bowls will start for 4 weeks on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. This will be run by Mr Craker and Miss Jakeman, who can take 10 children from years 2, 3 & 4. Please let the office know if your child would like to take part.



## Uniform

Please make sure that all items of school uniform are clearly named, including PE kits, as it is much easier to identify the owner when identical pieces of clothing inevitably get mixed up.

## Juniors' snack

As the Government's Fruit and Vegetable scheme covers children up to the end of Year 2 only, children in the Junior class are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack from home. This should be a whole piece or pieces of fruit or vegetable in fresh or dried form. Smaller pieces of fruit may be brought in a bag or box.

## FORS

The date for FORS' AGM has now been set for **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** 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.

## Jewellery and earrings

It is the policy in Royston schools that jewellery should not be worn in school. At Reed school we have previously allowed small stud earrings. For health and safety reasons these must be removed for PE sessions and swimming. If your child has pierced ears and cannot remove them and put them back in, please take them out at home on PE and swimming days.

## Bonfire Night

Come and see the grand firework display in Reed by the cricket pitch on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November**. The bonfire will be lit at 6pm with the firework display commencing at 6.30pm. Hot dogs, burgers and drinks will be available for purchase and entry is free.



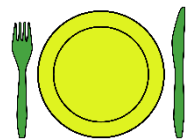
We will be supporting this by having a poster competition. Posters must be A4 size and can depict fireworks or firework safety rules. The entries will be laminated and displayed on the safety perimeter line and there will be a prize for each age group. Please send your child's entry into the school office, with their name and class on the back, by the end of Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

## Village News

Reed Autumn Quiz – Its time again to put your thinking caps on and brush up on your general knowledge for the Reed Autumn Quiz. Enjoy the mental challenges plus a fish or chicken and chip supper plus a licenced bar for just £12. This all takes place at the Reed Village Hall, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets from Hazel (01763848349) or Alan (01763 847213)

## Universal Infant Free School Meal Registration

Please can parents of children starting in reception, year 1 and year 2 register their entitlement for Universal Infant Free School Meals online at



[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)