



This half term we are focussing on: **Resilience**

William Ransom Weekly

Good Morning Parents and Carers,

Following some very positive discussions, we (William Ransom and Rising Stars) are very happy to let you all know that directly after the February half term break the daily capacity for after school wraparound care will be increasing from 70 to 100 children per afternoon. This will mean that all children attending Rising Stars after school will do so on site at William Ransom. A copy of the letter and poster from Rising Stars, which will be dropping into inboxes at the same time as this newsletter, can be found below and on page two of this newsletter respectively. These give further information around the activities on offer and booking details. We are looking forward to continuing our journey with Rising Stars and we all hope that this additional capacity will make a positive difference to our families. The highlights from last week included our football teams in action against St Ippolyts, Year 4 children continuing their swimming journeys, Years 5 and 6 experiencing a French lesson from Hitchin Girls' School students as part of Project Polyglot and Reception taking part in a dental survey!

In other news, you may have noticed that I was not actually away from school this week recovering from my operation. But, in theory, I will be from 7th February instead.

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Mr Plunkett



Spelling Shed



English Update

We hope you are enjoying our new resource, Spelling Shed. Year 1 children are using this resource in school. Years 2-6 should now all be able to access this from home

to enjoy a new way of learning and practising spellings. We hope that you and your children will find the spelling games enjoyable and motivating.

[Click here for more information and to enter a competition to win books for your child!](#)

Coming Up Next Week..

Monday

- Year 6 Science Workshop

Tuesday

- 6pm - Year 6 Information Evening

Wednesday

- Yr 5&6 Dodgeball Festival (Letchworth Tennis Club)

Thursday

- Yr 5&6 Indoor Athletics Competition at HBS

Friday

- Yr 4 swimming
- Yr 3&4 football match v Whitehill at William Ransom



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Weston, SG4 7AX
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Hello

We are delighted to let you know that from after February half term we are able to increase capacity at our after school club so that we can accommodate more children on site at the school.

We are changing the way we use the school so we will be able to offer different sporting activities and will be able to offer a greater variety of play activities too.

We will continue with our current system of processing half termly bookings for parents who want regular childcare. This is subject to an annual registration fee of £15.00.

So, if you would like your child to join and will have the same requirements every week, please email tracey@risingstars-wraparound.co.uk to let her know which sessions you would like to book.

If you haven't already registered with us, you will need to make an account on our Magic Bookings site - please see details on the flyer we have attached. This also gives further information about the activities on offer, timings and prices.

If you want to book on an ad hoc basis, any spare slots will go online after all the regular bookings have been placed.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Kind Regards

Nick Webb

Managing Director



WILLIAM RANSOM WRAP-AROUND CLUB

BREAKFAST CLUB

From 7:30am - £5.50
Breakfast served until 8.15 only

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

Until 5:00 pm - £8.50 per session
Until 5:30 pm - £10.00 per session
Until 6.00 pm - £12.00 per session



MON Trampolining **TUE** Dance **WED** Dodgeball **THU** Inflatables **FUN FRIDAY** Console/movie/games night



At our after school club, children will start the session with the activity listed above or by having time in our chill and care area where they will have access to a variety of play activities.

(Activities may be subject to change).

After tea, there will be further opportunities for indoor or outdoor games and play activities or quiet time if they prefer.

To register please go to

risingstars.magicbooking.co.uk

If you need to contact us please email

williamransom@risingstars-wraparound.co.uk 07919 330254

or for admin queries: info@risingstars-wraparound.co.uk 01462 790152

On registering your child for a place on our course Rising Stars will collect certain information about you/your child which will include your names, email address, telephone number, child's date of birth, gender and school. We will not share this information with any third party for marketing purposes.



Elasticated ties

A reminder from the SPA that if you have a broken elasticated tie, where the elastic has either snapped or been pulled out, instead of throwing them away please put them in the SPA donation bin in the car park so they can be repaired and reused through the uniform shed.

Birthday Cakes/Sweets

Due to both known and unknown food intolerances and allergies, we are unable to have in school, or hand out, birthday sweets/cakes. This is for everyone's safety. Thank you for your support.



Crossing Wymondley Road

As you are all aware, Lollipop Kate has now retired and the role is currently being advertised. If you feel that this could be for you, then please do make enquiries and, even though your employer would be Herts County Council, we would welcome you into our team. In the meantime, please continue to remind your children to take extra care and be extra cautious when using the crossing on Wymondley Road.



"It provides me with extra income"

"It's given me the confidence to get back to work"

"It makes me smile"



WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING THE SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL AT

William Ransom Primary School

THE PAY IS £11.59 PER HOUR (excluding enhancements)

JOB SHARES ARE AVAILABLE
FULL TRAINING AND SUPPORT ARE PROVIDED BY THE TEAM

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE ACTIVE AND SAFER TRAVEL TEAM ON

01992 556816/01992 556803
OR EMAIL: scp.enquiries@herfordshire.gov.uk

Can we please remind you that it is parental responsibility to get your child to and from school safely

Hertfordshire County Council, Active and Safer Travel Team,
County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8DN.
Tel: 01992 556816 January 2024



"Term time only is perfect as it fits around child care"

"It puts me in a good routine"

"I feel part of the community"



Please Look After Our Neighbours

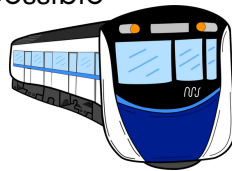
With 423 children now in the school, we fully realise that picking up and dropping off are going to be very busy times outside the school. But please be respectful of our neighbours. Please make sure that you are parking sensibly and responsibly and being courteous.

Spring Term Sports Clubs

Our Spring term sports clubs started last week. This half term there will now be 15 lunchtime clubs running for every single year group! All children have been able to attend the clubs they have been signed up for and we are covering 10 different sports. For more information and to see an overview of all of the clubs running this half term, [please click here](#)

Taking Care Around Railways

With our school being very close to a railway line, we wanted to share links to two assembly videos focussed on railway safety. We will be sharing these videos during assemblies at the start of the spring term but, with the two week Christmas break coming up shortly, we wanted to take the opportunity to share them with you now. We are aware that children might be around railways and railway lines over the break and we want everyone to be as safe as possible over that time. You can access the KS1 video by [clicking here](#) and the KS2 video by [clicking here](#).



Vomiting and Diarrhoea

A reminder that children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Please see the attached letter from Sarah Perman, Director of Public Health, regarding Measles.

School Pick Up Arrangements

The spring term will see a revision to some of our pick up arrangements for children across the school. From Friday 5th January:

- All parents and carers in Year 3 (Elm and Maple) are invited onto the playground through Gate 3. We ask that you wait by the gate on the playground (cones will be placed out to mark a waiting area) but spread out across the space so that class teachers can clearly identify you and we can ensure a safe handover.
- All parents in in Year 4 (Beech and Lime) are invited onto the main playground through Gate 6. We ask that you wait behind the cones (that will be put out) by the wooden activity trail, again spread out so that class teachers can clearly identify you and we can ensure a safe handover.
- Parents of Year 4 children wishing for their child to leave by themselves should confirm this by email to admin@ransom.herts.sch.uk. We will only allow children to leave by themselves if we have received this confirmation.