

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start this newsletter by thanking yourselves for your ongoing support and positivity during what has been an extremely challenging and ever changing time. You have been working with us to ensure your children have the very best support from both home and school. Our incredible team have worked so hard continuously throughout this pandemic, including many holidays, and more extra weekends and evenings than usual and your recognition of this is greatly appreciated. At a time when staff are continuing to work tirelessly to ensure we are in the best position to support our children now and in September, I cannot stress the importance and impact receiving your positive feedback has had upon the team. Whether this is via social media, emails or feeding back to the team, I can honestly say that this has made a hugely difficult task possible.



Over the coming weeks, your continued support will be vital as we continue to work together through this uncharted territory. There are many aspects that are still being finalised: arrangements for September, Kidz Club, residential information/decisions, amongst many other things. As always, we are determined to make informed decisions and it is therefore essential that we have time to combine the government guidance that was released at the end of last week, with a new risk assessment template (from Leeds City Council which is due to be sent to us today). It would be extremely helpful if you could give us a few days at the start of next week to finalise some of these plans, before you email further questions regarding these aspects. This would help us to manage the huge workload and provide you with the answers you require.

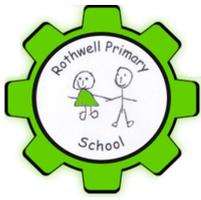
All this guidance has to be fully thought through in order to get things right for our children and staff in September. Once we receive the Leeds risk assessment, we will be in a better position to finalise these complex arrangements. We will communicate these with you next week and, as always, your understanding and patience are crucial and appreciated during this time. Please continue to trust us to do right by our school community, as we have throughout this pandemic. The way we work together in partnership with yourselves is a real strength and one we all must value and protect during these tricky times.

This week we have loved welcoming back the first half of our children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 for their transition days. It has been wonderful to see them and yourselves. Feedback from parents has been extremely positive and many of you have said that your child was initially nervous coming into school after such a long period, but that they have really enjoyed seeing their friends, meeting their new teacher and they feel better about coming back in September. We are looking forward to seeing the other half of these year groups next week. REMINDER - If your child is joining us for their transition next week, in order to keep your child safe, you MUST return your child's medical form and home/school agreement. Children will not be able to come into school without these forms completed.

For our current children in Nursery, next week is the end of year picnic celebration with Miss Robinson. Thank you to those who have already responded to confirm / decline your attendance. The date for the children who normally attend on a Mon, Tues and Weds am is **Monday 13th July**. The date for the children who normally attend on a Weds pm, Thursday and Friday is **Thursday 16th July**.

As mentioned in the newsletter from last week, any child who has not taken part in face to face transition in school is able to see their new teachers reading stories and sending short messages on Tapestry (Nursery and Reception) and Google Classroom for KS1 and KS2 (due to be added to GC next week).

For our new starters (and returners) who will be joining us in Reception, you should have received an email earlier today, with details regarding your child's visit and start dates. For children in Nursery for September, this information has been posted out today and you should receive this shortly. We thank you for your patience and look forward to seeing you on our Zoom sessions on Tuesday (14/07/20). Please email any questions in advance, in order ensure we address any concerns or questions that you may have.



# Rothwell Primary School



## Newsletter Friday 10th July

### We need your help to ensure that school is as safe as it can be!

The morning drop-off times are working really well and parents are following the social distancing guidelines whilst in the school grounds. At the end of the day, on the main playground, we need your help to ensure this is followed by everyone. As we introduce more children into school, and therefore more parents on the school premises at the start and end of the day, it is imperative that parents do not spend any longer than necessary on the school grounds. We would ask that you only enter the school grounds approximately 5 minutes before your child's start and finish time. Children in keyworker bubbles will not be leaving until 3:10-3:15, so we need parents on the main playground not to arrive on site until 3:05-3:10pm.

*Please note: following these conditions is one of the terms of the home school agreements.*

**REMINDER— Friday 17th July is a training day for staff and school is closed to all pupils.**

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

### Learning for the last week

We hope your children are enjoying the change to home learning for this last fortnight, it has been great to see so many of you still engaging in Google Classrooms/Tapestry and learning packs.

**For children in Reception Class**, please remember to return your work packs to school by Wednesday 15th July, so that we can celebrate all the fantastic work that has taken place while they have been learning at home. Nursery children will continue to have a menu of activities linked to a story posted on Tapestry each Monday.

### Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 - learning provided in the final week

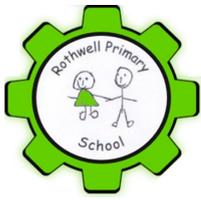
Year 1 should have taken home a paper pack of activities to complete; some are to be returned to school and some are for regular practice to be kept at home.

Just a reminder, we will still be providing some online learning for children in Years 1-5 at home. For the final week, this will still be set as a block (e.g. WC 13th July) rather than a daily post - this is due to children being in school on some of the days. There will be a range of short burst Maths activities, a writing task on 'All About Me' and other activities for you to complete in your own time throughout the week. A member of staff will check Google Classrooms periodically but there is no expectation to hand work in each day and feedback will no longer be provided. TT Rock Stars, Numbots, Spelling Frame and Rising Stars will still be available for your daily practice, and again, we will keep checking this to see how you are getting on. As mentioned last week, this practice of core skills will also be available over the summer holidays.

### Refunds

We have started to issue cash refunds from the Royal Armouries and Cricket in the classroom trips that were cancelled in April. If your child has been in for transition this week or are in transition next week, their teacher will issue these. If your child is not in for transition, you will receive these in September.

In regards to Buckden Residential trip refunds, we are awaiting payment from Bradford Council for this. Once we have this and our cheque clears, we can then issue you with a cheque. This will hopefully be available the first week back after the Summer holidays but we will be in touch as soon as we are able to issue these. Unfortunately, refunds for this cannot be made on Parentpay. We are doing our best, under difficult circumstances and thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.



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## Well done!

A huge thank you to all the Year 5 children who applied to be Leeds Children's Mayor. A massive congratulations to Liam Hunt, Bonnie O'Brian and Holly Timmermans who were chosen to represent Rothwell Primary School with their fantastic ideas of how they can change the lives of the children of Leeds. Although, we didn't get through to the final 12 everyone showed thoughtful and creative ideas which embodies all of our REACH values.



## Leeds Little Library - let's have a community of Bookworms!

Leeds Little Free Library is a growing network of beautifully painted book exchanges across the city. Just take a book or leave a book. This would be located on school grounds or just outside the school gates (to be confirmed) for both children and adults of the school and wider community to access (once the Covid-19 risk reduces). However, we need to raise the funds to make this happen. Research shows that approximately 90% of the vocabulary that we meet is only ever met through reading it - this could be a way to get us all reading more and broadening our horizons whilst nurturing our well-being.

***"The more that you read, the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."***

Dr. Seuss

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