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Newsletter – Autumn #2 2023

A couple of updates...... A couple of updates...... A couple of updates...........

Storm Ciaran

Despite the dire warnings all three schools opened this morning. Thank you for your efforts getting your children into school.

Thanks must go to the federation staff, many of whom had difficult and delayed journeys.

Should the situation change we will let you know.

I was surprised that a small number of children came to school today **without a coat** – we do like to get them outside for a break – even if it is raining!



A plea from office staff and classroom staff: <u>PLEASE</u> label all uniform – one of the downsides of all children dressing alike is that if something goes missing and has no name in we can't always find the owner!

Poppies for sale

Please remember that poppies are for sale in school. We ask for a donation to Royal British Legion.



Other merchandise is also available.

Staff Update

Many of you will already know that tomorrow **Mr. Brown** will be going into hospital for a knee replacement. I am sure that you will want to join me in wishing him a speedy recovery. It is unlikely that Mr. Brown will return this half term.

To ensure the smooth running of the schools I have put the following measures in place:

At Compton Mrs Taylor will release Mr. Christmas for two days a week. a week.

At **Rake Mrs Williams** will release **Mrs Smith** two days a week.

At **Rogate** I will be in for three days a week. The days I will be in each school will be flexible as there are already many things in my diary that cannot be changed.

I am sad to report that we will be losing **Miss Anne Roberts** at the end of this term. Anne has successfully led SEND across the three schools, whilst also working in another Rother Valley School! She deserves a rest!

We have appointed Mrs Siobhan Silk as Inclusion Coordinator and she will start in January.

We are also losing **Mrs Jenny Stonehouse**, the amazing LSA in Puffins class at Rogate! Jenny has been a huge support to our youngest children for many years whilst also working for Guildford Baptist Church. She has been offered a job by the church as a family support worker – a job I know she will excel at. Her hours will be covered by **Mrs Sutherland**. Jenny leaves on Tuesday 14th November.

Parent Consultations

Please remember that Parent Consultations take place next week:

Tuesday – Rake; Wednesday – Rogate; Thursday – Compton

Don't forget to request an appointment.

Some Christmas dates:

Saturday 25th November Rogate choir at Rogate Christmas Fair

Friday 1st December Compton Christingle Service

Rake Christmas Fair

Tuesday 5th December Rake Nine Lessons and Carols – rehearsal at St Luke's

Compton Nativity

Wednesday 6th December Rake Nine Lessons and Carols Thursday 7th December Rake Nine Lessons and Carols

Compton Nativity
Rogate Carol Service

Friday 8th December Christmas Jumper Day

Compton Christmas shopping day

Rake Christmas shopping day

Tuesday 11th December Pantomime Trip