



Rowlands Gill Primary School

23.10.2020 Newsletter

Christmas Card Fundraiser



I hope you've all been impressed with the fabulous creative Christmas card designs which your child has brought home (or made at home, in the case of the Early Years and self-isolating children).

Please remember to place your order for the Christmas cards on the online shop by MONDAY 2nd November and return their original artwork to school straight after the holidays so that we can send them off to be created.

Changes at Home

Sadly, we all know that the pandemic and its affects on our normal life are continuing and will continue. Despite making the return to school as normally as we possibly can, we know that families continue to be affected in many ways, particularly emotionally.

So that we can support our children fully, it is really important that you let us know if things have changed at home, or if your family are going through a difficult time. By alerting us, we can discuss the issue with you and decide together how best to support your child and your family.

I know, as a parent myself, that we try as much as possible to protect our children during difficult times at home but sadly, they can pick up on emotions and concerns and it can affect them more than we might think. We realise that this may be very difficult for you to discuss, and of course will treat any information with confidentiality and sensitivity.



Covid Reporting During Half Term Holidays

Please see the letter, sent out with this newsletter about what to do during half term with any Covid related concerns, testing or outcomes.



Parents' Evening

The slots are now available on eSchools to book up for parents' evening. Please remember to let us know if you would like the class teacher to call you on a number other than that which we have as first contact.

Please check your email the day before your booked appointment, as the class teachers will be sending through a couple of photos of your child's work for you to look at prior to the meeting.

Class Email Addresses

Thank you to those parents who have emailed the class teachers directly so that they can be added to the class contacts. If you haven't done this yet we'd appreciate it if you send a message in the next few days.



Let's see if your child's class can be the first to have all of the parents email the teacher!

12M@rowlandsgillprimary.org.uk

2W@rowlandsgillprimary.org.uk

3L@rowlandsgillprimary.org.uk

4B@rowlandsgillprimary.org.uk

5R@rowlandsgillprimary.org.uk

56A@rowlandsgillprimary.org.uk

6B@rowlandsgillprimary.org.uk

7B@rowlandsgillprimary.org.uk

Covid Testing for Research Purposes

If your child, or a member of your family, takes part in any routine Covid testing as part of a survey or a research project, we would appreciate if you could let us know.

I am sure you can imagine the alarm when a child, sat in the middle of the classroom announced, "I had a Covid test yesterday!" By pre-warning us that this has happened and that it is just for research purposes, we can be ready to deal with such a situation more easily.



Thank You Lintzford Garden Centre

On behalf of the staff and children, I would like to thank Lintzford Garden Centre for their very generous donation of spring bulbs and plant pots. We are going to set up a mini planting project—details to follow soon. I'd also like to thank Maisie's grandparents who arranged the donation and delivered them to school.



Reminder for Year 6 Parents

Please remember that the **closing date for applications for places in secondary school next year is the 31st October**, which is during the half term.

Early Years

We are looking forward to welcoming back our Early Years children and staff, after the holidays. Their self-isolation ends tonight following the closure of their bubble due to a confirmed case of COVID-19.

We are delighted to report that no-one else has become symptomatic or tested positive from that bubble which shows that our very thorough cleaning regime is working.

Remote Learning Reminders

If you haven't already done so, please sign and return the consent sheet for remote learning and complete the online remote learning questionnaire.

These are available on our 'Covid' page

<https://rowlandsgillprimary.org/covid/>

Our Early Years team have tried out some remote learning this week due to their bubble closure and it has been very successful and very well received.

As with all things technical, we have encountered some 'blips' when the technology has been against us. In fact, in every single training session we have had since September, someone has lost their connection at least once!

Mrs Mitchell continues to be our major support person for Computing and is doing a fabulous job of getting us all ready and troubleshooting!



Stay Safe in Half Term

Please remember to follow the Covid guidance for our area which is categorized as **HIGH**. For more information please [use this link](#).



Friends of Rowlands Gill Primary (FORGPS)

Our team of volunteers are continuing to find new ways to support the school and fundraise for us. Please show your support by joining in with the virtual fundraisers which are detailed below:

Our Halloween themed virtual balloon race is only £3 to enter, the website is really easy to navigate and it is lots of fun creating your own balloon. My son, who has designed and entered a balloon, is so excited to see how far his balloon travels once they are released at 9am on 31st October! There are lots of prizes to be won. <https://ecoracing.co/user/page/834>

You can also order your child's Christmas card design on the online shop (as detailed in the information sent out with their design www.apfsorders.co.uk) to generate a little more income for us. All purchases made, raise additional funds for the school. Thanks to Sophie Dias for organising this and Mrs Addison for co-ordinating the project in school.



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