



Rowlands Gill Primary School

27.05.21 Newsletter

Covid Contact during the Holidays

covid@rowlandsgillprimary.org.uk

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

- Email using our dedicated email 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, Monday 31st May.
- 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 and contacting parents via Eschools or phone call (from a blocked number).

If your child tests positive for or displays symptoms of Covid after the 31st May, please still email us using the above email address. We will contact you on Monday 7th June when we return to school.



New Parent Governor

Congratulations and welcome to our newly appointed Parent Governor, Lucy Thompson, who has a little girl in Reception class.

For those of you who don't yet know Lucy, hopefully once we return to normal, you'll be able to meet her on the yard.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the ballot.

After School Clubs

The clubs, run by Miss Latto for classes 4B, 5R, 5/6A & 6B will begin after the half term holidays.

If you have already signed your child up for the club, you will receive a confirmation slip this week to say that your child can attend.

If you have not yet completed the form and would like your child to attend, please contact the office, as places are limited.



Time Capsule Update

Over the past few weeks we have been very busy creating artwork to display on our time capsule banner. The children have produced fantastic pieces of work which have captured their experiences of Covid beautifully. They are now busy helping to attach all of the artwork to the banner.

After half term, we will begin making a video to go inside of the time capsule, along with items which have been significant to us. We can't wait to share it with you all.



Ofsted Monitoring Visit

Thank you for all of your support and positive comments during the Ofsted monitoring visit last week. Once again, the Parent View questionnaire demonstrated to the inspectors how strongly we are supported by parents and the positive experience which our children have at school.

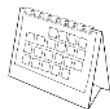
We aren't expecting the report until after the half term holiday and will circulate it when it arrives.

E-mail: rgps@gateshead.gov.uk
Phone: 01207 549 359



Dates for Your Diary:

11th June – Y6 Leaver Hoodie deadline
2nd July—School Closed; Occasional Day Holiday
12th July—Sports Week
15th July—School Sports Day
22nd July—Y6 Leavers Show
23rd July—End of Term



Class Email Addresses

I'm really pleased with the success of the class emails and I know they are working well to offer quick and easy contact with the class teachers.

However, please remember that that staff are busy teaching throughout the day and it may take them up to 72 hours to read your email or reply.

For any urgent messages, or to report absence, please contact the office and leave a voicemail as this is checked regularly throughout the day.

Recycle Old Batteries

You may have heard of the recent fire in Whickham due to discarded batteries being placed in the general waste bin. I just wanted to alert you all to the fact that we have a recycling bin for batteries in our main office.

We are more than happy for you to drop off household batteries at the main office to go into our recycling if you need to.



Half-Term Holiday

School closed for the summer half term holiday: **31st May—4th June**

Pedestrian Training Sessions

In Year 3, the children have been attending Pedestrian Training on Friday afternoon. You may have seen them in their high visibility jackets practicing their new skills on the paths around the school.

The first week was all about learning the four main points of the Green Cross Code; Stop, Look, Listen and Think. We then went out of school to put the points into action. The children found a safe space to cross, watching out for parked cars, driveways and other hazards and then crossed the road independently using their new skills, looking and listening whilst they crossed.

In week 2, they learned how to cross safely beside a T-junction, finding the best place to cross, looking the different ways they would have to check the road before they could cross safely, all the time using their new skills.

They have all enjoyed this training and they have said that it has given them more confidence.

This week is the final session where they will be learning about crossing safely near parked cars.



Friends of Rowlands Gill Primary School

We'd like to say welcome, and thank you, to the new supporters of our school lottery, which means our guaranteed supporter prize increased to £12.30 last week, as well as a chance of a national prize of £25,000. 76% of the £1 ticket comes straight to FORGPS so the lottery is a great way to support us when we are unable to run events. A huge thank you to those lucky winners who kindly choose to donate their winnings to the school, we are extremely grateful. For more information on how to join please visit <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/rowlands-gill-primary-school>.

Thank you for being very busy filling our rag bag bin with your unwanted clothes and shoes. We have asked for it to be collected so if you can't fit anything in at the moment it will hopefully be emptied very soon. Please don't leave items next to the bin, or the lid open, as if things get wet (in the unseasonal weather we are having!) they can't be accepted.

After half term we will be holding a virtual meeting to discuss fundraising ideas for next year, when hopefully some more normality can return. If you would like an invite, or if you have had any great ideas for what you would like to see happening in the future, please get in touch via Facebook or friendsofrg@outlook.com

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