



Rowlands Gill Primary School

16.7.2020 Newsletter

Goodbye & Good Luck to Year 6

Tomorrow we say goodbye to our Year 6 children (and their families) as they move on to secondary school in September. We have a fabulous day planned for them even though we can't do many of the usual end of primary school events, and sadly can't bring parents and carers on-site.

We are really looking forward to watching the Leavers' Video which is going live on our website tomorrow at 10am. The children will be watching the video together in their bubbles and parents can watch online at the same time. I've no doubt there'll be few tears - and that's just from the staff!

We know how difficult these past few months have been for everyone and especially for our Year 6 children, who had been working so hard to prepare for their SATs tests. All the hard work will pay off as you now have all the skills you need for secondary school. We are incredibly proud of you all and know that you will go on to achieve great things!

On behalf of all of the staff and children, I would like to wish you all well on the next stage in your education journey. You will settle into your new schools in no time at all - be confident and proud and show everyone else how fabulous Rowlands Gill Primary School children are!



Transition Visits

It was lovely to see so many children return to school, even just for a very short time to say goodbye to their current class teachers and hello to their new class teachers.

All children who attended have taken home their exercise books from this year and a print out of their end of year report. If your child was unable to attend, their books have been left in the main office and can be collected from there.

They can be collected tomorrow or I will be in school next week and in the 7th week of the holidays if you want to pop around. (Please note the building closes at 1pm in the holidays).

Remember to check out the school website from September 2nd onwards when virtual classroom tours will be uploaded.

4 Pages This Week!

This week's newsletter has 3 pages and a lunch menu. Please keep reading!



After School Clubs

Unfortunately because of the guidance under which we are working for Covid 19, we are unable to offer the full range of clubs that would normally take place. We will review this provision in November to look to restarting in Spring term if we are able to.

Miss Latto, our Sports Apprentice, will be running some after school sports clubs, tightly matched to bubbles, in Autumn term. Details will follow in September.



Welcome to New Parents

As we begin setting up school for our new academic year, it is lovely to be welcoming new parents, both for Nursery and Reception children, but also for a number of other families who are joining us further up the school.

I know you will join with us to make everyone feel welcome in September.



Tuesday 8th Sept

The long awaited official return to school day for ALL children except Early Years who have a staggered return so that we can offer transition visits. Parents of children in Early Years will receive a letter in the next week detailing their specific transition visits for the first week of term.

Each class has a specific drop off time, pick up time and location. Full details can be found on the 'September Plans' letter and school website.

Lunch Arrangements

Attached to this newsletter is an updated menu plan for school lunches.

Please email the office to let us know the arrangements for your child for lunch. This includes if they are packed lunch. You can do this at any point during the holidays via email. If we do not hear from you we will assume that your lunch arrangements for September are the same as this year.

Following the new system we put in place this year, your child can have a combination of packed lunch and school lunch but this must be a clear pattern and cannot be changed without notice.

Please remember that if your child is moving into Year 3 they will no longer receive free lunch from the Universal Free School Meal scheme. Unless you are in receipt of income related benefit and have applied for free school meals, you must pay for school meals via SIMs pay.



PE Kit Reminder

Please remember that school PE kit is a white t-shirt and black shorts. As we will aim to deliver as many PE lessons as possible outside, we would also request that your child has a warm tracksuit (preferably black).

During the Autumn term we will ask your child to wear their PE kit for school for the whole day, on the days which they have PE lessons. Further information is in the 'September Plan' letter.

Meet the Teacher Virtual Event

This year, as last, we are hosting a 'Meet the Teacher' event. However, because of the restrictions placed upon us, this will be a virtual meeting. Your child's class teacher will be presenting and talking through information about the class and offer the option to ask any questions via a Microsoft TEAMS meeting.

To be able to join the meeting, all you need to do is email the school office with the email address with which you would like to join the meeting. We will then send you an invitation which will allow you to join the meeting.

These are the dates and times of the meetings (you only need to attend once—there are 2 dates for each class to offer parental choice) :

Thursday 10th Sept

4B at 4pm 5/6A at 4.45pm

Friday 11th Sept

3L at 4pm 6B at 4.45pm 5R at 4.45pm

Monday 14th Sept

2W at 4pm 1/2M at 4.45pm

Tuesday 15th Sept

1/2M at 4pm 2W at 4.45pm

Wed 16th Sept

5/6A , 7B, Early Years all at 4.45pm

Thurs 17th Sept

6B at 4pm 5R at 4.45pm

Fri 18th Sept

4B at 4pm 3L at 4.45pm

Plan for Re-opening

Please ensure you read the information outlined in the letter called 'September Plans' to find out all of the vital information with which you need to prepare yourself and your child fully for returning to school in September. Despite our best efforts, lots of the arrangements are different to normal so it is crucial that you know about these in advance.

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Thank You

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you for your support this year and particularly for making myself and the new staff members feel so welcome.

I speak for all the staff, but especially the staff who have joined the team this year when I say that our school already has a place in our hearts and we will continue to make it a special place for everyone.

It has been lovely to read feedback about your child's school report; their comments and your thoughts about the school in general. I believe the school has come a long way in less than a year and together we will continue to grow and improve.

If you haven't already completed the form, please use the form which is available on the school website to add your thoughts.

We would also like to thank you for your kind gifts and sweet treats which you have sent in to school for the staff - they are much appreciated.



Nursery Applications

Do you know anyone with a child who is turning three in the next 12 months?



If so, we have the perfect Early Years setting, with a teacher and 2 higher level teaching assistants able to offer fabulous Nursery education. We offer up to 30 hours per week, in a range of patterns to suit parents.

Please contact **RGPS@gateshead.gov.uk** for more information.

Enjoy the Summer

We all hope that you have a happy and safe summer break. We look forward to welcoming you all back in September, refreshed and ready for the new (and hopefully less eventful) academic year.



Friends of Rowlands Gill Primary (FORGPS)

As we reach the end of a very unique school year, we would like to thank everyone for their continued support. Despite lockdown, we still managed to raise over £6500 this year. This is thanks to our generous donations from the Co-op, and your support - at events, buying preloved uniform, our online lottery and money raised from the clothes recycling bin at school.

This money makes a huge difference to the children in school. Plans to develop the outdoor areas have been delayed due to lockdown but wheels are in motion; we were able to complete, and even exceed, our first round of purchasing of laptops; we also donated books for the children to receive at Christmas; and pay for a gift for our very special leavers of 2020. This all happened thanks to your support.

Unfortunately, we have taken the difficult decision to cancel the Halloween disco, but we are still working hard behind the scenes, making grant applications and looking into ways we can continue to fundraise in the new academic year.

We are very proud of our achievements as a very small committee of volunteers, but we are always keen to welcome new volunteers to support us and further our work.

A key role in our committee is that of treasurer. At our AGM in September, our current treasurer will be stepping down after almost 2 years in the role. We are legally obligated to appoint a treasurer to allow us to remain as a registered charity, and are therefore asking for a new volunteer to take on this role. The key responsibility of the role is to maintain our financial records, however as a small charity we currently remain under the threshold for having to report full accounts to the charity commission. We would be able to offer full support in transition with our existing treasurer. If you have, or know anyone with financial experience, and may be interested in applying for the role to enable us to continue our work in the new year, please contact us via our facebook page or friendsofrg@outlook.com for more information.



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- Desserts: main dessert available as per menu or fresh fruit alternative.

WC: 07/09, 28/09, 19/10, 16/11, 07/12, 11/01, 01/03, 22/03, 26/04, 17/05,14/06, 05/07

Menu Week 1	Meat free Monday	Great British Food Tuesday	Roast Dinner Wednesday	Around the World Thursday	Fish Friday
Meat Choice	Wholemeal pizza margherita, hand cut potato wedges and mixed salad or baked beans	Sausage and mashed potatoes, gravy and seasonal vegetables	Roasted beef, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, gravy and steamed mixed vegetables	Chicken curry, rice and mini naan bread	Omega 3 Fish fingers with chips, peas or mushy peas
Vegetarian Choice		Quorn sausage and mashed potatoes, gravy and seasonal vegetables (on request)	Quorn fillet, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, gravy and steamed mixed vegetables (on request)	Quorn curry, rice and mini naan bread (on request)	Quorn sausage, chips, peas and gravy (on request)
Jacket Potatoes	Freshly baked Golden jacket potato with choice of fillings and salad				
Dessert	Oaty biscuit	Sticky toffee cup cake	Chocolate Bownie	Homemade digestive biscuit	Rainbow muffin

WC: 14/09, 05/10, 02/11, 23/11,14/12, 18/01, 08/02, 08/03, 29/03, 03/05, 24/05, 21/06, 12/07

Menu Week 2	Meat free Monday	Great British Food Tuesday	Roast Dinner Wednesday	Around the World Thursday	Fish Friday
Meat Choice	Meat free sausage and mozzarella topped pizza slice with tomato and vegetable pasta salad	Minced beef and herby dumpling with mashed potatoes and steamed vegetables	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, gravy, roast potatoes	American style Posh dog, wholemeal finger bun, hand cut white and sweet potato chunks, sautéed onions, coleslaw and sweetcorn	Crispy battered salmon fillet with chips, peas or mushy peas
Vegetarian Choice		Minced Quorn and herby dumpling with mashed potatoes and steamed vegetables (on request)	Roast Quorn Fillet with Yorkshire pudding, gravy, roast potatoes (on request)	Quorn Hot Dog Posh dog, wholemeal finger bun, hand cut white and sweet potato chunks, sautéed onions, coleslaw and sweetcorn (on request)	Quorn fillet with chips, peas or mushy peas (on request)
Jacket Potatoes	Freshly baked Golden jacket potato with choice of fillings and salad				
Dessert	Flapjack	Waffle	Ginger cookie	Apple and cinnamon cup cake	Homemade biscuit

WC: 21/09, 12/10/, 09/11, 30/11, 04/01, 25/01, 22/02, 15/03, 19/04, 10/05, 07/09, 28/06, 19/07

Menu Week 3	Meat free Monday	Great British Food Tuesday	Roast Dinner Wednesday	Around the World Thursday	Fish Friday
Meat alternative	Wholemeal pizza margherita, hand cut potato wedges and mixed salad or baked beans	Chicken and wholemeal pastry pie, steamed new potatoes, carrots and broccoli	Roast pork with Yorkshire pudding, gravy, mashed potatoes and vegetables	Chicken and tomato pasta bake with garlic bread.	Battered cod fillet, with chips, peas or mushy peas
Vegetarian Alternative		Minced Quorn and wholemeal pastry pie, steamed new potatoes, carrots and broccoli (on request)	Roast Quorn with Yorkshire pudding, gravy, mashed potatoes and vegetables (on request)	Quorn and tomato pasta bake with garlic bread. (on request)	Quorn sausage, chips, peas and gravy (on request)
Jacket Potatoes	Freshly baked Golden jacket potato with choice of fillings and salad				
Dessert	Fruity Cup cake	Shortbread biscuit	Waffle	Chocolate and pear cup cake	Homemade biscuit