



Rothwell Primary School



Newsletter

Friday 1st May, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

You should have received your child's mini report which we were due to share during parent consultations, just prior to the partial school closure. The teachers have added a few additional details which we hope you have found helpful.

These reports were sent out using ParentPay. If you have not received this report, please check that your e-mail details on ParentPay are accurate, then e-mail us to request it is resent: admin@rothwell-pri.leeds.sch.uk

As you will be aware, we have been using Google Classroom and Tapestry to support our home learning and we are really pleased with the response and engagement from our children and parents. As I have reiterated in each newsletter, we understand that circumstances at home vary for each child and we have been clear that the children only need to complete what fits around family needs. ***The core learning is the main priority if selecting key tasks.***

We are very grateful for so many of the positive comments we have received. As you can imagine, this has been an interesting journey for everyone. I thought it would be good to share a couple of these with you. Please never underestimate the power of a message or e-mail - your positivity has been extremely welcome!

KS2 parent: "We just wanted to say a big thank you to all the staff for all their hard work getting this set up, it can't have been easy. ***** has loved receiving the comments back about her work. We really appreciate all of your hard work."

KS1 parent, "I wanted to express our thanks and kind wishes for all of you at school working so hard, keeping work set, responding to it, looking after vulnerable or key workers' children at school, and also taking care of your loved ones and yourselves, and for some of you juggling home educating too. Teachers are very special people, helping to make the future a brighter, kinder, fairer place, which we will need even more after the pandemic has passed. A huge thank you."

With all new technology and the complete change to home learning online, there will be some things that are hopefully working well as well as some aspects which you feel could be tweaked. For children in Y1-6, we will be using Google Classroom to ask you and your children to complete an online questionnaire. We would really appreciate it if you would complete this, as your feedback will be really useful.

If you have not yet accessed GC and are having any difficulties doing so, please e-mail us and we will do our best to help you to resolve any problems.

A reminder for children who would usually attend school on a Friday. Next week - Friday 8th May - school will be closed as it is a Bank Holiday. There will be no tasks set for this day on Google Classroom or Tapestry. If children are wanting to access tasks, they can do some of their daily practice activities.

Thanks again to our wonderful staff team for the work they are doing both at home and at school. This really has been a challenging time and I am proud of their wonderful effort and attitudes.

Due to the bank holiday, the next newsletter will be on Friday 15th May.

As always, if you need any support, please e-mail us at admin@rothwell-pri.leeds.sch.uk

Please keep checking your Google Classroom as there will be more messages from staff over the coming weeks. I have a story that I have shared with the children, this should be on there shortly.

We welcome your rainbow messages, if you are passing school as part of your daily exercise. See the information on the following page.

We all send our best wishes. Stay at home. Stay safe.



Rainbow pictures



During these uncertain times, rainbows are a positive way to remind us that there are better times to come. When you are taking your daily exercise, we would love for you to leave a rainbow picture or inspirational message on the school gates to let people know you are thinking of them. Hopefully we can surround our school and local community with colour and spread a little joy!

Please remember social distancing rules when you leaving your pictures on the school gates.



Covid-19 Support Line

Our telephone support line is available to anyone in Leeds with family members or friends who are critically ill, or who have died from Covid-19.

The telephone support line is staffed by trained bereavement workers who are able to:

- Listen when you need someone to talk to
- Provide emotional support and allow you to express your feelings
- Signpost you to other services and resources if necessary

Call St Gemma's Hospice on **0113 218 5544**
or Wheatfields Hospice on **0113 203 3369**

If the phone line is engaged please leave a message with your name and phone number and we will return your call.

**Open Monday – Friday between
9.00am – 4.00pm (excluding bank holidays)**

Reporting Domestic Violence

During these challenging times, domestic violence and the reporting of domestic violence may be made difficult. If you are wanting to report any incidents of domestic violence, West Yorkshire Police have created a simple online form to enable people to report domestic abuse directly to them, and as an alternative to speaking on the phone.

<https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/report-it/report-domestic-abuse>

The information people provide on the form will be dealt with in the same way as any other report of domestic abuse.