



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Dear Parents/ Carers,**

I cannot believe that it was six weeks ago when we started the new term, and we have now made it through to the half term break!

Thank you to all our pupils who have worked so fantastically well during this challenging time. We have seen some very good progress this term. Thank you parents, carers and other family members at home who have supported the children so well, whilst trying to juggle your own work commitments and responsibilities. By working together, we have given the children a very effective home-school provision.

The staff and I have very much appreciated all of your positive comments. We have tried really hard to reflect all that we would have liked to have achieved in class and we have been mindful to ensure that the children achieve well against age related expectations and their individual targets.

The team at Rodmarton School are incredible. They go over and above to provide the very best to our pupils. I am sure that you will join me in wishing them all a well-earned rest over the half term break.

We don't yet know what the whole of next term will bring but when we return on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, our remote learning will resume until we can welcome the children back to school.



## **Farewell Mrs Sharp**

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Sharp who leaves us for pastures new. The role of Office Administrator is not an easy one. I have always been so impressed by how well Claire manages to deal with several activities all at the same time, whilst being interrupted by the door, the phone, emails, the staff and myself!

Thank you, Claire, for all you have done for Rodmarton School. Your role has been extensive and not many people can imagine what it's like to be the face and voice of the school. When you answer an enquiry, your calm manner never gives away that you may have just had to deal with a flooded toilet, a crying child or several requests for a password reset that you have given so many times before!

I know that you will keep in touch with us all and when we can, the staff and I look forward to giving you a proper send off!

## **Will you be our new Friends' Committee?**

Our three-strong Friends' committee have announced that they will be standing down from their positions at the end of the summer term.

Bryher and Penny, chairman and treasurer respectively, will have served on the committee for three years. Alex Bransby was secretary for the first year and Lisa Peill has been secretary for the last two years.

Since taking over in 2018, the Friends' committee, with support and help from parents, has raised almost £20,000 for the school and our children, including an astonishing £8,100 raised by our Bath Half Marathon team in 2019 which provided three new interactive whiteboards, one for each classroom.

However, the current committee feel they have "done their time" and it is now time for new parents to bring their enthusiasm to the committee.

Bryher, Penny and Lisa will all be standing down at the end of the summer term which means we are looking for new parents to join the Friends' committee from September. If you would be interested in putting yourself forward to be a committee member, or would like to know more about what being on the Friends' committee involves, please contact either Bryher on 07785 542185 or Penny on 07890 023594.

We need to be able to fill the positions of chairman, treasurer and secretary as a bare minimum but would welcome more committee members if any more parents would like to join.

Being on the Friends' committee is an incredibly fun and rewarding role and helps raise vital funds to pay for extra resources for the school as well as providing many additional learning and social experiences for all our children.

### Well done Max

On 1st January, Max and his family signed up to take part in Team Everest. They had 6 weeks to walk 130km, raising money for Asthma UK and the British Lung Foundation.

Max and his mum have walked every day during the lockdown. On Wednesday, they hit 150km and have raised £100 for the charity so far.

The challenge ends on 14th February and if you would like to sponsor them the link to use is <https://join.auk-blf.org.uk/fundraiser/rebeccapass>

Congratulations on your fantastic achievement so far and good luck with your continued efforts!



### Co-Opted Governor Vacancy

We still have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a Co-opted Governor. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about this rewarding role, please email [clerk@rodmarton.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@rodmarton.gloucs.sch.uk)



Online quiz anyone.....?!

The Friends' committee is keen to understand whether parents would like any online social events (for parents) to take place whilst the ability to socialise is restricted.

We are happy to try and organise something for the second half of this term but only if parents are keen.

We have already had some responses to the poll we sent out to all parents via ParentMail on Monday but, if you haven't already, please do complete the poll and submit it to let us know your thoughts.

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### Thank you Rodmarton School

On behalf of all parents, the Friends' committee would just like to say a huge thank you to all the staff at Rodmarton School for all their hard work so far this term.

In early January, with just 12 hours' notice, they swung into action to make sure that the school was open for those children who needed it and also worked hard to supply those of us at home with a seamless stream of work for our children's home learning.

We are all incredibly grateful for everything you do and for helping us all in these challenging times.

Have a great half term and get some well-deserved rest!

### Thank you - and goodbye - Mrs Sharp

The Friends' committee would also like to say a special thank you to Claire Sharp who leaves Rodmarton School today.

Claire has been a big support to the Friends' committee and we are very grateful to her for all her help, particularly with tickets and payments for the many Friends' events we have held.

Thank you Claire and good luck with whatever you do next.

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Wishing you all a good half term break.

**Mrs C Musty**

**Headteacher**



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