

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/ carers,

## Autumn 2

Date	Event	Time	Location
7 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends' Daily Mile Reindeer Run	Throughout the week	All classes
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Renishaw STEM Inventor's Workshop	Throughout the day	Oak Class Sapling Class
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dress up/ Jumper Day Christmas Lunch Christmas Parties	All day	All classes
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends' Christmas Movie Afternoon with Fancy dress	pm	All Classes
18 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term 2	Oak 12:50 Acorn 1:00 Sapling 1:10	All Classes



The term seems to be running away with us! On Tuesday, we marked the start of Advent with the children by sharing the Christmas story; the true meaning of Christmas. We told the children that Advent starts the beginning of preparation and waiting. We decorated our Christmas tree, hung garlands and the children attached some of their decorations to them.

## Reindeer Run

Next week, the children will complete their Reindeer Run Challenge! The children will attempt to run the distance from Rodmarton to Ben Nevis during their daily mile. Our aim by the end of the week is to have run 1856 laps which is the equivalent of 464 miles and the distance between Rodmarton and Ben Nevis. Good luck everyone! Please visit the Friends' fundraising page to sponsor the children, details are in the Friends' information section below.

## HOUSE POINTS

House	Points	Comment
 Chepstow	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>147</b>
 Sudeley	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>194</b>
 Berkeley	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>118</b>

## Assessment

This week, the children undertook assessments in phonics, reading, writing and maths. Their teachers have been so pleased with how focused they have been in showing what they have learnt so far this term. These assessments will be used as a basis of our staff meetings over the coming weeks where we discuss each child and how we can continue to support them to move forward in their learning and make good progress.

Yesterday, schools received updated information about National Assessments. The Government has confirmed the following for primary schools:

For 2021, we have removed:

- all key stage 1 (KS1) tests
- the key stage 2 (KS2) English grammar, punctuation and spelling test
- the requirement to make and report teacher assessment judgements for science at KS1 and KS2

To further support schools, we:

- have delayed the statutory introduction of the Y4 multiplication tables check – schools may choose to take part on an optional basis
- have extended the timetable variation periods for phonics and KS2, to allow schools greater flexibility if pupils cannot take the tests on the scheduled dates because of coronavirus disruption
- have removed the requirement for schools to submit applications for pupils who need additional time in KS2 tests or notifications that they used an aid (such as a scribe or word processor)

This means that the following statutory assessments will continue in 2021:

- the phonics screening check for year 1 pupils (and year 2 pupils who have not met the expected standard previously)
- KS2 English reading and mathematics tests
- KS1 and KS2 teacher assessment (excluding science)

We will hold parent information meetings next year to discuss the national assessments that our pupils will be undertaking.



### Resilience Award

**Acorn: Issy for always doing her best in everything.**

**Sapling: Eva for her super independent writing in English.**

**Oak: Jake for working so hard on his reading and showing resilience when reading new texts.**

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## Menu for next week 7/12/20

	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 bolognaise
Friday	Fish fingers with chips	Vegetarian sausage roll with chips



### Christmas Wreath Workshop and Auction raises £275!

Last Friday's Christmas wreath making workshop was a huge success with almost 20 beautiful wreaths being created by parents. Thank you so much to Candida Boddington who kindly ran the workshop for us and to all the parents who supported The Friends by signing up to take part.

Candida also kindly donated two wreaths to The Friends for us to auction off. These wreaths were sold on Tuesday and raised £105 for The Friends! One of the losing bidders has also commissioned Candida to make them a wreath and has also promised to make a donation to The Friends.

### Rodmarton's reindeer are running - all the way to Ben Nevis!!

Next week (7th to 11th December) Rodmarton pupils will be running all the way from Rodmarton to Ben Nevis - a staggering 464 miles - to raise funds for The Friends - but they need your help!!

As you know, the children already take part in the Daily Mile, clocking up miles by running laps of the school field (4 laps is a mile), so The Friends decided to set them a challenge - to run 1856 laps of the field (the distance from Rodmarton School to Ben Nevis) in just one week.

And, to make it even more fun (because it is Christmas after all!), we're giving them a pair of novelty reindeer antlers each!!

We know they can do it - because they're all brilliant - but what would really spur them on is your support by sponsoring them!

You can sponsor them for as much or as little as you would like. Every penny raised will go to The Friends which helps pay for additional educational resources as well as activities to enrich the children's time at Rodmarton.

Just this term money from The Friends has already funded Story Sacks to aid the children's literacy, the Living Eggs project for Acorn Class to understand the life cycle, some classroom and outdoor learning

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furniture that our school budget cannot cover, as well as crackers and chocolates for the Christmas lunch and popcorn and drinks for the Film Afternoon.

And if you work for, or know of, a company that might be willing to match the children's fundraising then please do get in touch.

It's easy to support them. Just make a donation to The Friends bank account (details below) with RUDOLPH as the reference.

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Thank you for your support!

**Mrs C Musty**

**Headteacher**



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