

Rothwell Schools News

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Thank You

Welcome to the latest issue of Rothwell Schools News. We wanted to start by thanking you for continuing to work with us whilst we iron out our drop off and collection arrangements. Last week we reacted quickly to make changes to the congestion at the Infant School, we appreciate that this short notice was not ideal and caused additional complications to home arrangements over the weekend; for this we are sorry. Although our arrangements have created more breathing space on the school sites we appreciate that we may need to make further refinements going forward to reduce queues in the surrounding areas. Adequate notice will be given before any additional tweaks are made.

Drop off and Collection Arrangements

As you are aware the trickiest part of the day still remains drop off and pick up time due to the high volume of families accessing the school site. We want to keep our school site as safe as possible and keep the schools open. In order to do this we ask you to support us to follow these practical steps at drop off and collection:

Leave messages with the senior leader or email in a message so class teachers are able to manage the flow of children.

Avoid loitering at drop off, encourage independence with your child entering in the gate on their own.

Remember one adult per family for drop off and collection (no large family groups gathering on site).

Please wear a face covering when accessing the school site or its surroundings.

Please respect the one way systems that are in operation.

When collecting please step forward when your child is at the front of the line so the teacher can see you easily.

Staff Changes

We are delighted to welcome a number of new staff members to our school family alongside a few changes.

- Mrs O'Neill has started at RJS as the new Year 5 Leader and class teacher for Mars Class. Miss Welch has moved to Year 1 as the teacher of Owl Class. Miss Waller will return to Year 5 part time with Mrs Avery after October half term.
- Mr Tapping has joined us as a new Higher Level Teaching Assistant, previously a teacher Mr Tapping will be covering classes across the Junior school in his new role.
- Mrs Chapman (RJS), Miss Cray (RJS) and Mrs Smedmore (RVIS) have joined us as learning support assistants.
- Miss Hazeltine has relocated as learning support assistant at RJS to join in the fun of Year 1 at RVIS whilst Mrs Jarvis has made the move with Year 2 to Year 3 in her learning support role.
- Mr Pilkington has joined us as new Site Supervisor working alongside Mr Elder. Mrs Brown has joined us as a new member of our cleaning team at RJS.
- Mrs Dearing has returned to teach in different Year 5 and Year 6 classes 3 days a week.

Schools Forms

This week we have emailed home forms for children in Years 1-6 to allow us to have updated information at the start of the new academic year. If you have children in both schools please complete the correct link for each child as the forms are different for each school.

The following forms have been sent home:

- Pupil Information Form (if you didn't complete this before or during the summer)
- Annual Permissions Form
- Collection Arrangements

Please ensure that these are completed by **ASAP as the deadline has now passed** as it is crucial we get a response for each child.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We're excited to be able to welcome applications to become a parent governor. We would particularly welcome any applications from anyone with a financial / budget management background but all applications are welcome. If you'd like to apply please see the information attached to the newsletter email today. All nominations to be returned by 9am on **Monday 28th September**.

Please look at <https://www.nga.org.uk/Governance-Recruitment/Be-a-school-governor-or-trustee.aspx> for more about governance in schools.



No Nuts

A reminder please for the new academic year that we are a nut free school as certain members of our school community are allergic to nuts. Please ensure snacks and items in lunchboxes do not contain nuts to help keep everyone safe.

Key Stage 2 Break Time Snacks

As a healthy eating school, all break time snacks for KS2 should be a healthy snack i.e. fruit, dried fruit, cheese, carrot/cucumber sticks, tomatoes, etc. **No sweets, cakes/cake bars, biscuits, cereal bars or crisps are allowed.** We will also not be accepting 'Fruit Winders' or other processed fruit products as these are very high in sugar. Water bottles should contain water for drinking throughout the day, juice is only permitted in lunch boxes.

School Tours

With limited visitors on site we are currently working on our virtual school tours and potential socially distanced out of hours visits for admissions for September 2021. We will provide further details in the forthcoming weeks for parents who have children due to start school next year.

Phone Call Home Friday

Each week in our Friday celebration assemblies that are held at each school a child will be chosen who has impressed the senior leader taking the assembly that week. The senior leader will then call an adult at home to share this fantastic news. The newsletter will display each week who is receiving this call.

Uniform and Other Belongings in School

 Please remember to name all items of clothing including coats, jumpers, cardigans, sun hats, lunch boxes and water bottles. This makes it easier for staff to reunite children with lost belongings.



Thank you for your continued support and understanding whilst we all adapt together to this new way of school life.

A reminder that homework learning grids will be emailed on Monday alongside our interim learning offer for those children who are isolating at home because of family symptoms.



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