



# Rowlands Gill Primary School

## 01.04.2021 Newsletter

### End of Term Thank You

Now that we have reached the end of the Spring term, once again I find myself thanking our amazing team who have made it so easy for the children to return to school safely after the 2nd and hopefully final school closure due to lockdown. It's been great to see the children back and I'd like to thank them for adjusting to the new normal so well, for their kindness towards one another and for injecting the heart back into school.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support, continued understanding of our rules, systems and for following our Covid procedures to help to keep all of us in our school community safe.

I wish you all a happy, healthy and safe Easter holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in the new term.



### Covid Contact during the Holidays

[covid@rowlandsgillprimary.org.uk](mailto:covid@rowlandsgillprimary.org.uk)

Please read this reminder to help us all stay safe and enjoy the holidays. If your child becomes Covid symptomatic within 48 hours of being at school and then tests positive for Covid, I need you to take swift action to help us:

- Email using our dedicated email [covid@rowlandsgillprimary.org.uk](mailto:covid@rowlandsgillprimary.org.uk) to let us know when symptoms began, the date and time that your child took the test, or is taking a test. This email will be monitored daily during the holidays until, 7th April.
- Email again using the same email address to let us know the outcome of the test as soon as you have it. If it is a positive result we may need to call you – please note this will be from a 'blocked' number.

If we are alerted to a positive case who has had symptoms, we may need to 'close the bubble' and will be working with Public Health to do this.

### Parents' Evening

Telephone appointments for parents' evenings will be taking place after the Easter holidays.

If you haven't already done so you can book your appointment via eSchools. If you find that you can't make the appointments that are available, please contact the class teacher using the class email and they will arrange another time for you.

Some parents of children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities who may need a longer appointment to discuss additional support plans, will receive a letter from Mr Boddy by the end of Monday, 19th April and will not need to make a separate class appointment.

Don't forget  
parents'  
evening!

### Goodbye Mrs Lynch

As most of you already know, Mrs Lynch is leaving us during the Easter holidays. She has worked at the school for 29 years and will be missed by staff and children alike.

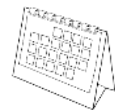
We have said goodbye in an unusual way this afternoon during our remote end of term assembly. The staff prerecorded a dance routine for her and some of the children recorded video messages.

Farewell  
and  
Good Luck

She has received lots of lovely gifts and kind messages. I know you will all join me in saying a huge thank you to Mrs Lynch for her many years of ser-



## Dates for Your Diary:



19th April—Children back to school  
20th April —15th May—Virtual Parents' Evenings (*appointments available to book , via Eschools*)  
3rd May—School Closed; May Day Bank Holiday  
31st May—4th June—Summer Half Term Holiday  
2nd July—School Closed; Occasional Day holiday  
12th July—Sports Week  
15th July—School Sports Day

## Egg Decorating Competition Winners

Our Head Boy - Jason, Head Girl—Lucy and Mrs Lynch were appointed as judges for the egg decorating competition and they had a really tough job to select a winner from each class because the standard of the entries was so high! You can view all of the amazing decorated eggs on the class pages on the school website.

The winning entries which were announced in assembly this afternoon were:

- Nursery: 'Easter Bunny' by Harley
- Reception: 'Minion' by Sophia
- 1/2M: 'Moana'
- 2W: 'Angel in the Clouds' by Elbie
- 3L: 'Mr Bump' by Adam
- 4B: 'Eggy Potter' by Erin
- 5R: 'Boris Eggson' by Olivia
- 5/6A: 'Degg-vil' by Jack W
- 6B: 'Hulk—please DON'T smash!' by Ollie
- 7B: 'Rex the Turtle' by Grace



## Break the Rules Day

The children have absolutely loved our 'Break the Rules' day today. We have seen some weird and wonderful hairstyles (including Mr Bell's blonde dye!); lots of funky nail varnish; far too much sweet eating in lessons; staff dressed in school uniform AND a complete refusal from the children to do any written work!

It has been a great day that we hope will raise some much needed funds for our PTA who support us to purchase all the things that the normal budget doesn't cover. If you have forgotten to pay your 'fine' for breaking the rules, please go to SIMs pay or send in cash after the holidays.

## Start of Summer Term

Children return to school for the summer term on



Monday 19th April

## After School Clubs

The clubs, run by Miss Latto which had been planned to run in January for 1/2M, 2W and 3L will begin after the holidays. If you had already signed your child up for the club, you will have received a confirmation slip this week to say that your child can attend.

If you have not received a confirmation slip and would you like your child to attend, please email the office.



## Friends of Rowlands Gill Primary School

The children did a fantastic job decorating their Easter eggs and there were lots of worthy winners. A huge thank you to Tesco Rowlands Gill who kindly donated Easter Eggs for each of the prize winners.

We were sorry not to be able to invite you into school for our traditional Easter Cafe but thank you for supporting our "Break the rules" day (which has raised £272 so far). As ever we are extremely grateful for your continued generosity through these challenging times.

Thanks to your support we hope to purchase our final laptops very shortly, so we now plan to build on our Co-op grant to develop the outside spaces at school so the children can benefit from the full potential of the wonderful grounds we have.

We would like to send an extra special thank you to all the school staff who bravely embraced breaking the rules and for all their hard work in supporting the children through the re-opening of school. We hope they enjoy a well earned break over the holidays and that all the children do too!

