



# Rokeby Park Primary School Newsletter

25th September 2020



## Covid-19 update

As you will already know the government made further announcements this week about the spread of the coronavirus and increasing transmission rates. As you will have seen from the messages we have sent out from Public Health England, rates in Hull are lower than the national average. However, this could change over the next few weeks. Therefore, we continue to encourage you to socially distance when dropping off and collecting children from school. Please do not stand near the school gates or try to engage in lengthy conversations with staff. We are working hard at school to ensure we are keeping everyone as safe as possible. If we continue to do this, this will enable us to keep the school open for as long as possible.

## Attendance

So far attendance in school is around 95% so we are still trying to achieve our whole school target of 96%. Some classes have again achieved 100% for last week. This is a brilliant achievement and we would like to see more of this as the children are always really proud when they achieve in their class.

This year it's really important that all pupils attend school regularly as we try to ensure they catch up on missed learning from the last academic year.

If you have any concerns about your child attending school and would like some support please contact Mrs Chaytor and she will be able to help.

## Parents' /Carers' Evening

This year has forced us to think about how we can run our parents/carers' evenings in a different way.

Instead of coming into school to meet teachers, parents/carers will receive a phone call from their child's class teacher so that they can discuss how their child has settled back into school, progress so far and targets for the year.

The telephone call appointments will be spread over the following two days:

Wednesday 14th October 3.10—5.50 pm

Wednesday 21st October 3.10—5.50 pm

You will be able to book these appointments in the usual way on Ping!

Once your appointment has been booked, your child's teacher will telephone you at your allocated appointment time (so please make sure you are available to speak to them). Each appointment will be for about 10 minutes.

**Uniform** It's great to see all the children looking smart in their school uniform. **Please remember that tracksuit bottoms are not school uniform. All pupils should be wearing trousers or skirts/dresses.**

Also, **sandshoes** are also part of our school uniform and must be worn inside. Please make sure your child has a pair of sandshoes at school. This is for health and safety reasons and helps to keep the floors clean and dry, particularly now that the weather is turning. This is very important now that we are approaching the winter weather.

**Please also remember that we are keeping rooms well-ventilated so all pupils need jumpers or cardigans in school.**

PE kits must be worn for PE lessons. Pupils will need to have an indoor and an outdoor PE kit. We are trying to do most of our PE outside and as the weather is changing pupils will need **jogging bottoms, a sweatshirt and trainers**. If you are not sure about when PE is needed please contact the school by telephone.

Uniform can be ordered online or by telephoning the school office. Once orders have been placed and payment has been received, uniform will be given to children in school. If you need any support with purchasing uniform, please contact the school office in confidence.

## Staffing

In our recent 'Welcome Back' newsletter we announced that a new member of staff would be starting at Rokeby in September. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances Miss Jackson will not be starting to work at the school. We are currently in the process of recruiting another member of staff to replace her.

**Safeguarding** If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding, please contact Mrs Chaytor or Mrs Gawthorpe. Alternatively, you can make a referral yourself by following the procedure on the Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership <http://www.hullcc.gov.uk/portal/>



## Quad

During the partial closure of the school we were lucky enough to have some volunteers in school who helped us to start the development of the quad area in the middle of the school. So far we have created some raised bed planting areas and we have removed lots of overgrown bushes. We would like to say a big thank you to **White's**



**Skips** for donating 12 large sleepers to help us create our raised beds. We appreciate their very generous donation.

In the future we plan to use the raised beds as planting areas for the children to use and we are currently planning other developments for the area so that it can be used more by the children.

If you have anything you feel you could donate to help us to develop this area please contact the school. Any help is much appreciated.

## Harvest Festival

We are holding our Harvest Festival in school on Friday 16th October. Unfortunately, due to the current situation with the coronavirus we are unable to have performances in school. Due to this, each class will be performing a harvest song in their bubble and then the performance will be tweeted online for parents and carers to view.

As usual we are working with the Emmaus charity in Hull. We would like families to donate non-perishable goods so that we can pass these onto them.

During w/c12th October, we will have collection points at each gate for any donations to be dropped off. The last drop of time for donations will be Friday 16th October. Please help us to support this very worthy charity.

## EYFS Classroom— New Doors

Over the summer we have had some new doors fitted to the EYFS classroom. These now enable us to split the large classroom into two rooms if needed. This is really handy when we are teaching phonics or want some quiet time.



## Gym Equipment

Over the summer we had some new gym equipment installed on the playground. This equipment has been purchased to help the children stay physically active during play times and PE lessons. The children are really enjoying using it. Atilla, from Y5 said 'It's good and it's fun and it helps us to keep active'.

