



Rowlands Gill Primary School

6.11.2020 Newsletter

Children in Need

The official day for Children in Need is **Friday 13th November**.

On that day we are inviting your child to **wear yellow or spotty clothing to school instead of school uniform, for a small donation** to Children in Need. Other than the wearing of different clothes, it will be a normal school day.

Further information will be sent out on Monday via eSchools.



Wedding Congratulations

During, the half term holidays, Miss Corr, who is our Early Years Higher Level Teaching Assistant finally managed to squeeze in her wedding which had been cancelled from the previous lockdown.

I'm sure you'll join us in congratulating her on becoming Mrs Andrew!



Bubble Structure

As you know, we are operating a very strict bubble system in school to ensure that children from different bubbles are not exposed to or play with other children who are not in their bubble. This is so that if we have a positive case of Covid-19 we can risk assess quickly and identify anyone who has had significant contact with the infected person so that they can self-isolate immediately.

After school, children from different bubbles are playing together on the banksides while waiting for siblings or because they've not gone straight home.

We really need your support in ensuring that your child does not play with others at this time and either waits with their adult or heads straight home. This is to ensure that in the event of a positive case we can be clear of which children need to self-isolate and that this affects the least number of children possible.

Homework

From this week, your child's weekly homework will be uploaded to:



Seesaw for 1/2M, 2W, 7B

Google Classroom for 3L, 4B, 5R, 5/6A, 6B

All children have learnt how to use their virtual learning platform and there are also video user guides on the website to support parents to navigate them. They can be found in our remote learning section.

The idea is that the homework will take a range of forms—it may be a worksheet to complete and hand in; it could be a link to a website activity or game; it could be a self-marking quiz or a project based task where the children make something and submit a photo of it via Google Education/Seesaw.

As is usual practice, the class teacher will go through the homework with the class, after the due date to discuss any issues encountered and to draw out teaching points. This means that a worksheet which has been handed in virtually won't necessarily be marked on the child's platform, it will have been reviewed verbally in class.

If you have any queries about the homework, please contact the class teacher directly.

Wearing Face Masks

As we have now entered our second National lockdown, I would just like to remind parents that we are asking for the use of face masks or coverings when adults are dropping off or collecting the children, to help to minimize the spread of Coronavirus.

If an adult (other than staff) needs to enter the school building for any reason, they must wear a face mask or covering unless exempt.

Your support with this is greatly appreciated to help to keep our school community safe.



Diary Dates



Fri 11th Nov - Children in Need Day

Mon 16th Nov - Wear odd socks to school

23rd Nov to 3rd Dec - Phonics Screening Tests for Year 2 children

Fri 11th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

14th to 17th Dec - Christmas Parties (details to follow)

Fri 18th Dec - School closes tonight for the holidays

Mon 4th Jan - Training Day (school closed to children)

Tues 5th Jan - Children return to school

1st to 5th Feb - Internet Safety Week

15th to 19th Feb - Half Term Holidays

Thurs 4th Mar - World Book Day (details to follow)

Thurs 1st Apr - School closes tonight for Easter Holidays

Mon 19th Apr—Children return to school

Christmas Jumpers & Christmas Lunch

On **Friday 11th December**, we will be hosting our delicious Christmas lunch which all children can sign up for. Further details will be sent about this soon.

We have timed this to match the annual 'Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day' so that we can feel even more festive and excited! There is no pressure at all for children to have a jumper (especially with many of the shops being closed now), even just wearing a bit of tinsel to help them feel festive is fine.

The FoRGPS team will be happy to receive donations of any spare or grown out of Christmas jumpers via the school office / hand in to staff on the gates (before 29th November to allow for quarantine). They will then arrange a collection point at the school gates the following week where you can have a look at the Christmas jumpers available and take any that you can use.

Further details will follow on the next newsletter about the collection point.



Friends of Rowlands Gill Primary (FORGPS)

We have 3 big thank yous this week!

Thank you to everyone who ordered Christmas Cards - we raised £247.50 which is a great boost to our funds when we have had to cancel our traditional fundraising events. A huge thank you to Mrs Addison who co-ordinated this for us as we are unable to be in school at the moment. Orders are expected to be back in school by the end of November.

Another thank you for those of you who entered our Halloween balloon race, which raised £115. Mrs M has been leading our RG balloons for most of the week - can she hold on to her 500km lead until the finish on Saturday?

Finally our rag bag bin was emptied before the holidays and raised another £60. If you are having a sort out as part of lockdown 2 please do drop off any unwanted clothes and shoes! (Please note uniform with the school badge on can't be put in the rag bag bin)

Altogether these funds mean we will be able to fund another laptop which is a fantastic achievement in these challenging times. Thank you so much for your continuing support.



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