



# Rowlands Gill Primary School

## 27.9.19 Newsletter

I hope you enjoy reading our new style fortnightly newsletter to keep you up to date with everything that's happening here.

On the back of each newsletter you will find a dates section with forthcoming events and future dates.

### A HUGE Thank You!

Firstly, I'd like to express our gratitude to you for making our new team feel so welcome. It has been lovely to begin to get to know you all with catch ups on the yard; meet the teacher night and various other interactions which we've had.

Secondly, I'd like to thank you all for your support and well-wishes during our Ofsted inspection last week.

### OFSTED Inspection

We were inspected last Tuesday and Wednesday under the brand new inspection framework which gave us a great opportunity to show the inspection team how far the school has progressed and our plans for the future.

They were pleased with our new behaviour policy and could see the impact of that already. All classes were visited and many children were involved in little meetings with the inspectors to capture their views of the school. The inspectors spoke highly of our children and their enthusiasm for the curriculum.

Last Thursday, in recognition of their effort and to thank them for making us proud, we gave the children a double playtime!

The Ofsted report is expected to be with us after the half term holidays.



### Congratulations!

We have had a busy few weeks at school establishing some special roles and responsibilities for the children, including prefects, librarians, house captains and laptop monitors.

Year 6 children were also given the opportunity to write a letter of application to become Head Boy or Head Girl and I am delighted to announce that following careful consideration of 8 applications, Maddy and Harry were appointed. They will carry out duties to help to support our leadership team and promote the children and the school. They automatically secure a place on the school council.

In week 2, we also held school council elections in all KS1 and KS2 classes. I'm pleased to announce that the following children have been elected to represent their class:

Year 1.2M	Elbie & Robert
Year 1.2B	Ben & Frejya
Year 2W	Grace & Gabriel
Year 3L	Jackson & Freya
Year 4A	Ryan & Skye
Year 4.5B	Robyn & Jack
Year 5.6R	Sophie & Jacob
Year 6B	Joe & Naomi
KS2 Arms	Holly



We've already had two meetings and the children are all very keen to shape the future of our school together.

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## Diary Dates

Wed 2nd Oct—KS1 Castle Trip  
Mon 7th to Fri 11th Oct—Send Harvest Donations  
Thurs 10th Oct—Parent's Evening (details to follow)  
Mon 14th Oct—KS1 Harvest Festival in school  
Parents of children in Year 1 and 2 invited 9.10am  
Wed 16th Oct—Parent's Evening (details to follow)  
Mon 21st to Fri 25th Oct—Half Term Holiday  
Mon 28th Oct—Training Day (school closed to children)  
Wed 27th Nov AM—EYFS Xmas Craft with Parents  
Wed 27th Nov PM—KS1 Xmas Craft with Parents  
Thur 28th Nov AM—Y5/6 Xmas Craft with Parents  
Thur 28th Nov PM—Y3/4 Xmas Craft with Parents  
Fri 6th Dec 2.30pm—FoRGPS Christmas Fayre  
9th—13th Dec—Xmas Performances (TBC)  
Fri 13th Dec—Xmas Lunch & Xmas Jumper Day  
17th—19th Dec—Xmas Parties (TBC)  
Mon 23rd Dec to Fri 3rd Jan—Xmas Holidays  
Mon 6th Jan 2020—Back to School



## Friends of Rowlands Gill Primary School (FoRGPS)

We have met with Mrs Clarke already to discuss events and ideas for this year. Our first event of the year for adults is the **AGM on Tuesday 15th October at 7.15pm in the Railway Tavern.**

Join us for a few drinks and find out about Friends of Rowlands Gill Primary School—funds raised, the committee and plans for next year. Come and have a social night and share some of your ideas! We are looking for friendly new members to join us.

## Communication

Being a parent myself, I understand how crucial communication from the school is, particularly for working parents (like me) who don't drop-off or pick up.

I have spoken to several parents this week about our methods of communication and I am currently reviewing our systems. It is my aim to send out a letter next week to outline all of the avenues of communication which we use and the best ways to engage with them.

If you have any thoughts about communication, please get in touch so that we can shape how we do things together.

## Harvest Donations



This year we are collecting Harvest donations for the People's Kitchen. We would be grateful if you could send in donations from Mon 7th to Fri 11th October. A list of suitable donations has been sent along with this newsletter.

Parents of KS1 children are invited to the Harvest Assembly on Mon 14th October at 9.10am as the children from these classes will lead our Harvest Assembly. Other classes will be responsible for other festivals across the year and parents will be invited accordingly.

## School Football Team



Mr Bell held trials for the Y5/6 football team on Wednesday. We look forward to finding out who has been selected to represent our school.

## PE Kit

Please remember that our school PE kit consists of a white t-shirt, black shorts and plimsolls. Football strips are not part of the PE kit.

Please bring kits in on a Monday and keep them in school for the week, as PE timetables sometimes change mid-week, especially with coaches.

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## HARVEST WISH LIST

Dear Supporter,

In readiness for your harvest festival, please find a list of the items we use at The People's Kitchen.

Alternatively, some supporters may prefer to make a financial gift and we also accept supermarket points cards. **Sweets** are also very acceptable.

We gratefully receive all gifts but please note that due to the generosity of previous donors, **we currently have high volumes of some items, particularly pasta and baked beans, and these items are therefore not needed.**

Main Meals	Tinned meat – stewing steak, mince & onions, corned beef, hot dogs, tinned beef burgers, Irish stew, spam, chicken curry, minced beef chilli, Bolognese
Cooking Ingredients	Sugar, flour, dried rice, ground white pepper, spray cooking oil, dumpling mix, sage & onion stuffing, brown sauce, Chinese, Thai, Mexican, Indian and cream cooking sauces, mixed spice, cocoa, desiccated coconut, cooking chocolate, beef, chicken and onion <b>gravy granules</b>
Drinks	Dilute orange, coffee, instant drinking chocolate, tea
Breakfast	Individual packs of cereals, individual packs of chocolate biscuits
Puddings	Tinned or instant custard, tinned rice, peaches, fruit cocktail, apricots, jams & golden syrup, honey, large tins of evaporated milk, long life milk
Tinned Veg.	Mixed veg, garden peas, processed peas, chick peas, butter beans, potatoes
Soup	Lentil, lentil and bacon, vegetable, mushroom (condensed), leek & potato, Scotch broth
Toiletries	Deodorants, shower gel, shampoo, shaving cream/gel, men's & ladies razors
Clothing	New tracksuit bottoms, t/shirts, boxer shorts, socks/hats/ gloves, jumpers, waterproof jackets, jeans small, medium, large, sleeping bags
Household	Blue J cloths, red J cloths, green J cloths, large pan scrubs, large freezer bags, washing powder/tablets (preferably non scented), kitchen rolls