



Friday 27th January 2023

Dear parents/carers,

I would like to start by thanking our staff team. There has been a high number of staff illnesses this week and our incredible team have pulled together to make things happen for our children, school and each other. Thank you so much for all stepping up once again. We really appreciate all you do.

British Values



At Rothwell Primary School we promote our school values and British values. We want to ensure we are supporting our children's development as citizens of the world. It is important that they value democracy, tolerance, respect, liberty and rule of law and rights and responsibilities these provide us with.

As we are aware, our local context here in Rothwell does not represent the wealth of diversity of other parts of Leeds and beyond. This aspect has been an important factor when our subject leaders have designed their curriculum subjects.

This week our children in UKS2 were lucky enough to experience a visit to the Sikh Gurdwara in Leeds. This was an incredible opportunity to apply their learning of the Sikh religion from their RE lessons first-hand. Mr Singh and all the other

volunteers, made our children feel so welcome as well as sharing an insightful understanding of their religion. The children were given a tour of the temple, learning about the teachings and traditions of this young religion. They were lucky enough to experience the Guru Grant Sahib (The Holy book), and how it is respected as a living guru (teacher). The children were able to witness it being carefully opened and read as well as the place it is kept at night – its own bedroom! Lastly, the children experienced the Guru Langar (community kitchen) where volunteers kindly provided snacks and refreshments as they traditional do for anyone who enters the temple. It was a wonderful, peaceful place of worship and learning opportunity. We are so proud of our pupils, who were so respectful of the Gurdwara traditions and asked such pertinent questions. One of the wonderful things was the

children's reactions following their visits. One of the children said, 'I was I bit scared before I went and I wasn't sure I wanted to go, but I have learnt so much and it helped me to see that I shouldn't be afraid of not knowing and need to be open to learning about other cultures and religions.' I just smiled as it really reiterated why this aspect of our curriculum is crucial in addressing the lack of diversity in our local community. We want our children to embrace diversity and difference; not just in school, but in the real world.



Attendance matters!

Each week the classes are awarded a certificate if they reach 97% or above. The children are keen to work as a team to achieve these as 3 certificates entitles the class to a session on the Trim Trail.

Our attendance for the year so far is now 95.3% and we are slowly moving towards our target of 97%.

House rewards are also given for attendance which the children are very keen to achieve.

We have also introduced the reading reward as part of the House system, by reading at home and getting their reading record signed, our children will be earning points for their house.

At the end of term, the winning house will be invited to a reward party, which all children would love to be part of. Thank you for supporting your child's reading at home, the research shows this is an important factor in helping children to be confident readers and to develop their vocabulary.

Attendance for last week 95.10%	
Reception class Miss Robinson	95.2%
Reception class Mrs Petch	97.9%
Class 1	94.5%
Class 1/2	94.2%
Class 2	94.5%
Class 3	96.7%
Class 3/4	98%
Class 4	89.7%
Class 5	98.6%
Class 5/6	97.1%
Class 6	90.3%

Golden Assembly

Today we celebrated the wonderful learning and attitudes of our children.

It was great to see so many children were chosen because of their wonderful writing in English and lots of them said this was their favourite subject. I have been lucky enough to read some of these great pieces this afternoon, which I thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to all of our parents and family members for joining us. I know you were all very proud of your little treasures!



Just a reminder that school is partially closed on Wednesday due to the members of the NEU striking regarding the funding crisis facing schools across the country. Please check your emails as a letter was sent out yesterday detailing the classes which this will impact upon.

Have a great weekend!

Many thanks

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Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Dates	Event/Activity
Wednesday 1 st February	Anything new is in red. NEU national strike day – school is partially closed. Reception class, Class 1, Class 3 and Class 3-4 will be closed.
Thursday 2 nd February	Young voices
Wednesday 8 th February	Year 4 Synagogue visit
Thursday 9 th February	Year 3 Synagogue visit
Thursday 8 th and Friday 10 th February	Sam Safaris visit to Reception and KS1
Friday 10 th February	Half term