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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to the summer term. The brighter days and sunshine have enabled us to enjoy a great first week back.

After over a year of great unpredictability and several lockdowns, at the end of last half term teachers and support staff carried out a wide range of activities in order to best identify the needs of the children in their classes. They have since analysed this data to prioritise key elements of the curriculum to focus upon during the summer term. This term is crucial in terms of best supporting our children with their learning so that they are ready for the following academic year, enabling them all to be the best they can be and make good+ progress.

As you may be aware, due to the pandemic, this year there are no statutory tests and reporting for Y2 and Y6 SATs, the Phonics Screening in Y1 or the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile at the end of Reception. That being said, for children across school, we will use our own ongoing assessments during the term, and formal tests towards the end of the school year, to help judge where the children are in relation to age related expectations for their year.

We recognise the value of the support you provided your children with during lockdown, and continue to do with homework, and know that you will be keen to know how you can best support you child/ren to give them the best chance at meeting their potential. We will therefore be holding parent consultations in weeks 3/4 of this half term; this will give you time to support your child with a few useful actions that will be shared during these consultations. More information about dates and booking appointments will follow next week - please keep an eye on your Inbox.

### Please Help!



Before the holidays, I asked if parents/carers could check at home for any school scheme or library books. Thank you to those of you who have helped us by doing this - we really appreciate it. Having spent a great deal of money on providing new, high quality reading books for our reading scheme and school library over the last two years, with school budgets being so tight, we will be charging a fee of £5 for replacement books. Please return any outstanding books by Monday in order to avoid this replacement cost.

It is great to see our children with so many healthy items in their packed lunches. Please can we advise that any grapes are cut in half before placing into your child's packed lunch? This is just to reduce the risk of children choking on full grapes.

### COVID INFORMATION

As the lockdown restrictions begin to ease, we absolutely need your support in ensuring that everyone adheres to all of the current measures: 2m+ distancing; one way system; wearing a mask; only being on the school site in the given time slot... all of these will help to reduce the risk of transmission and having to close bubbles.

The majority of parents and school staff still have not received the COVID vaccination. The risks are still there and we want to keep our school community safe and reduce the chances of positive cases and having to close bubbles, meaning that children miss more of school.

As previously emphasised, if your child or a member of your household does have one of the 3 symptoms, please isolate and book a PCR test. ***It is crucial not to send your child to school with any symptoms.***



If you or your child has positive case, please email the school admin as soon as you are informed at [admin@rothwell-pri.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:admin@rothwell-pri.leeds.sch.uk)

We will monitor the number of positive cases and see how the national picture develops over this half term before making final decisions about possible events to take place in Summer 2.

Congratulations to the following superstars who were awarded their certificate during today's celebration assembly.

### Early Years

Nursery: Freddie H and Ruby L

Reception Class: Oliver L and  
Deacon D

### Key Stage 1

Class 1: Rosie U

Class 1/2: Ethan L

Class 2: Mia A

### Lower Key Stage 2

Class 3: Charlie D

Class 3/4: Georgia B

Class 4: Darcy W

### Upper Key Stage 2

Class 5: Jack S

Class 5/6: Oscar N

Class 6: Ella B



### **Competition Time!**

Children from Reception to Year 6 have an opportunity to enter the Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Design Competition, to honour our heroes during the coronavirus pandemic.

They have seen a short film in class today introducing the competition and should be bringing a template home to help with their design.

All children aged 4-14 years from across the UK can enter the competition and a new series of eight stamps will be created. Eight school children will become part of the history of Royal Mail and of the UK this year. The winners will become the designers of stamps that will appear on millions of parcels and letters. Her Majesty, The Queen will approve the winning stamp designs before they are printed and issued.

There are 120 great prizes on offer for area winners and runners up. Plus, cash prizes for the winning schools too. One of the designs could be yours!

We are asking for all entries to be returned to school by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

As always, we look forward to working together with yourselves over this coming term to ensure the very best for our children.

Many thanks

Leila Rothenburg  
Headteacher.