

# Rudston Primary School

## Newsletter: November 2020

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the children of Rudston. Since joining the Rudston team 25 years ago I have always been proud of the children however recent events have tested us all and have frequently put us out of our comfort zone. Your children continue to be fantastic and never fail to make us smile in the way they embrace each day and each circumstance with a combination of respect, flexibility, enjoyment and simple child-like joy. I think that the staff would agree that we have all learnt as much from the children as they have learnt from us. They are all amazing examples of the core values of Rudston demonstrating responsibility, resilience and respect at every challenge they face.

I am excited to work alongside my newly appointed head boys and girls who have some incredible ideas to help make Rudston even better. Watch this space as they implement these new initiatives.

I would also like to personally thank the staff team at Rudston. Their care for the children shines through on a day to day basis, despite their own personal anxieties for the new normal we find ourselves living in. This has been demonstrated in the numerous nominations I have received for our Staff Star of the Week – thank you for all your kind words.

As we move throughout the term we are hoping to make things as normal as possible for the children – although Christmas will be different in school this year.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support, understanding and co-operation. It is much appreciated.

Kind regards

Wendy Walters



Can parents please inform the office if your child is going home with a friend or someone different to usual. To ensure all our children are safe, staff will not allow children to go home with friends without consent.

We are aware that there is an on-going issue with delivery of the junior PE tracksuit. Due to this you many of you have been unable to purchase a kit. If this is the case and you do not have a school tracksuit we will be allowing children to wear their own sportswear until the delivered is received. Please note this is only for those children who have been unable to purchase the item, if you have a school kit this must be worn. Tracksuits and sportswear must be plain coloured preferably maroon or black and must not be logo-ed or a football kit.

Thank you to everyone who has supported week 1 of our food bank collection supporting the South Liverpool Food Bank. It is currently a very difficult time for many families and we would like to continue our support of this charity.

Week 2: 9th -13th November: Jams and Marmalades

Week 3: 16th -20th November: Christmas Treats (cakes, chocolates etc)

Week 4: 23rd -27th November: Tinned items: (Custard, Rice Pudding, Potatoes are in high need)

Week 5: 30th - 4th December: Toiletries (deodorant, hygiene products, shower gel, toothpaste) and Washing Up Powder.

Parents/carers should contact the school on the first day of a pupil's absence. They should state the reason for their child's absence and also the date on which they are expected to return to school.

Notification of absence should be by parental note, school app, telephone call or personal contact.

This year unfortunately due to Covid restrictions Poppies will not be on sale in school in the usual way. To mark the event we are asking for a suggested donation of £1 or more via ParentPay and the children can wear something red with their uniform on the 11th to signify remembrance.



We are pleased to announce that the Rudston PTA will be funding a special screening of the Pantomime Cinderella for all children as part of the Party Day celebrations. There will also be more PTA surprises on the day.

### **Website and Rudston App**

Please remember to view the website and Twitter for updated news and also view the calendar for upcoming events.



The Rudston App is free to download from the Google Play store or App Store. (Available for Android and Apple devices).

Can we remind you to notify school of any children testing positive. If you receive results outside school hours we should email the school at [school@rudstonprimary.co.uk](mailto:school@rudstonprimary.co.uk). Please inform us of any positive test results for children ASAP to enable us to take any necessary action. Many thanks.

Following the parent questionnaire, this term's parents' evening meetings will be via telephone call. You will receive further information next week.

In line with our schools' risk assessment for COVID 19 it is necessary to keep the classrooms well ventilated. To do this will be keeping doors and windows open. As the weather is getting colder, despite having the heating on, it is colder in classrooms and around school. Can I ask that you send your child to school with extra layers such as a vest or white t shirt under their school uniform to keep them warm. Thank you

## Dates for the diary

9 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day – school closed to all children
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Wear something Red Day
Week beginning 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parents' evening telephone calls
Week beginning 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' evening telephone calls
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Day
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Party Day
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Early finish for Christmas
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to School

