



Rothwell Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 17th July



Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe we are at the end of this academic year. No-one could have predicted these last few months or imagined the huge adjustments that everyone would have to make.

That being said, I could not be prouder of our whole school community. Our parents and carers have been so positive and appreciative of the hard work that we have put into making this period as effective and positive as it could be. Our children have shown their resilience and commitment to learning by participating in their home learning regularly (over 75% of the school using Google Classroom and many more invested in workbooks etc. to continue their education).

I would like to stress how lucky we are to have this amazing staff team. Everyone has pulled together to go over and above for our children, team and community. This has included often having to change our roles, responsibilities and having to rethink and redesign so many of our usual systems and procedures. So many parents have contacted us to acknowledge this; please see a selection of the wonderful messages that you have sent us on the next page. From the high quality lessons and responses, the incredible pastoral team, fantastic support for our children attending school, the incredible communication from the amazing office staff, to the great decisions that the leadership team have made throughout, the contributions from everyone have made this possible. As always, we have tried to put our children at the heart of decisions we have made, whilst also ensuring staff wellbeing. I would also like to thank our governors for valuing this ethos and for being fully committed to our children and school throughout this unprecedented time.

During this last few months, we have been so proud of all of our children. They really are inspirational in all regards. For the return to school or transition, many children were initially a little worried about coming into school after such a long period, however, as soon as they were reunited with their friends and school staff, they were soon at ease. We are so pleased that all of our children from Nursery to Year 6 have had this opportunity to return to school, meet their new teacher and spend time with their friends in their new classrooms. For those who have not been in, please look on Google Classroom or Tapestry for the videos. Google Classroom will only be available until Monday 20th July; it will then be available again for you to see the videos from Monday 7th. Please note, this will not be monitored by staff as we will be fully open and be using our usual ways to teach. #REACH #BETHEBESTYOU CAN BE

On a personal note, I have really appreciated so many of you taking the time to drop an email or send a message to inform us about how well you think we have done. There have been some challenging moments and I'm sure September will be no different. Having you with us does make the impossible possible. **If you do have Facebook, it would be great if you could go onto the review section and add a review. You click onto reviews and click whether you recommend us and can then add a comment. Thank you.**

We would like to thank Royds High School as Mrs Robbins, Mrs Faulkner and the team have gone over and above for our Year 6 children. They are the only High School I am aware of in Leeds and beyond that have managed to provide a face to face visit for children in Year 6 who are joining them in September. We have worked closely with both Royds and Rodillian to ensure they have all of the information they need ready for September.

If you have not seen the email from Wednesday 15th July 2020 regarding all of the arrangements for September, please take a look at it as there is a huge amount of useful information to help you and your child/ren. If for any reason you do not have this, please check out the newsletter section on our school website.

Some exciting news to share: Mrs Bown will be going on maternity leave during October. We have appointed a SENCO to cover this period and she will be working alongside Mrs Bown next half term to ensure a smooth transition.

For those children who have attended school, you will have already signed and returned a medical form and a home school agreement. For those who are new to school or have not attended, if your details on ParentPay are up-to-date, you will have received a medical form to return either by the end of today, or on the training day on Monday 7th September, by 11am. It is crucial that we have all of this information returned, as we want the first day back to run safely and smoothly and this will require us having this information. Parents trying to sign these forms outside of the classes will only increase the risk of transmission.

Thank you for helping with this.

Home Services **Reviews** Sho

5.0

5 out of 5 ⓘ
Based on the opinion of 12 people

Do you recommend Rothwell Primary School?

Yes No



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If you want to collect your child's lost property/items left in the school, we will place them outside on the back playground on our training day - Monday 7th September between 10am and 1pm. No entry will be permitted after this time, as we will be making our final adjustments in preparation for our full return on Tuesday 8th September.

Good luck to our Year 6 pupils starting their new schools in September. You are amazing and it will all work out. Be proud to be you and show them how incredible you are! We will have a celebration, once things adjust.

As stated on Wednesday's letter, the admin team will be having a well earned rest and will not be checking their emails until we return.

Despite these strange times, we have managed to compile Reception and Year 2 graduation videos. Thank you to those of you who helped with this. These will be coming live on our Facebook page shortly.

We hope you manage to have a break this summer and look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 8th September. Thanks again for everything.

Leila Rothenburg.

A few of the many comments from you all, there are many more on Facebook, thank you x

"Thank you for all your online support (for us to!), it has been very much appreciated!"

I wanted to say thank you for the continued oversight of the teachers through Google Classroom. Speaking to friends and family I know that the care and structure that *** have been shown is far from universal. I have to say the wonderful touches such as a note from the teacher following a particularly well done piece of work is a really thoughtful - both children have been delighted when then they have received one of these, it's so motivating and makes a real difference.

Thank you to all the staff at Rothwell Primary who have been amazing throughout these difficult times, managing their own family circumstances as well as those of the children in school. We appreciate all your hard work from managing the online classwork, the video messages and continuing to provide support the children in school. This is not an easy task for you to be able to accommodate everyone's needs under such strict controls we understand how difficult it is but appreciate everything you are trying to do for our children.

Please thank their teachers for planning appropriate and interesting tasks on Google Classroom. We like the consistent routine across all year groups that you have put in place which makes it much more manageable.

Thank you to everyone who has made the children's time at RPS so special. They really have been so lucky to get such a great start to their education. **** has loved his time at the school, and has so many happy memories, with his friends and the teachers alike. I can't believe it's come to an end! Xxx

Thank you so much for enabling *** to return to school for his transition days. At first he was a little anxious about coming back to school, but he had the best time and is now excited about coming back to school in September.



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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Please donate at the following link to help our whole community benefit from this wonderful resource.

Type in: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rpslfl> or in Google type: Just-giving Rothwell Primary

We currently have £270 towards our target of £1000. Thank you to those who have donated.

LS26 School Uniform Scheme

Do you have any outgrown, good quality uniform that you are replacing or no longer need? LS26 School Uniform Scheme aims to bridge the gap and assist those who may be struggling with the cost of new uniform, by recycling good quality uniform and passing it on, at no cost! If you are able to help by donating good quality uniform, or are in need of uniform support for September, please contact the LS26 School Uniform Scheme via their Facebook page.

