



THE OWL

September 2015

Autumn Term



Welcome

Welcome back to you all. I have enjoyed hearing about the children's summer holidays and it is lovely to see so many happy smiling faces around school. Welcome, too, to our new children and their families and to our two new members of staff, Mrs Dinsdale and Mrs Kinghorn. We hope you enjoy your time at Reed School.

Thank you

Many thanks from us all for your generous gifts at the end of last term. Thank you, also, to members of the FORS team for all they did to make our Leavers' Day go well. Some great events have already been planned, some for fundraising and others just for fun. Please look out for posters and other details as events get closer.



Jeans for Genes

We will be taking part in this national fundraising campaign next Friday, 18th September. Children and staff may come to school wearing jeans/denim for a donation to help to make a difference to those affected by genetic disorders.

Information and social evening

There will be an opportunity to look at some of the resources we are currently using and to learn more about the life of the school as part of this event. The evening will start at 7.30pm and I will give a brief talk at 8pm which will be followed by the chance to meet members of FORS, some governors and staff in a social setting. You will also be able to meet other parents over a glass of wine without the children. I hope you will be able to make the date.



Schoolympics and Make and Take

We regularly take part in these events and further details will be sent out to those involved.

Swimming

Swimming starts on Wednesday 16th September for the children in Years 1-4. Please be aware that children with longer than collar length hair, or hair which covers the eyes when wet, will need to wear a swimming cap.



Clubs

A letter regarding clubs available and the age groups eligible will be sent out separately. The more adult help we have, the more children will be able to participate. In the unusual event that a club needs to be cancelled, you will be notified. No clubs will run in December although 'Buntings' will be available throughout the term for a cost.

Human Poppy

We have been invited to take part in the formation of a 'human poppy' at Meridian School. Our children (Reception to Y4) will need to wear red. We have the sports day T shirts in school if anyone has any difficulty sourcing red. More details as they become available.



Harvest Festival

As in previous years, we have been invited to take part in the service at St Mary's Church, Reed at 7pm. The children are asked to decorate a shoe box sized container and this will be judged in school earlier in the day. All donations of produce are then raffled off at the Harvest supper in the Village Hall afterwards and the proceeds given to charity. Please look out for further details.



Walk to School Week

We would like all of our children to consider making healthier trips to school for the week. As in May, Mr O'Hare has offered to meet children at 8.35am on the cricket pitch to enable them to walk part of the way to school. If any children in Early Birds are up for the challenge of walking both ways, they could accompany Mr O'Hare.

Parent/teacher consultations

These will take place on Wednesday 21st November for all parents with an additional session on Tuesday 20th for parents of children in Mrs Tansley's class. This additional afternoon has been arranged to accommodate the larger numbers in our Early Years class. Appointments will be made nearer the time.

FORS News

Welcome back! We hope you've had an amazing summer - despite the pathetic weather – and are looking forward to the term ahead. FORS have an action packed calendar of activities planned, and we can't wait to get started. After the success of last year's Total-O-Meter, we're bringing it back bigger and better, and will be sending out more information over the next week or so.

Our big event this term is a Beetle Drive, and we'd love for you all to get this date in your diaries. FORS will be holding this on Friday 23rd October from 3:30 in the school hall, and all family members are most welcome. If you're new to the ways of the beetle, we'll send out the rules closer to the time to ensure you have time to practise!

Should any of your children have had a growth spurt over the holidays; FORS have a great array of second hand uniform for sale. From jumpers, to school coats right through to PE shirts, all can be bought for a fraction of the original cost. Please ask Shelley Ward at the celebration assembly, or alternatively grab any member of FORS before or after school who will be happy to help.

Our tea towels arrived in the nick of time at the end of last term, and we still have stocks available if you're interested. This piece of creative merchandise can be yours for the exceptional price of just £3, available from the school office now!

And if you're interested in keeping track of what we're up to, why not follow us on Facebook? Just search for Friends of Reed School, and we'll keep you updated with all the latest goings on in the ways of the FORS force.

Data Collection Sheets

Please find attached the annual data collection sheet for checking and amending, together with an adult collection and password form. Both of these need to be completed and returned to the school office as soon as possible.

And finally.....

Thank you for your ongoing support and we have attached a diary date list for your information.

