# Rudston Primary School



## Newsletter: September 2020

I am delighted to be able to write to you now school is fully open to all children.

What a first week back at Rudston Primary School and Bright Stars after a very difficult few months for everyone! It has been wonderful to see all of the smiles on our children's faces as they came in to school this week. We have been so happy to welcome everyone in our community back through the school gates and in to the classroom. We look forward to welcoming our new children into Reception and Bright Stars over the next few weeks.

We also welcomed Miss Jones (Year 4) to our school community this week.

Thank you to all parents and children for respecting the measures we have put in place this term. I appreciate everyone being conscious of social distancing when queuing to drop and collect children from school and using the one-way system put in place. Can I please remind everyone that children should not be bringing bags in to school at this time. Only a water bottle, a coat and a packed lunch (if needed) should be brought in.

I hope everyone has a wonderful and restful weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday for a full week.

#### Kind regards



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents for your support and understanding as we implement the new systems in school. These measures are to keep everyone safe and to ensure that we can maintain social distancing at busy drop off and collection times.

I am aware that this week it has been quite busy at both year 1 and year 2 gates. To provide extra support for parents I am requesting that these parents form queues on either side of the entrance gate. I have added class pictures to the fence on Rudston Road to identify which side to line up at. Hopefully this will enable parents to maintain 2m distancing while waiting outside.

Below I have attached the list of start and finish times. Please be aware that each year group has a window of time to drop children off at the start of the day. To enable parents to maintain social distancing and prevent the need for queuing outside school please try and arrive between these time so your child can enter straight into school. For example a year 1 child should arrive between 8.45 - 9.00 while a year 6 child should arrive between 9.00 - 9.10. If you are dropping of siblings please arrive at the latest time slot as this will again preventing parents having to wait around the school gates. For example if you have a child in year 3 and year 5, arrive between 8.50 and 9.00.

### Please note that children will not be recorded as late until 9.15 to allow time for sibling drop off.

At home time I again ask if parents can arrive within their time window to reduce queuing around the school gates. If you are collecting siblings from the junior building please arrive at the latest time and we will safety hold your child in year group bubbles in the junior hall. For example if collecting a year 3 and a year 5 child, arrive at 3.20 and your year 3 child will be waiting in the junior hall.

Class	Start of day	End of day	Location
Gruffalo	8.45- 9.00	3.05	Children to be
Tiddler	8.45- 9.00	3.15	collected via barn
Dinosaurs	8.45- 9.00	3.15	Children to be
Unicorns	8.45- 9.00	3.20	collected from year
Stickman	8.45- 9.00	3.15	group entrance
Smartest Giants	8.45- 9.00	3.20	
Crocodiles	8.30 - 8.40	3.00	Junior Hall
Giraffes	8.30 - 8.40	3.00	Conservatory
Mr Foxes	8.40 – 8.50	3.10	Junior Hall
Minpins	8.40 – 8.50	3.10	Conservatory
Witches	8.50 – 9.00	3.20	Junior Hall
Oompas	8.50 – 9.00	3.20	Conservatory
Bogtrotters	9.00 - 9.10	3.30	Junior Hall
BFGs	9.00 – 9.10	3.30	Conservatory

Next week all children will be starting PE lessons and should wear their PE kits on these days. We are aware that there are still issues in purchasing new junior PE kits. 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 delivery 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.

Year Group	PE Days
Rec	Monday and Friday
Year 1	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 2	Thursday and Friday
Year 3	Thursday and Friday
Year 4	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 5	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 6	Monday and Thursday

#### Forest Time

Each class will have their own forest time this half term. It would be ideal if every child could have a spare pair of socks, old trainers or wellies in school to keep and hang on their peg, if this isn't possible then please see below for when each class's individual forest time is.

Class	Forest School Day
Gruffalo	Monday
Tiddler	Tuesday
Dinosaurs	Thursday
Unicorns	Wednesday
Stickman	Thursday
Smartest Giants	Wednesday
Enormous Crocodiles	Wednesday
Giraffes	Tuesday
Minpins	Monday
Fantastic Mr Fox	Tuesday
Witches	Wednesday
Oompa Loompas	Thursday
Big Friendly Giants	Tuesday
Bogtrotters	Thursday

#### Milk monies (for Reception children)

Children do not pay for milk until the term after they turn 5. The office will contact you once it is time for payments. If your child does not drink milk please notify the office as soon as possible so that we can reduce our milk orders from the dairy.



#### **Emergency Contact Sheets**

It is very important that the office have up to date Emergency Contact sheets and medical information/dietary requirements.

Should you have any change of contact details i.e. address, phone, emails etc please make sure you inform school as soon as possible so that we can have your child's file updated. There is a change of contact details form on the app for you to complete this or feel free to email admin@rudstonprimary.co.uk and we will place in your child's file. Many thanks.

#### **Snacks (for Reception children only)**

Healthy snacks are available for the reception children throughout the day. We have requested that parents make a contribution towards the snacks at £10 termly i.e. (September – December) (January – April) (May – July). £30 in total for the year. Monies are to be paid on parentpay. You will have received your identification number and instructions of how to use parentpay.

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.

Can I remind all parents/carers that no jewellery should be worn in school due to Health and Safety. Stud earrings may be worn if unavoidable, for first six weeks after being pierced. The child must be able to remove them him/herself for PE and swimming (if you must have your child's ears pierced please do so at the beginning of the summer holiday).

Could you please complete the medical consent form if your child regularly has medicines and/or inhalers within school. If your child develops any allergies or has allergies at the moment please make sure that you complete the form so that we can update their files for September. If in any doubt please do not hesitate to email admin@rudstonprimary.co.uk.

#### **Healthy Snack**

We are very keen to help pupils adopt a healthy lifestyle and as you are aware, we were the first Liverpool school to receive The Health and Wellbeing Bronze Award which incorporates healthy eating.

We would like to remind you of two important points. Firstly, we have a Healthy Packed Lunch Policy which includes acceptable snacks and we are very grateful for the support we have had from parents with this.

Children in Foundation (Reception) and in Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & Year 2) classes do not need to bring in snacks for the morning break as fruit or vegetable sticks are provided free of charge through the National Fruit and Vegetable Scheme.

For Key Stage 2 children (Year 3-6) fresh fruit / vegetable is the **only** snack option. This means that any snack other than fruit / vegetable will be expected to be taken home, this includes cereal / breakfast bars and fruit loaf.

We also ask that if your child is having packed lunch at lunchtime that you consider the contents of the lunchbox to ensure it is healthy and balanced. Please avoid sending in items such as crisps, chocolate biscuits (including Jaffa cakes), fruit winders, sweets and fizzy drinks. Children must not bring snacks, which contain nuts, to school. We have several children / staff for whom eating and even coming into contact with nuts would produce an anaphylactic shock.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Mr J Clarke

Active Schools, Health & Wellbeing Coordinator

#### 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).

Due to our lovely changeable weather can I remind all children to bring a coat to school (preferably waterproof) each day and to wear appropriate foot wear – jelly shoes, sandals and trainers are not appropriate. Trainers are allowed on P.E. days with P.E. uniform.

#### <u>Fees</u>

Following a letter in July can I remind you that all fees (Bright Stars, Breakfast and Afterschool club and weekly afterschool clubs) need to be paid in advance. All charges are listed on ParentPay.

For further information please contact the school office.

### **Dates for the diary Term 1**

6 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Vaccinations for all children
26 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
18th December	Finish for Christmas