

NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th September 2020

Dear Parents/ carers,

We are delighted to welcome you all back to school this term. In particular, a very warm welcome to our new pupils and their families. I hope that this will be a long and productive relationship with the school.

The children have returned with much excitement and the building is once again full of life. The teachers are so pleased to have their classes back and teach them directly, rather than over the computer!

Back Together Again!



Google Classroom

Google Classroom will still be used this year and each class will have their weekly homework set on this, beginning from today. New pupils will shortly be assigned their accounts which Miss Withey will send parents the link to this afternoon. In order to access this years' Google Classroom accounts, please log in to Google Classroom and 'accept' the new class.

Working Together

Our school is committed to working in partnership with our parents and carers and it is important that you let us know if you have any concerns or queries so that we can work together to ensure that your child has the best experience at school. Should you wish to discuss something, no matter how small, please in the first instance speak to your child's class teacher who is available on the school field at the start and finish of each day. Alternatively, if you would prefer to make an appointment to speak to them by telephone, please do so by contacting Mrs Sharp in the school office.

Thank You Friends!

The children and staff returned to school this week to find the grounds had been tidied up and refurbished over the summer break. Thank you so much to Bryher, Arthur and Charlotte; Penny and Charlie; Al, Jasper and Wilf; Alex, Evelyn and Ruth; Lisa and William; Rob and Kate (who as well as offering her help, brought along cake to keep everyone going!); Clare and Matt; Natalie and Candida who all volunteered their time to pressure wash areas, wire brush and paint fences and furniture, clear weeds, plant out flowerbeds and tidy the outside spaces.

A particular thankyou to Peter Morton (Arwen's grandfather) who spent several days at school painting the library pod, both sheds, and the fence in the playground.

The whole site looks fabulous! We are so grateful to you all- Thank you!



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Attendance

As a school we strive to maintain good pupil attendance and need your support to do this. Children who are away from school miss opportunities to mix with their peers and experience shared learning experiences. Please remember that I am unable to authorise absences for family holidays. Pupil absence requests for exceptional circumstances are at my discretion and should be discussed with me before making any final plans.

Class Topics

The following topics are being taught in each class this term:

Acorn Class: **Incredible Me!**

Sapling Class: **Journey into The Imagination**

Oak Class: **Up The Chimneys, Down the Mines!**

The topic web for Acorn class can be viewed at the following link:

<https://padlet.com/ljones289/shnwdolq2ow6k1wd>

For Sapling class and Oak, their topic webs are attached to this newsletter. The topic webs should give you a flavour of what is being taught at home and how you might be able to enhance learning further at home.

Autumn Term Events

A Calendar for the year will be sent out shortly.

SEND

Please find attached to the newsletter our school SEND Local Offer which outlines the support available to pupils with additional needs.

Lifting Our Learning

This term, our lifting our learning theme will 'Be a good Citizen'. Children will be awarded a certificate if they demonstrate this value in school. Please encourage your child to work on their good citizenship skills at home also.



Be a good citizen

What does it mean to be a good citizen?

For example, would a good citizen throw an empty crisp packet in the street? Would a good citizen get to know, and care for, their neighbours?

What might make it hard to be a good citizen?

How good a citizen are you? Be honest - give yourself a score from 1-10. **What could YOU do to be a better citizen?**

Set yourself a target and **push yourself** to be the best **citizen** you can.

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Hi everyone and welcome back!

I thought it would be helpful initially to introduce ourselves to the new parents, and to re-introduce ourselves to all the existing parents who we haven't really seen or spoken to since March!

The existing committee of The Friends of Rodmarton Primary School is:

Bryher Grimes (Chairman) 07785 542185

Penny Norrie (Treasurer) 07890 023594

Lisa Peill (Secretary) 07901 543269

We need to hold the annual Friends' AGM soon and plan to do this via a Zoom call in early October. More details to follow but we hope that as many parents as possible will join us for this meeting.

At the AGM the Friends' committee for the coming year will be voted for and plans for upcoming events and fundraising will also be discussed. If you would be interested in joining the committee, please do get in touch with Bryher. We would love to have some more parents join us.

As many of you know, The Friends usually organises a whole raft of social events for both pupils and parents as well as fundraising events for the school. However, as I am sure you all understand, due to Covid-19 we will be extremely limited in what we are able to do both in terms of both events and fundraising this term and possibly into 2021.

We hope there will be some events that we will be able to run for the pupils, in their class bubbles, and we will be looking at any socially distant fundraising events we might be able to organise. If anyone has any ideas, please do get in touch.

If any parents are keen to support The Friends at this present time, when supporting us through the usual fundraising channels is difficult, the best way to do this would be to set up a monthly standing order to The Friends. We are also able to claim Gift Aid on this, and any donations, as The Friends is a charity (number 1038445).

If you would like to set up a monthly standing order to The Friends, the Friends' bank details are:

The Friends of Rodmarton School

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Parents' WhatsApp group

If any new parents would like to join the whole school parents' WhatsApp group, please contact Bryher Grimes who will be able to send you the link to sign up. This is a group set up by parents and can be a useful source of information as well as handy forum for parents to communicate with each other.

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Menu w/c 7th September

	A	B
Monday	Cheese and tomato pizza	Jacket Potato with Tuna
Tuesday	Sausage roll with wedges	Veggie Burger with wedges
Wednesday	Roast Chicken, roast potatoes and gravy	Moroccan vegetable balls
Thursday	Cheese and tomato pinwheels	Jacket potato with veg bolognese
Friday	Fish fingers with chips	Vegetarian sausage roll with chips

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