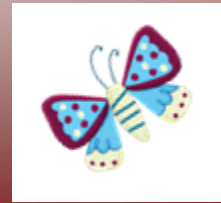


Rudston Primary School

Newsletter: April 2022



Easter is here and hopefully summer is on its way. This term we have all been very busy, having fun and learning new skills.



Hopefully when we return to school the weather will be much kinder. Can I just remind you that children can wear our summer uniform after the Easter break. The summer uniform is a pink & white checked or striped dress with a white or school cardigan, an open neck blouse without a tie in the summer or a polo shirt or a short sleeved shirt and tie.

Can I also remind parents that children's time in school should be free from the pressures of being overly concerned with outward appearance so they can focus on developing their inner qualities and think and learn about the world.

- **No jewellery please, stud earrings may be worn if unavoidable, the child must be able to remove them him/herself for PE (if you must have your child's ears pierced please do so at the beginning of the summer holiday)**
- **No make-up, nail varnish, spiked or gelled hair - we are interested in inner beauty!**
- **Long hair must be tied back – head lice are very fond of primary schools and infections are less likely when hair is under control.**
- **Shoes should be black or white school shoes – no sandals, boots or trainers. Trainers can be worn on P.E. days but must be black or white.**

Please note that preloved uniform is available from the Friends of Rudston and can be found at <https://uniformerly.co.uk/search-listings/?q=&c=12744>

Can I just remind all parents and families we are off for 2 weeks for the half term break. We all return on **Monday 25th April 2022**. We hope everyone has a relaxing and happy break.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported our **Friends of Rudston events** this term. I would also like to say a huge thank the whole of the team who have all worked hard to plan, organise and deliver events across the school as well as funding Easter eggs for all children. The friends of Rudston will be fund raising next term to provide playground equipment for the Infant playground.

Remember you can support the Friends of Rudston in many ways including registering for Amazon smile, a donation from Amazon to Rudston PTA for every penny spent!



After Easter we will be introducing our new Phonics Scheme: Read Write Inc.

The Read Write Inc. programme is for primary school children learning to read. It is a phonics based programme which helps children learn to read whilst also developing a wide range of vocabulary and encouraging a love of stories. It was developed by Ruth Miskin and more information on this can be found at www.ruthmiskinliteracy.com

We will be holding parents information meetings for parents in Bright Stars to Year 2 on Wednesday 4th May at 9am and 5pm to help parents understand how this scheme works and what you can do to help your child. We look forward to seeing you there.

Fred Talk



While we do our very best to ensure **after school clubs** run smoothly these clubs are delivered by external providers. There may be occasions that these clubs have to be cancelled. In these incidents the school will notify parents as soon as possible. Can parents please be aware that in these cases alternative arrangements for collection will have to be made by parents to collect children at the end of the normal school day.

Next terms **parent evening** meetings will commence the week beginning 9th May. Booking links will be sent out in the first week back.



We are pleased to announce that **Happy Hedgehogs Sports Camps** will be running during the Easter holidays. The Sports camps will be held at Rudston Primary School during the Easter break providing a range of sporting activities for children to enjoy over the school holidays. Children can also book onto the 2022 Easter Camp at Childwall C of E School. Please contact Happy Hedgehog Sports for further details at info@happyhedgehogsports.co.uk.

Following our **charging policy** September 2018 can I remind all parents that fees for Out of Hours club and Bright Stars are required to be paid in advance of the child participating/ using the service. Failure to do so may result in your child being refused access to Nursery or Out of Hours club.



Can I remind all parents that it is important to collect children at the agreed time at **the end of the school day**. Many of our staff run after school clubs and attend sporting events after school and it is crucial that they can leave on time at the end of the school day. Delays in collecting your child may mean that they will have to be placed in After School, which will incur a cost. If you are delayed can I ask you to contact the office so we can inform your child and prevent undue worry and anxiety by your child if they are not collected at the usual time.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for showing consideration for our school neighbours while parking outside school. This consideration not only helps our residents but it also provides safer roads for our children to cross while walking to school.

We all want our children to be fit and healthy and I ask you to consider the health benefits of walking to school. We also would like to ensure that the air around school is as clean as possible so we are asking parents who have to drive to switch off their engines outside school. An idling car can produce up to twice the emissions of a car in motion. It is now an offence to leave your engine on while parked on the road or in a public place.



I am writing to inform you of a change in staffing for year 1 that will take place after the Easter break.

Mrs Todhunter will be starting an exciting opportunity working at Norman Pannell School for 2 days a week. This position is a secondment role which will run until the end of this academic year and in which Mrs Todhunter will undertake the role of SENDCo at Norman Pannell.

Mrs Todhunter will remain the class teacher in Snowdrop class for the other 3 days per week.

To provide consistency and continue the high standard of teaching and support for Snowdrop class Mr Clarke will be job sharing with Mrs Todhunter, teaching the class 2 ½ days a week.

I am sure you all know Mr Clarke as he has been teaching in year 1 this term during which time he has got to know your children as individuals. Mr Clarke is an experienced year 1 teacher and he is looking forward to continuing to work in the year 1 team after Easter.

We will be looking forward to seeing you all at our parent assemblies next term. We will be sharing our learning with you all as we celebrate all our achievements this year and look forward to the next step on our learning journey.

We will send more details after Easter.



Attendance

Research has shown that: Absence is damaging: it breaks the continuity of learning and as a consequence children miss important work and underachieve. On returning to school, poor attenders can suffer a loss of confidence due to the fact that they are unable to understand the work.

ATTENDANCE IS NOT OPTIONAL

First day contact is central to dealing with attendance problems at an early stage and in providing any support we can for families. Parents should contact school on the first day of absence using ParentApp, email or via telephone. We will then follow up with a telephone call if you have used email or Parent App. If we are unable to contact the primary contact we will use other contacts held on record – this is to ensure that all children are accounted for whether they are in school or at home in accordance with our safeguarding policy.

If there is no contact or explanation on the first day of absence the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. An absence will only be considered as authorised if parents/carers provide an acceptable explanation for the absence. The reason for absence must be as specific as possible (i.e. headache, eye infection rather than sick or unwell). You should ensure your child returns to school as soon as they are well. In cases of vomiting we have a policy of returning to school 48hrs after symptoms have stopped.

We appreciate that times have been very difficult and that school attendance has been greatly affected by COVID. Please be assured that we are trying to support parents in raising attendance. If your child's attendance falls below 90% they are classed as a persistent absentee (PA) which can result will make your child falling behind in lessons and impacting on their academic progress and achievement. As support of the Liverpool Attendance Charter we will be sharing your child's attendance via ParentApp. If your child's attendance is between 90-92% they are at risk of falling into PA. We will be working closely to support all parents to improve attendance and reach our whole school target of 97%.

Attendance Matters



Holidays in Term Time:

Taking holidays in term time will affect your child's schooling as much as any other absence and we expect parents to help us by not to take children away in school time. There is no automatic entitlement in law to time off in school time to go on holiday. Current regulations do not allow the head teacher to authorise holidays taken in term time. All applications for leave must be made in advance and at the discretion of the school. In making a decision the school will consider the circumstances of each application individually including any previous pattern of leave in term time.

Please be aware however that in line with Local Authority and Government guidance, leave of absence in term time will only be considered in the most exceptional of circumstances.

To support attendance we will be holding a whole school Attendance Challenge next half term.

Attendance Matters

– The Challenge

1. Every child at Rudston Primary School has the chance to win 1 of 5 £20.00 shopping vouchers at the end of next term.
2. We want every child to attend school every day next half term – that's just 24 days!
3. Previous attendance does not count during this time, so every child has the chance of being put into the prize draw, regardless of previous attendance.
4. Every child that is in school on Monday 25th April 2022 will start with 100% for this challenge period.
5. On Friday 27th May there will be a prize draw and 5 lucky winners will win a £20.00 shopping voucher.

Give yourself a chance- Attendance Matters!

#Rudstonattendancechallenge