



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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Dear Parents/ carers,

Another week has raced by and it has been so reassuring to hear that the school is full of happy, smiling children enjoying being back with their friends. I have managed to come in to school this week and have seen first-hand just how engaging the learning environment continues to be how it is enabling all of our pupils to learn in a creative, welcoming and secure space. The staff continue to deliver exceptional care and teaching to all our pupils.

We were delighted to be told by the Local Authority that a recent visitor to our school had reported that they were extremely complimentary about all of the staff who she met, their knowledge and expertise of our pupils and how impressed she was with our school environment and the exemplary behaviour the children. I know that our school continues to be a hidden gem but it is always so lovely to hear this from visitors.

The staff's commitment to their job and our brilliant school, shines through even in these most challenging of times. I am so grateful to them for their professionalism and for the support they have given to me following my accident to ensure that everything runs smoothly when I am unable to be on site.

## Your Help

Please bear in mind just how busy the staff are at drop off with ensuring that the children come in to school and settle well. If you have any general concerns or questions, please try not to take away their time in bringing in the children to school. After school is a good time to speak to staff once they have handed the children over. For urgent morning enquiries, it is of course important that you pass information on. This can be done by contacting the school office in the first instance.

## Punctuality

We have noticed that some parents are arriving on the field very early and other parents are arriving quite late. We understand that sometimes unexpected delays occur but we would appreciate your efforts in trying to ensure that you arrive on the field at your allocated time- not too early and not late. This avoids bubbles crossing paths. Please note that parents are not permitted to spectate or call their children over to them when they are in the care of their teachers on the field during the school day.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## COVID Procedures

You will have received an update form me yesterday with key information to follow if you suspect anyone on your family has COVID symptoms. A reminder that the 3 main symptoms are:

**a high temperature** – please note, this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature as this is considered unreliable).

**a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

**a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed that you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

You do not need to have all 3 symptoms to suspect that you may have coronavirus. Even if you have 1 of these symptoms, you **MUST** isolate at home with the members of your household and arrange for anyone with symptoms to have a test.

## Arranging a Test

You can arrange to have a test by either going online to <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name> or by calling 119. Please note that the Local Authority advises you to keep trying to get an online appointment for a test as new places are being continually released.

## **Governor Monitoring Report: COVID 19 Risk Assessment**

As part of ensuring that we are adhering to our COVID procedures as laid out in our school risk assessment, Christine Hainsworth who is one of our school governors is undertaking regular monitoring visits. She attended school last week and has reported the following:

*I visited the school on the afternoon of Thursday 3rd September, the school having reopened for the Autumn term the previous day. I arranged the visit beforehand and wore a mask.*

*I made observations of class groups from a safe distance, had discussions with members of staff and saw records of cleaning.*

*The purpose of the visit was to gain assurance that all the necessary protective arrangements against the introduction and spread of infection were in place and operating effectively within statutory guidelines.*

*Pupils are arranged into class 'bubbles' and stay apart from each other throughout the school day, including lunchtimes and breaks.*

*Staff also keep apart from each other as much as possible, although they do move between bubbles, if necessary, for teaching, learning and supporting pupils.*

*A frequent, and recorded, cleaning regime is in place to get rid of the virus on surfaces. Staff are carrying out more frequent cleaning of rooms or shared areas that are used by different groups, with frequently touched surfaces, such as table-tops and the handrail on the stairs, being cleaned with usual cleaning products, more often than normal.*

*In summary, I am pleased to report that all statutory guidance is being followed meticulously and that the protective measures put into effect following risk assessments are working well, to create as safe an environment as possible for all children, staff and visitors.*

Dr. Christine Hainsworth

September 4th, 2020

## **FGR Ambassadors – India and Artem**



Congratulations to India and Artem who have been appointed as Forest Green Rovers Ambassadors for this year. Their job is to promote the club within our school. They are given the opportunity to attend games and write match reports and can also arrange for the players to visit us.

## **Google Classroom**

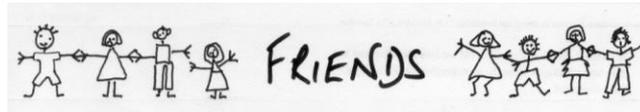
Hopefully everyone is now accessing Google Classroom and can view the weekly homework activities. If you are having any difficulties with this, please let us know.

## **Flu Immunisations 6<sup>th</sup> October**

Information came out this week about the annual flu immunisations which will take place in school on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure you complete the online forms for this. Paper copies are available on request.

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Second hand uniform

Donations of second hand uniform have been flooding in and we now have lots of uniform in stock. The current list is attached to this newsletter so have a look and please get in touch with Bryher Grimes if you would like anything. Most items are £2 and all monies raised go to The Friends.

How you can support The Friends **without paying a penny!!**

In these strange times there are some simple, contactless, ways in which you can support The Friends at no additional cost to yourself. Simply buying your everyday items can raise money for the school and your children.

**If all parents did this - and did it every time they shopped online - we could raise £100s for our children and our fantastic little school without it costing any of us a penny.** We only get small donations from each of these but, in the words of that well-known supermarket, every little counts!! Please support us!

Amazon Smile

Just go to [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk), select Rodmarton School as the cause you would like to support and then shop as normal. And remember to always start your Amazon shopping at [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk).

Giveasyoulive.com

Visit [www.giveasyoulive.com](http://www.giveasyoulive.com), choose Rodmarton School as the cause you want to support, create your free account and start shopping at 100s of stores including Waitrose, Sainsbury's, Boots, John Lewis, Not on the High Street, and Moonpig.

Easyfundraising.org.uk

Go to [www.easyfundraising.co.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.co.uk) and select Rodmarton School as your chosen charity, create your free account and start shopping at loads of high street retailers including John Lewis, Argos and M&S.

Stikins name labels

Visit [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk) to buy uniform name labels and type 16967 in when asked for the School Fundraising Number. The Friends will receive a whopping 30% of your order value!

Easy2name name labels

Just visit [www.easy2name.com](http://www.easy2name.com) to buy your uniform name labels and scroll down to select Rodmarton School as the school you want to support and The Friends will receive 20% of your order value.

**Menu w/c 14<sup>th</sup> September**

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Monday	Veggie hotdog	Jacket potato with beans
Tuesday	Sausage and mash	Vegetable pasta bake
Wednesday	Roast Gammon, roast potatoes and gravy	Vegetable hotpot
Thursday	Chicken curry with rice	Jacket potato with beans
Friday	Fish in batter with chips	Veggie Burger with chips

Wishing you all a good weekend

**Mrs C Musty**

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