

Rothwell Schools News

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Welcome to the latest issue of Rothwell Schools News.



Attendance Award

Well done to Penguin class for achieving 100% attendance in the Infant school

Well done to Cedar class for achieving 100% attendance in the Junior school



Phone Home Friday

RVIS: Elsie C, Y2

RJS: Felix B, Y5

Tia M, Y6

Please note due to the current circumstances dates or events could be subject to change. **New dates in red.**

November

~~Saturday 21st - RVIS 21-22 Reception Tour, 10am-12pm*~~

~~Thursday 26th - RVIS 21-22 Reception Tour, 6pm-8pm*~~

**Cancelled due to National Lockdown in England*

Thursday 26th - Fire service visit Y2 for Fire of London Topic

w/c 30th November - Y2 Phonics Screening Check

December

Wednesday 9th - Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 10th - RVIS Annual Nasal Flu vaccine

Friday 11th - RJS Annual Nasal Flu vaccine

w/c 14th December - Xmas Parties

Friday 18th - Christmas Jumper Day, School closes for Christmas

January

Monday 11th - Y6 SATs information meeting

February

Monday 8th - Thursday 11th Y6 residential

Thursday 11th - School closes for Half Term

March

w/c 1st March - RVIS IEP reviews

Thursday 4th - Parents Evening

Parents' Evening Appointments

Thank you to all those parents who attended parents evening over the last fortnight using school cloud. If you were not able to make the scheduled evenings please email or call the school office to arrange an appointment with your child's class teacher.

Break and Lunchtimes

Due to a rise in national cases and some positive cases in other local schools we have taken further measures to limit the contact children have with each other outside of their class groups. As a result we have made the decision to further zone the playgrounds into class zones for children in Years 1-6 to limit the level of close contact between peers. This means in the event of a positive case within school we hope that less children will be required to isolate at home and less children will miss out on learning in school. We will keep this under review as part of our risk assessment process.

Ventilation

As part of our measures to keep the children and staff safe we are regularly ventilating the classrooms with fresh air at the moment. Although the heating will still be on in school you may wish to ensure your child has more layers on than normal. Please could we ask that vests or additional t-shirts are worn under their uniform and their school jumper remains the top layer.

Scholastic Book Club

If you are thinking of making a start on your Christmas shopping you may be pleased to hear that our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/rothwell-nn14/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by November 25th, 2020**.



Children in Need

We are delighted to share that we raised an amazing **£577.22** for the Children in Need appeal. We would like to say a big thank you for supporting this cause at a difficult time for many families. We hope the children loved the chance to dress up in their mixed-up outfits!



Virtual Coffee Morning

Come and join Mrs Browne and Miss Loomes for a virtual coffee morning on Zoom from 9.30am - 10.30am on Thursday 26th November. This will be an informal catch up session for you to ask questions, discuss any difficulties that you are having and for us to gather your views for future coffee mornings. To register your interest please email the parents email and you will be sent the log in details.



Christmas Dinner Day: Wednesday 9th December

Both schools will be holding Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 9th December. The menu will look slightly different this year to allow the meals to be served more easily in the classrooms. Meals can be placed online using your child's school money account. Reception, KS1 children and those eligible for Free School Meals the order can be placed for free. The cost of the meal for children in Nursery and Years 3-6 not eligible for FSM meals will be £2.30. The deadline for order is **Tuesday 8th December**.

Pupil Premium

The pupil premium is additional school funding for disadvantaged children. It is paid directly to us to improve the quality of their education alongside providing enrichment experiences and uniform.

Your child may be entitled to pupil premium funding if you receive one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit Only (with income up to £16,190) with no element of Working Tax Credit
- National Asylum Seekers Support
- Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance (income related)
- Universal Credit (income dependant)

How does my school get the pupil premium for my child?

Infant years: reception, year 1 and year 2

All children at this age are eligible for free school meals so you will need to apply separately for the pupil premium for your child's school.

Please be aware that a child must reside with the applicant to receive the pupil premium.

Use the online form available on: <https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/Pages/pupil-premium.aspx>

Junior years: Year 3 and above

If your child is in year 3 and above, and you want to check eligibility for pupil premium, please use the free school meals form to apply for pupil premium entitlement.

The school the child is attending will automatically get a pupil premium amount if the child is eligible for [free school meals](#).

KS2 Times Tables Rockstars

Thank you everybody for taking part in the Rock Out 2020 TTRS competition! Our school came 3670th nationally and it was great to see so many children taking part. Within our school, the highest-class score was Ben Nevis with 1972 points, well done! Also a big well done to Poppy B from Mars class who scored 965 points with the highest points scored by a pupil from our school!

Mrs Burrows has set a competition starting next Monday (23rd November) for one week between Year 5 vs Year 6 and another competition between Year 3 vs Year 4; it would be great if all children could take part!

How much screen time is too much?

Screen time is becoming a bigger part of children's lives at home and school. It can offer children opportunities to learn but like anything too much of it can have a negative effect on their wellbeing. It is important to put balance and purpose behind your child's screen time.

Think parental controls!

Parental controls are the name of a group of settings on a range of devices (such as smartphones, search engines, broadband, social media and gaming consoles) that control what content your child can see. Whatever device your child uses, be sure to make use of the parent controls to manage your child's access to age-appropriate content and review the time they spend on specific online activities.



Please visit: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/> to find step by step guides to help you add parent controls to your devices at home.

COVID Restrictions

We are working closely with Public Health to ensure that we do all we can to reduce the reproduction rate of COVID 19. As you are aware one of the main ways that this is spread is by families mixing with other families e.g. children having friends round to tea or to play after school.

A reminder that under current COVID restrictions the mixing of people from different households indoors (unless you are in a support or childcare bubble) is not permitted as evidence shows the virus spreads faster within close contact environments such as the family home. Please help to keep us safe in school by not having play dates or visiting family members at this time.

Anti-Bullying Week

We all want our children to be happy and safe and it is natural to worry about bullying - particularly if we have experienced bullying ourselves, or we think our child may be more vulnerable to bullying. The good news is you are not alone! The Rothwell Schools and its members are here to work with children, families to help keep children safe.

Every November our school takes part in Anti-Bullying Week. This is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on bullying and consider the steps we can take together to stop it. Anti-Bullying Week 2020 has the theme 'United Against Bullying'.

As a parent or carer, you are a vital piece of the puzzle in tackling bullying. You have a unique role to play in guiding and supporting your child through their school years and there are lots of positive steps you can take to help keep your child safe from bullying and harm.

What is bullying?

Bullying: the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.

Put simply this means any situation where your child is being deliberately and repeatedly hurt by other people and they find it hard to defend themselves. This could be face to face or online, in school or in the community. It may be physical, or it could be verbal or emotional. For example, your child might be pushed around by others, called names, or be excluded from friendship groups.

Children may also target aspects about people they feel are 'different' – this could include disability, race, faith, gender, sex, sexuality, poverty, talent, skin conditions, allergies, or situation at home. Children are influenced by the home, community, and society they grow up in, by the things they see, read, and hear, and the people around them. We all have a role to play in creating communities where children feel safe and valued, where we stand up to prejudice and are united against bullying.

With children we also use the STOP sign as a way of understanding behaviours: has it happened Several Times on Purpose?

We have sent home booklets for children in Year 3, Year R and to each new family joining our school community, which contains a sheet to log incidents you may wish to discuss with us. If you are concerned your child is being bullied please contact us, so we can help to resolve it.

Mrs Tighe is the Anti-Bullying co-ordinator for both schools.



Reminders

- Whole School Learning Log Homework due **Monday 23rd November (Deadline Extended)**
- Please try to log on and access your child's Microsoft Teams account for all those children who are absent from school through self-isolation. Any queries please speak to your child's class teacher or school office.