

# Rodmersham School Newsletter

## Issue 5



**Our Reception 2020 Open Day is Friday November 29<sup>th</sup>  
from 9:30 – 11:00 -**

Welcome to the newsletter this week,  
Thank you all so much for attending our Parent Consultation Evenings this week. We enjoyed hearing all of the lovely positive comments and to hear how the children are responding so positively to some of the changes taking place in school. Never one to rest on our laurels we are always looking to new research and innovations to improve the learning experience for our children. In Year 6 they have introduced flexible seating, which enables the children to choose where they want to study and how. The standing desks and project tables have been really popular! Whilst in Year 2 and Year 3 they have been working on the Enquiry Curriculum. Simply seeing where the learning takes them through a series of questions. They are really enjoying learning about animals and their habitats; adaptations and the environment.

Class 4 are just starting on the same journey and their discussion this week went from solid, liquids and gases to; which one was a rainbow? Mrs Phillips simply asked them to find out for homework and they really embraced the challenge; producing some amazing work.



Class 4 are also practising their debating skills with Mark, our wonderful local resident who volunteers to support the children in their public speaking skills. As a retired Magistrate he knows how to command a room and get the attention of others and the children are starting to take the activity very seriously; preparing their evidence and working hard on their speaking and listening skills. Last week 'the house' had to decide whether humans were the only ones to be allowed rights. Although it can get quite heated in the room during the debate, the children are learning that this is not a personal attack, and subsequently they are building such amazing resilience skills.

Lastly, our Year R staff are in the process of developing their environment to support 'In the moment planning'. The shed is about to undertake its biggest clear out ever as we attempt to ensure all resources are available all of the time. We best order another skip!

### Dates to Remember

Date	Event
18.11.2019	Year 2 Swimming
20.11.2019	Year 4 cooking
22.11.2019	Travelling Books are in for the week
25.11.2019	Year 2 Swimming Year 6 Railway Safety workshop
28.11.2019	Brook Theatre Year 1 and Year R
29.11.2019	Prospective Parents for Year R 2020
2.12.2019	Year 2 Swimming
3.12.2019	Year R Stay and Play @ 2pm
4.12.2019	Class 4 to the theatre to see the Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe Year 4 cooking Rodmersham Christmas Dinner
6.12.2019	FORS Christmas Bizarre
9.12.2019	Christmas Concert @2pm
10.12.2019	Year R Nativity @ 2pm Year 6 to the Giving Tree
11.12.2019	Year 4 Cooking Principals Christmas Dinner
12.12.2019	<b>NO HALL – NO SCHOOL DINNERS</b>
13.12.2019	Mrs Mc Award
17.12.2019	Year 6 to Parliament Christmas Service @2pm in the church
18.12.2019	Year 4 Cooking Christmas Concert @2pm in the hall

### Anti- Bullying Week

This week was Anti Bullying week, and as a school it was so important to recognise this but equally not to focus on negative behaviours and the positives too. So, we encouraged the children to fulfil random acts of kindness and the 'bucket' of others. Thank you for supporting Odd Sock Day. Our DOGS (Digital Online Guardians) led a fantastic assembly and read a story about how to stay safe online. They also held a competition for children to design Odd Socks. Congratulations to Ella D and Alex W for these award-winning designs.



The Travelling Book Company are in from Friday – I will send you further reminders during the week, but the children are having an assembly all about it on Wednesday. They will be here all week so please pop by. The school get commission on every sale which can be spent on books for our brand-new library which is currently under refurbishment.

Our wonderful dinner staff, Erica and Sarah have been working really hard painting and organising the library and we are looking forward to sharing it with you shortly.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/the-books>

Hard Work

Responsibility

Honesty

Respect