



# NEWSLETTER

Thursday 15th July 2020

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**Dear Parents/ carers,**

We have reached the end of this long year and I am incredibly proud of the whole school community.

Our pupils have continued to inspire us all with the way in which they have adjusted to these unusual times and have risen to the many challenges that they have faced. Those who have been able to return to school quickly adapted to our new routines and new ways of working. They have supported each other and it has been a pleasure to have them back with us. Those children who have had to remain at home during this time, have engaged themselves so well with home learning- this has not been easy for anyone to sustain but they have all been shining examples of how to adjust to new circumstances. We are so proud of you all and we cannot wait for everyone to return to us in September.

Our team of staff at Rodmarton School are exceptional. In that last week of March, I was incredibly proud, although not surprised at their commitment to ensuring we looked after all our families and provided our pupils with high quality learning opportunities. This was despite them having their own personal and family circumstances to manage. Since schools closed in March, our doors have remained open to many children and we were so pleased to be able to invite back even more children since June. I am sure that you will join me in thanking the Rodmarton Team for their continued hard work. I wish them all a relaxing Summer break.

Throughout this crisis, the Governing Body has been with me every step of the way. I thank them for their time, input and support of me as I planned the way forward amongst an abundance of guidance and directives. They also had to find a new way of working and manage their own work and family lives at the same time.

I thank you, our parents and carers who have shown the school unwavering support during this time. You have had to adapt to a new way of working and have continued the learning at home that your children would otherwise have missed. This will be a great benefit to the children when they return to school. I propose that you take our lead and make sure that tomorrow is an INSET day for you too! I then hope that you manage to find the time to enjoy the Summer break. You have spoiled us with the lovely messages, cards and gifts that we have received. On behalf of the staff, I thank you for your kindness, generosity and thoughtfulness.

We say goodbye to Miss Feldon today as she moves on to a new position with Bristol City Council. Thank you Jess for sharing your expertise with us all- we have learnt so much from you and wish you well with your next adventure.

## **Farwell Year 6**

We also say goodbye to our fantastic Year 6 cohort. I have been delighted that all of you were able to return to school this term. Although it isn't the end that we had all expected, I think you have benefited from having the time to stop, reflect and share many moments together as just a Year 6 class. We are so proud of how you have risen to new challenges and have supported each other. You are all so ready for your next adventure and I know that you will embrace every new opportunity that comes your way.

## **September Plans**

You should have received a letter via Parentmail about our full opening plans in September. Please note that Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September is a non-pupil day. Pupils in Years 1-6 will return to school on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Our Reception pupils will join us on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Apologies for the error and confusion caused by the incorrect dates in my letter.

## **Art Week**

Mrs Jones has created an exhibition of the art work produced last week. This is a beautiful showcase of some very creative pieces. Well done children!

<https://padlet.com/ljones289/ysplsl493w3smk8>

### Sports Week

I would like to congratulate all the children who took part in Sports week both at home and school. It was fantastic to see the videos and pictures of children taking part and despite us not all being together there was definitely a feeling of team work. It was a very close competition this year

3rd - Chepstow with 2030 points

2nd - Berkeley with 2209 points

1st - Sudeley with 2211 points, congratulations!

Mrs Thorogood

### Congratulations



Many congratulations to the Forbes family on the arrival of their new baby, Wilfred. Humphrey and Martha woke up to their new baby brother and they are understandably besotted with him!

### Test and Trace

Please notify me if your child tests positive for COVID19 in the first two weeks of the summer holidays so that I can inform other children and staff. Please email [head@rodmarton.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:head@rodmarton.gloucs.sch.uk)

### Gloucestershire Libraries Lockdown project

Pupils are invited to take part in the Gloucestershire Libraries Lockdown project at:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries/life-in-lockdown-in-your-words/> Gloucestershire Libraries is asking for our experiences of lockdown. What a great way for our children, young people and families to get involved and record what life is like. There are many ways to get involved and we invite people of all ages across Gloucestershire to express themselves through poems, short stories, blogs, comic strips, animations and video.

## Autumn Term Dates

Years 1 – 6 Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Reception Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

(Apologies, there was a mistake in the school opening letter that went out yesterday!)

Wishing you all a very happy summer!

Mrs C Musty

Head teacher



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