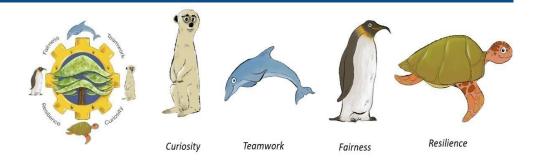


# Rode Heath Primary School

"Inspiring learning; nurturing minds; achieving for life."

## March 2025 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers.

I hope you all made the most of the half term break with the weather starting to slightly improve and now that the sun is shining! It has only been just over a week but we have all been extremely busy.

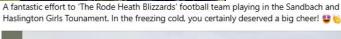
## **Achievements and Celebrations**

### Elf Run

As a school, we continue to raise vital funds for charities and we thank you for your support with this. Our Elf Run in December was a huge success, we have managed to raise £1740.13 for St Luke's. The children are all very proud of this and we will continue to support many charities.



Hockey: Well done to everyone who competed in the hockey matches last night. I hear you all played exceptionally well and thoroughly enjoyed yourselves.







#### **Bikeability**

Last week, the Year 4 children completed their Level 1 bicycle sufficiency award. The Year 6 children also completed their Level 3 award and had to demonstrate their confidence on the roads! Well done to you all!

#### **NSPCC Number Day**

NSPCC Number Day was a fantastic event and we thank you all so much for your kind donations and your support with making all of the children look fabulous with their number themed costumes. NSPCC is a fantastic charity for children and their families. I am a big fan of their website. It is not only a site for supporting children who have experience with abuse, it also has lots of useful tips and hints for children to make sense of their emotions and has lots of support for parents, too.

NSPCC | The UK children's charity | NSPCC

I would also like to draw your attention to our 'Support For Parents' section on our website. It has lots of useful advice, web links and resources to help you to support your child/children.

Rode Heath Primary: Support For Parents

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the Solihull Approach website: Home - Solihull Approach | Parenting. Across the UK and internationally, the Solihull Approach supports mental health and wellbeing in parents, children, schools, older adults and high stress workplaces through an evidence based model in trainings, online courses and resources. There are so many workshops that are free to attend and as a parent of a child in year 5 and a teenager, I have found some of the courses really useful.

### **World Book Week**

We are currently half way through World Book Week and it is pleasing to see all of the children participating in lots of activities to do with reading. I am really looking forward to seeing all of their creative designs and costumes when we come to school on Thursday as our favourite characters. Please don't forget to send in a picture of your child reading in a very unusual place. I will be sharing these in assembly on Friday.

## **Parent / Carer Consultation**

Spring Term parent/carer consultation meetings will be held face to face on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March** and **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**. The booking system will go live tomorrow (Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March) at 8pm and will close at 8pm on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March. The bookings can be made via your School Spider account and the 10 minute slots are from 4pm until 7pm on both days or 3:30pm to 6:30pm if your child is in pre-school.

## Admissions

All Year 6 children nationally have been allocated their secondary school place. You have two weeks to accept your child's place (17<sup>th</sup> March).

Parents/Carers waiting confirmation of their reception child's place for September with us will find out on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April**.

#### **Holiday Club**

We will continue to provide a safe, enjoyable environment in our Holiday Clubs with lots of different activities available for all children to enjoy. We are looking forward to seeing you all in our upcoming Easter Holiday Club. Bookings can be made via your ScoPay account.





Year 1 were so excited to have a virtual visit from Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler this morning as part of #worldbookweek! We loved listening to them read The Tiddler and The Smeds and the Smoos, and we even had a draw-along session with Axel Scheffler too!





For #worldbookweek Year 4 enjoyed learning about and drawing bugs during our live Zoom with author and illustrator of "Bugtastic" David O'Connell



Year 5 had a fantastic time in History yesterday, taking part in a Viking-themed dragons den! Their clans had to come up with a trade proposal that they had to sell to three 'dragons' in the hopes of getting an investment, showcasing their knowledge of trade during that time period.





Year 3 studying soil around the school in Science. There were also a few worms and mini beasts! 🥸











Year 2 have been very creative today, using a variety of tools to create different marks in their expressive painting unit.

