



# Rothwell Primary School

## Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been wonderful in school. We have continued to support our children of key workers, as well as a number of vulnerable pupils, plus are large number of Reception and Year 1 children. We are so pleased with the response we have received from yourselves, and for your understanding that we are doing our best to support all of our children both at home and in school. The way you have worked with us, and the trust you have shown, has been warmly received and greatly appreciated. THANK YOU ALL. We will get through this together and, as always, we will continue to try to give the very best to all of our children and families.

At present we are currently managing to provide the support for learning on Google Classroom or Tapestry, as well as looking at and responding to the work you submit, at the same time as providing the teaching and learning for our children in school. This has taken creativity and careful planning which we are grateful to the staff team for implementing so effectively. As we move forward and now have more children in school, we will continue providing work for our children but the response time on Google Classroom may vary, depending on staffing and year groups in school. We will aim to cover Google Classroom in the same way we have been doing each morning, but questions and work submitted during the afternoon may not be responded to until the following morning at certain points. We hope you feel the work we are providing is helpful and I would like to thank the teachers for their rigor in planning these quality tasks during this period. Thank you for your patience and understanding with this.

### Where are we on the provisional plan?

Weeks 1, 2 and 3 of this half term have been extremely successful and it has been wonderful to see how happy the children are to be back in school, with so many parents commenting on the difference in their children since being back. All year 1 children should have received information regarding their class for September. During the three weeks they are in school, they will spend at least one of those weeks with their new teacher in preparation for the next school year. We feel this will help them to feel more at ease and support their transition, ready for their return in September. For children who are not back in school yet in Reception and Y1, plans will be in place to support them in September - please do not worry.

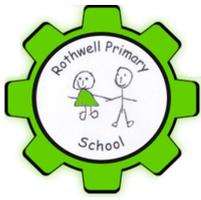
We now continue to week 4, which will be the final week for our Reception children. This is so that our year 6 children can return to school in week 5, beginning on Monday 29th June 2020.

Week 1 1.6.20	Week 2 8.6.20	Week 3 15.6.20	Week 4 22.6.20	Week 5 29.6.20	Week 6 6.7.20	Week 7 13.7.20
Key worker and vulnerable children	Key worker and vulnerable children					
	Reception Monday -Thurs	Reception Monday -Thurs	Reception Monday -Thurs	Year 6 Monday- Fri	Transition for children in Years 2, 3 4 and 5. (1 or 2 days with their new teacher).	
		Year 1 Monday -Thurs	Year 1 Monday -Thurs	Year 1 Monday -Thurs		

If your child is in Year 6, we will be sending you a pack to complete next week. Please return the home-school agreement and medical form contained when you bring your child to school on Monday 29th June. Please place these in the tray outside your child's class. **PLEASE NOTE—for any child to access their Y6 place, these two forms must be signed and returned on this date.** Please read the letter in the pack, which will detail the information regarding the bubble your child will be in and instructions for drop off and collection.

### Social, Emotional and Mental Health Support.

We will be sending a separate email with links to useful resources on how to support your child's social and emotional needs; we hope you find these useful. Thank you to two of our governors: Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Green for sharing your expertise in this area and guidance throughout.



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### Weeks 6 and 7 of our provisional plan— at the end of this half term.

Thank you so much to those of you with children in years 2, 3, 4, and 5 and your response in booking your child a place for a short transition period in weeks 6 and 7. We have gathered this response and are hopeful that we will be able to provide 1 or two days of transition for children in these year groups. These will also be organised in small 'bubbles' of up to 15 children. We feel this transition is very important, as it allows our children to return to school, see their friends and meet their new teacher, ready for September. This is an extremely complex planning process, with huge considerations. For example, once staff and children have been with a bubble, they cannot then immediately support another group (bubble). Yet we still need to be able to provide for the high number of key worker and vulnerable children that we will continue to be supporting during this time. The number of places for key workers has increased and we may have to create a waiting list for any further places, as many of our bubbles are at or close to capacity, with many other year groups in school.

The main challenge with this is that children cannot be within 2 different bubbles within the week. If your child is in these year groups (2, 3, 4 or 5) and they currently access a key worker bubble, we will be asking whether you would like your child to access school in the key worker bubble for the days needed —Monday-Friday— or whether they will be attending on their allocated transition days *for that week only*. We will contact you separately once we are able to share the dates for transition days; this will help you to make the decision.

Rather than the training day that was planned for 29th June 2020, which would interrupt the transition of our Y1, Reception, keyworkers and vulnerable children, we will be taking Friday 17th July (our final day) as a training day. This will mean school is closed to all children so staff are able to further develop their understanding of our new curriculum approach and the planning process ready for September. We are also looking at incorporating a short Nursery visit for the children who requested a place - more information to follow for those children.

For our new starters in Reception class, you will shortly be receiving your packs of information. If you have not received this by Tuesday 23rd June, please email us at [admin@rothwell-pri.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:admin@rothwell-pri.leeds.sch.uk)

In terms of September, we are currently awaiting guidance and will inform you as soon as we know more. We are obviously hoping that we will be able to open fully and have all of our children back in school, however this is completely reliant on the government guidance and risk assessments. Things are changing constantly. We will continue to keep you informed of any

### Training Days for next year - 2020-21

Monday 7th September 2020

Monday 7th December 2020

Monday 5th July 2021

Monday 26th July 2021 and Tuesday 27th July 2021.

developments.

We would like to introduce you to two new members of our team. In September Miss Dowd will be joining us as part of the Y3/4 team and Miss Oglesby will be joining us as part of the Year 5/6 team. We are hoping they will be able to meet their



Hello! My name is Miss Dowd and I am delighted to be joining Rothwell Primary in September and teaching in Year 4. I pride myself on being a bubbly, happy and enthusiastic teacher who strives to make learning fun. My favourite subject to teach is Science, as I enjoy carrying out experiments and seeing the excitement by children during these lessons. I love to dance and have danced since I was 2 years old! My favourite books of all time are the Harry Potter novels; I teach muggles because Hogwarts wasn't hiring!

**I hope to make my time at Rothwell Primary as magical as possible for my new class.**

Hello Year 5 and all of Rothwell Primary School!

I am Miss Oglesby and I am looking forward to joining you in September.



I have taught across Key Stage 2 for five years now. I am an avid reader who enjoys creating memorable and fun experiences to inspire your wonderful writing! I am also a sports enthusiast; I support my home team, Grimsby Town Football Club, play hockey for Wakefield Ladies and love taking my golden retriever, Chester, on long walks! My favourite quote is: **'Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times if one only remembers to turn on the light.'** Together, I am confident we will all shine next year.



## Are we able to bring thank you cards or gifts for staff?

We have had numerous parents asking about this, during these strange times. We know that many of you have said your child would like to bring a card or gift for their teacher as a way to say thank you and finish this year. If you are wanting to do this, please place any cards... on the table outside your child's classroom in the same way that you do with letters.

Just to be clear, there is no expectation to do this, this is just for those who are asking and want to do this.

## Uniform

### School Uniform

Just a reminder that school uniform can be purchased through our school uniform supplier at [HTTP://ROTHWELL.GOODDIES.CO.UK](http://ROTHWELL.GOODDIES.CO.UK)

Due to the on-going situation with COVID -19, please see updated delivery info below.

THE FINAL CUT -OFF DATE FOR DELIVERIES TO HOME ADDRESSES BEFORE THE 31ST AUGUST IS MIDNIGHT **ON THE 15TH JULY.**

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### Stikins quality labels

We are excited to announce that we have teamed up with Stikins to offer parents the opportunity to purchase quality labels for your children's school uniform, whilst earning the school commission at the same time! This money can then be used to continue to help purchase some of the fantastic resources that benefit our children's learning.

As we all know, lost property is a problem in all schools and I am sure we are all familiar with our child, at some point, coming home from school with a missing item. As parents, we are aware that time is precious, which is why we think these labels are such a great idea; they simply stick onto the wash-care label of clothing. They can even be used in shoes! They are really easy to use - no sewing or ironing - just stick them to the wash-care label.

They are washing machine, tumble-dryer, dishwasher and even microwave-proof!

Use them on coats, clothing, lunch boxes, water bottles, shoes, bags, PE kits, glasses cases, trainers, musical instruments, phones etc.

### How it works:

Each order placed quoting the school reference number 36131 will provide the school with 30% commission if placed using the link on our school website.. You can also order your labels online at [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk) or contact them by phone(01270 668076).