

Rudston Primary School

Newsletter: November 2021

Last term was really busy here at Rudston Primary School. We have welcomed our new Reception and Bright Stars children into the Rudston family as well as seeing all our children moving up to their new classes.



We have all been happy to see the reopening of our Infant and Junior libraries and the children are enjoying bringing books home to read.

It was lovely to welcome all our parents back into school for the class welcome sessions and we hope you found these useful, all information shared at these sessions can be found on the class pages on the school website.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter to share all our learning and fun from our first half term

Wendy Walters

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 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.

HOMEWORK

This term we have implemented our new Homework Policy.

At Rudston we regard the purpose of homework as being to:

- Develop an effective partnership between the school and parents and other carers in pursuing the aims of the school and the development of their child.
- Consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding, particularly in English and Mathematics.
- Extend school learning, for example through additional reading.
- Encourage pupils as they get older to develop the confidence and self-discipline needed to study on their own and to prepare them for the requirements of secondary school.

Following feedback from parents we have made some adjustments to our homework timetable.

We have reintroduced our Learning Logs as parents have commented that this approach enables parents to engage in and understand what their child is learning in school. The practical, child centred approach allows the child to share their learning in a way which suits them. All learning log work is acknowledge marked by the teacher and shared with peers in class. As children move through the school they are supported to peer assess each other's work, further extending their understanding of the topic being studied.

A further change is in terms of Bug Club for our older children. Parents have expressed that this lacked engagement and challenge due to the length of the books. To provide a more age appropriate platform for reading for years 5 and 6 we have moved to Goggle Classroom where weekly reading activities are set.

Teachers closely monitor all online homework submitted and provide feedback and adjust future work as required.

I would like to thank you all for your support with homework to ensure it is completed on time and to your child's best ability.

P.E. Days

P.E. uniforms are to be worn on P.E. days. For your information your PE days are below:

Reception Monday & Friday
Year 1 Tuesday & Thursday
Year 2 Monday & Wednesday
Year 3 Tuesday & Friday
Year 4 Wednesday & Thursday
Year 5 Monday & Wednesday
Year 6 Monday & Wednesday



Christmas Nativities

This year we are looking forward to welcoming parents back into school to watch our Christmas Nativities. During these performances we are implementing some COVID safe procedures:

- Please note that due to social distancing we have limited number of seats available. These performances will be limited to 2 seats per child. Each child will be given 2 tickets for their year group performance, younger children can be seated on parent's knees. These tickets must be shown at the door. We do understand that many members of the family like to watch these performances however we do need to ensure the safety of all attending. We thank you for your support with this.
- We ask that adults wear face coverings during the performance
- Children will not be allowed to speak to parents after the performance as we cannot maintain any social distancing if this occurs.
- The hall will be fully ventilated before and during the performance – bring a scarf it may get chilly.



Emergency Contact Sheets

It is very important that the office have up to date Emergency Contact sheets and medical information/dietary requirements. If you have not returned your contact sheet already please do so as a matter of urgency. Once all sheets have been processed and updated we will return to sending out information via the email system and the texting system (for emergencies).

Can I remind parents that the parent code of conduct is available on the policy section of the website. This includes unacceptable behaviour such as

- Posting defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments about the school, its staff or any member of its community, on social media platforms
- Bringing dogs onto the school premises (other than guide dogs)

PTA

I would like to thank the PTA for all the support they give to the children at Rudston. They are currently planning our Christmas Market event. If you would like to help, even if it's for an hour or wrapping gifts, please pass your details to the school office or contact the directly on twitter @RudstonPTA.

Dates for the diary Term 1.2

25 th - 29 th October	Half Term
1 st November	INSET Day – school closed to all children
12 th November	Own clothes day – Christmas Market donations
Week beginning 15 th November	Parent evening week
19 th November	Own clothes day – Christmas Market donations
25 th November	M and M Pantomime
26 th November	Christmas Market 3.30pm
7 th December	Reception Nativity 9.15am
8 th December	Year 1 Nativity 9.15am
9 th December	Year 2 Nativity 9.15am
14 th December	Year 3 Nativity 9.15am
15 th December	Year 4 Nativity 9.15am
16 th December	Year 5 Nativity 9.15am
17 th December	Year 6 Nativity 9.15am
20 th December	Party Day and Christmas Jumper Day
21 st December	Finish for Christmas – half day

Please note that in the event of changes to the current COVID pandemic these events may be changed or cancelled following advice from Liverpool City Council and/or PHE.