



Rowlands Gill Primary School

Newsletter 18.06.21



Covid Champions

Since coming back after Easter, KS2 in partnership with Public Health, have been learning how to become COVID Junior Champions! Pupils have completed a series of missions to equip them with the skills that they need to keep themselves and others safe during the pandemic and have designed their own lanyards and water bottles to help them succeed. The children have also produced posters about staying safe which have been entered into a competition, so fingers-crossed the winner comes from Rowlands Gill Primary School! KS1 children are now undertaking the missions too.

Items for Early Years

As of September, we will have a separate Nursery and Reception class and we are hoping you can support us to build our collection of resources in EYFS. Children benefit from using real-life items, made of different materials, in their play to encourage children to play more imaginatively and creatively drawing upon their own experiences.

We need household items for our **indoor role play areas and in the mud kitchen**. This may include: pans, plates, utensils, plastic cutlery, cups, bowls, toasters, kettles, trays, cake tins, teapots, tea towels etc.



Our children love being **creative** and we always need items to replenish our creative areas. We would appreciate your donations of the following: ends of material and ribbon, plastic pots and bottles, cardboard boxes, tubes and cartons, buttons, plastic lids, craft items, old celebrations cards and envelopes.



If you have any of these items please drop them off at the school office or hand them to a staff member at the gate. Thank you for helping us to create the best possible learning environment for the children. If you do have anything else you think we could use, please speak to any member of the EYFS team. We really appreciate your continued support.

SPORTS DAY Sports Day

We are working hard to find a way to run our Sports Day in a Covid-safe way. Miss Latto has some great events planned for Sports Week too. More details to follow soon.

National Drowning Prevention Week

Next week children will be learning about water safety in lessons and assemblies. Please check the website for information about how parents can support with this too.

Support for Miss Smales

Miss Smales is absent from school following a recent diagnosis of breast cancer. Her treatment starts today, and we know you will join us in wishing her well and a speedy recovery.



Uniform Consultation

The consultation period for the Uniform Policy ends 5pm on Friday 18th June - today. Thank you to everyone who has already responded with your thoughts via the online form.

We will take all thoughts into consideration to help finalise the new Uniform Policy which will be available next week.

Occasional Day Holiday

Reminder, School will be closed on Friday 2nd July for our Occasional Day Holiday.

Last day of Summer term is Friday 23rd July.

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Ofsted

Thank you for the wonderful support you showed us during the last Ofsted inspection and a huge well done to the children and staff who worked with the inspectors on the day to show him what a wonderful school we have.

We hope to be able to share the final report with parents next week.

Covid Restrictions and Guidelines

All Covid restrictions and guidelines for schools remain in place due to the pause at Step 3 announced by the Government. This also means that we are now having to rethink some of the end of term activities which we had hoped to host. As always, I will send out further information as soon as I can in relation to end of term activities.

Mr Bell has written a letter for Year 6 parents about our plans to mark the end of primary school for the children. This should be with you by Monday.

Please remember that it **should just be 1 adult dropping off and collecting children** as we have to limit the number of people on-site.

Sunny Weather



The sun has got his hat on, at last! To help protect children from the sun please remember to apply sun cream to your child(ren) before they come to school and ensure that they bring their sun hats /caps to wear when playing outside.

If possible, they should keep their sunhat or cap in school for the rest of the term so that it is always available for them.



New Staff Appointments

Miss Hayden our new Early Years Leader, is working two days a week for this half term to get to know the children and families in Early Years, then will be full time in September, teaching Reception class. Miss Harland is also teaching in Early Years for three days a week until Summer.

Miss Salloway is joining the teaching team in September. She worked in school before the first lockdown and we are all really pleased for her to re-join the team.

Classes and teachers for September will be on the next newsletter.



Friends of Rowlands Gill Primary School

As already mentioned, the last laptops have now arrived in school. We like to take this opportunity to yet again say a huge thank you for all your support which enabled us to achieve this massive fundraising target.



We hope the children are enjoying lots of exciting lessons using them. We are now raising money towards improving the school's outdoor areas, to support the generous grant we received from the Co-op.

Tickets for our brilliant Summer Raffle will be coming home with the children very soon. We are lucky enough to have had many fantastic prizes donated, including our star prize of an overnight stay donated by Lumley Castle with dinner and breakfast donated by Tyne Tees Ceramics. We have also received kind donations from Northumberland County Zoo, Dilly Dillys, Flower Design, Natural Beauty Clinic, Loolalaw Boutique and Field House Farm Butchers. We'd like to say a huge thank you for their support at this difficult time. All these prizes are up from grabs for just £1 a ticket! For further information on how to enter, please see the letter sent home with the tickets.

To boost our prize list even further, we would be very grateful of donations of small items to make hampers. The week of the 28th June, everyday there will be crates at the EY/KS1 gate and MUGA to allow contactless drop off of donations of bottles, toiletries, sweets, chocolates, biscuits, games or any other unused items you think could be part of great prize. Many thanks in advance for your support and generosity through this difficult period, and we hope to be able to see you all back at events soon.



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JOIN US!

To find out more about what we do or how you could help, please get in touch. Our next meeting is to discuss fund-raising for next year - we always welcome new ideas!

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WHY NOT COME ALONG
TO OUR NEXT MEETING?

Thursday 24th June at 8pm via zoom Please
contact us for access codes

