

Summer Term 2 Newsletter 2021

Rowan and Birch Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final term of Year 6 and your child's final term at primary school (We can't quite believe we are writing that). This year has come with its barriers but we are so proud of how the children have conducted themselves and the hard work they have put in this year. This term will see Year 6 continuing their preparation for Secondary School, end of year activities and Leavers' play. The children will also be taking part in DT week, Art week, Heritage week and lots of other projects related to other subjects whilst practising for the end of term play.

This newsletter is to remind you of some of the important dates and events coming up this term so that you can feel fully prepared and informed.

Thank you, as always, for continuing to support your child and the school.

Yours sincerely,

Miss L Stanley and Mrs L Gough

Important dates and information

Go Read

You will have now received log in information for yourself and your child to access our new online reading record system that we are trialling. We ask that you set yourselves up and link your account to your child's so that you can input any reading you do with them at home. This is monitored by staff and it is really important that you and they are logging what reading they are doing so we know when books need changing and they make good progress in their reading too.

Reading Books

The children should still be reading their school reading books at home. They are given two books: one that is at their current level and another which will ensure the children are exposed to different genres and types of vocabulary. We would like to encourage you to continue to spend time reading with your children at home and record when you have listened to them on GoRead. We suggest that this be done three times a week. As the children are now more independent readers, you do not have to listen to them all 3 times. It may be that your child reads before bed, they can log this into GoRead and then you can sign it to confirm that they have read at home. As well as the school reading books, the children can access books to read online at readingeggs.com. Every child has a username and password for this.

If you would like some ideas on how to support your child's reading at home, please use the following link:
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

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Should your child be ill, please phone the school office to inform them of your child's absence.

Water Bottles

Water bottles can be brought into school but will remain in the children's bags during the day. Children will be able to access their water bottles when required. The children are welcome to bring in a bottle of water for playtimes and lunchtimes. Please make sure that this is labelled with the child's name and class and that it is filled with plain water (not squash or fizzy drinks).

Swimming

Due to the ongoing situation with Covid- 19 swimming will not take place this term.

Sun Cream/Hats/Coats/Hoodies

As we move hopefully into warmer weather, could you please make sure that children have applied sun cream prior to arriving at school. We also ask that they bring a sun hat to protect them further. As you know, the British weather can be unpredictable so please ensure the children still bring a coat with them each day just in case it decides to rain. Also, the children have received their hoodie and are understandably excited to wear them. However, with the warmer weather we are trying to encourage them to take them off when they are hot rather than trying to keep it on all day.

P.E. kits

This term PE will take place on a **Thursday**. Please can you make sure that your child has a PE kit in school each week. We recommend that PE kits are taken home regularly and washed.

Please will all parents and carers check that their children have labels in their kit with their name on or that their name is written on the labels in fabric pen. Alternatively, kits are now available on Amazon and other websites where you can have your child's name and class printed onto stickers. These are stuck onto the labels of the children's clothes and do not come off in the wash.

Head lice

We would like to remind children with long hair that it is important to keep it tied up to minimise the risk of catching head lice and to keep the children safe during P.E. and practical Science lessons.

Homework

This term, the majority of the homework will be asking the children to learn their speaking lines for the play and the songs too. This is to ensure that we are fully prepared for the performance and rehearsals can be around the acting and setting up of scenes rather than memorising lines. If your child wants to complete other activities or doesn't have a speaking part they can still access their online platforms and ALL children must still

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be accessing GoRead to log whatever reading they're doing at home. Having the homework based online will also prepare the children for their transition to Secondary School where the majority of homework there is also online. If children do complete online activities alongside learning their lines and adding on to GoRead then they will be awarded carrot points accordingly!

Arrival and Pick Up Times

With the ongoing situation of Covid-19, we ask that you remind yourself and continue to adhere to the times given for your child to be dropped off and picked up from school. These times are in place to try and meet the social distancing measures as best as possible, for the safety of yourself and your child/children. Year 6 start their school day at 8:50am so need to be at the side door ready to enter at this time. The gate will shut at 9am but we stress the importance of them being here at 8:50am as there are learning tasks as soon as they enter which we do not want anyone to miss. It is also important that you are not dropping the children off much earlier than this time as they should not be waiting outside the school building due to other bubbles dropping off. The end of the school day for Year 6 is now 3:20pm. Again, we ask that you are here on time to pick up your children to avoid bubbles crossing over.

Transition to Secondary School

This final term will focus heavily on preparing the children for their move onto Secondary School. We have already spoken to some of the schools regarding the children's progress and the Secondary Schools are preparing Teams calls to speak to the children too. Please keep an eye on the post or emails you are receiving in case any transition materials are sent through to you so you are prepared.

Leavers' Play

This term we will be practising for our upcoming Leavers' Play. You may have already heard the children singing some of the songs at home and all of them have a script to learn their lines. They are super excited to put this performance on so encouragement for them to learn their lines would be greatly appreciated. With the ongoing uncertainty of what rules will be in place when we are due to perform, we are still working out the logistics of whether it will be in person or virtually. We will send out further information when we have a plan in place.

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