



Rowlands Gill Primary School

Newsletter 17.9.21

Welcome Back!

Welcome back everyone! We've had a great start to the new term with 13 children joining us in Years 1 to 6; 21 Nursery children, 23 Reception children and 4 new members of staff. It has been lovely to see the children returning to school looking really smart in their school uniform and new PE uniform—thank you to parents for supporting us in our drive to follow the uniform policy.

All class topics are underway with lots of excitement from the children; our after school sports clubs started this week, with more to follow soon hopefully; Year 4 went to their first swimming lesson this morning; children have started to run a mile twice per week and forest school taster sessions are soon to begin. What a fantastic start to our term we've had!

Meet the Teacher Events

You have already received a letter about the online Meet the Teacher events. The majority are next week (15 was last night). If you want to book a place (and haven't already done so), please email the teacher for an invitation to join the meeting before 1pm on the day of the meeting. If you can't attend we will be recording the sessions and making them available on the class pages of the school website by 27th Sept.

Monday 20th September

Mrs Mitchell 3M—3:45pm Mrs Addison 6A—4:30 pm Miss Brown 7B—3:45pm

Tuesday 21st September

Mr Bell 4B—3:45pm Miss Salloway 2S—4:30pm

Thursday 23rd September

Miss Winskill 6W—3:45pm

Friday 24th September

Mrs Beattie & Mr Boddy - 3:45pm



Packed Lunches

As part of our school's Health Policy we do talk to the children about the need for a balanced and healthy diet.

For those children who are having packed lunch, we encourage this to be healthy. We respectfully request that packed lunch do not contain more than one chocolate item.

We are a NUT FREE school due to several children having severe allergies.

Please do not send any items containing nuts, e.g. Snickers bars, Nutella, peanut butter.

Homework Starts Today

Your child will bring their homework exercise books today. Their homework will be set on the online platform which is used for their year group.

For Year 1 and 2 this is Seesaw.

For Years 3 - 6 this is Google Education.

If you have any queries about your child's log in for the platform, please contact the class teacher via the class email.

Your child should use their homework exercise book to write their answers to their homework and to practice writing out their spellings 3 times.

They should return their book to school by the following Friday when the teacher will review the work with the class.

We appreciate your support with your child's learning at home.

3 Pages Today



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COVID Update

As outlined in our return to school letter, our risk assessment is in place and everyone is adhering to the ongoing or new arrangements in relation to managing Covid in schools. The changes to the isolation rules for children and for double vaccinated adults, means that the guidelines for school have changed dramatically.

We have already had a staff member test positive at the end of the holidays, currently have 1 child who has tested positive since returning to school and have several children who have been tested for various reasons in the last 2 weeks so I wanted to try to give you a summary of how this now works.

If a positive case is identified in school – staff or child:

- nothing changes for the other staff or children in that class
- only the person who tested positive has to self-isolate and they will be provided with remote learning by the class teacher within 2 working days
- siblings can still attend school
- the classroom will be deep cleaned
- parents of the other children in the affected class will receive a letter alerting them to the positive case and asking for extra vigilance in watching for symptoms developing
- school report the case to Gateshead Public Health
- NHS Track and Trace do all of the contact tracing; we do not

If your child is displaying Covid symptoms:

- do not send them to school – call us to let us know and arrange a PCR test
- access home learning pack which is available on the class page of the school website
- contact us as soon as you have the results of the PCR if the child is negative OR positive
- if it is negative your child can return to school – once you have contacted us
- siblings can still attend school

If your child is taking a PCR because they have been identified as a close contact of an infected individual:

- get them tested with a PCR (unless they are under 4)
- use regular Lateral Flow Tests with them
- keep them at home while you await the results of the PCR (as a precaution)
- access home learning pack which is available on the class page of the school website
- contact us as soon as you have the results of the PCR

If a member of your household tests positive:

- get your child tested with a PCR as soon as you can and keep them at home only while you await the results, if they are negative they can return to school
- access home learning pack which is available on the class page of the school website
- use regular Lateral Flow Tests with them
- your child can still attend school during the other family member's isolation period

Please remember that Lateral Flow Tests are only effective when testing for non-symptomatic cases. If you child has any symptoms they must be tested with a PCR test not a Lateral Flow Test.

As a school community, we need to work together to keep one another safe by following these guidelines while we sadly continue to live with Covid. **Please continue to maintain social distance and wear a face covering when on-site, including on the playgrounds when dropping off or collecting your child.**



Dates for Your Diary

23rd September - deadline for Year 6 letter of application to become Head Boy / Head Girl

29th September - Year 2 PE Festival (details to follow)

11 - 15th October - Year 6 Bikeability training (details to follow)

18th October - Flu Immunisation Day (Rec - Y6)

25th October - Half Term Holidays (1 week)

31st October - Final day for secondary school applications for Sept 2022

Help Early Years with Resources

We are currently trying to source the following for our Early Years Classes.



- ~ guttering
- ~ tubing
- ~ indoor and outdoor plants
- ~ milk crates
- ~ wooden boards
- ~ cable reels (varies sizes)

If anyone has any contacts with local business who would be willing to donate items please get in touch with the school office.

Morrisons Good to Grow!

We have registered for the Morrison's scheme to receive gardening equipment for school. Please download the My Morrisons App to collect tokens with your weekly shop.



Friends of Rowlands Gill Primary School

Welcome back everyone - we hope you have all had a lovely summer! We would also like to say a special welcome to all the new families to our community, not only in nursery and reception, but across the school- we can't wait to meet you all as soon as we can.

Unfortunately, restrictions mean we still can't hold our "normal" events but we are working hard with the school to plan some fun activities this term.

Thank you to everyone who has donated outgrown uniform. Due to stock issues with the uniform supplier, our pre-loved items have been in great demand so we are now running low on most sizes. If you have any uniform in good condition still at home, please drop it off at the office (washed and any names removed saves us a lot of time- thank you). Don't forget other outgrown clothes and shoes can be placed in our rag bag bin.

It's been very exciting to see lots of our purchases have arrived over the summer. The final ICT equipment is being set up and our £2000 donation of new reading books will be arriving this term. We also can't wait for the children to get out and enjoy forest school, which we funded with support from the Co-op. It will be wonderful to see your generous donations helping the children everyday.

