



NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd April 2021

Dear Parents/ carers,

Welcome back to the Summer term and a very warm welcome to Dylan who has joined us in Reception. We hope that you and your family will quickly feel part of our Rodmarton community.

Restrictions are easing a little but we still need to continue to follow our covid procedures at school, as previously communicated to you, including using the school field for drop off and collection and maintaining social distance.

It is great to see some sunshine. Some days are still cold so please ensure your child has warm clothes so that they can make the most of being outside. On warmer days, children should come to school with sun cream already applied and have a sun hat available. On all days, the children need have a water bottle at school.

Class Topic Webs

Please find a link to the Acorn class topic web <https://padlet.com/ljones289/shnwdolq2ow6k1wd> The topic Webs for Sapling and Oak Class are attached to this newsletter and all will be shortly available on the school website. These outline your child's learning for the term. Please use this to support learning at home.

Thank you Peter

When we returned on Monday, we found 2 fabulous new planters on the school field. These were made by Peter Morton who also paid for the cost of the materials. Thank you Mr Morton, they will get a lot of use this term.

Lifting our Learning

Our theme this term is 'Rise to the Challenge'



If you try new things & push yourself you'll rise to the challenge!

Have you tried anything new this week?

You know when you are really enjoying something because

- Time flies
- Work feels like play
- You don't want to stop
- You don't notice anything else

Imagine if Roald Dahl had never tried to write a book.....

Think of your own imagine if.....

To be really successful and **lift your learning** you need to push yourself...

- When you don't feel like doing things or if your friends try to stop you from doing the things you want to do
- When you feel shy or think your are not good enough

It can be hard to push yourself but you have to do it if you want to be successful.

How to **PUSH YOURSELF**

- Choose something you want to achieve
- Set goals and targets
- Take small steps towards your goal – don't try to do everything in one go

Think of some examples of goals for your school work, or for your lives

e.g.

- Learn a times table
- Climb a mountain

How could you break these tasks into smaller pieces?

Collective Worship

In collective worship this term, we will be focusing on 'Friendship'.

Well done Arwen!

Well done to Arwen who has worked really hard throughout the recent lockdown to perfect her ballet skills. As a result of this, Arwen has now moved to Grade 1. Congratulations!

We are always keen to hear about the children's achievements outside of school so please get in touch with any news that I can share in our school newsletter.



Our last Ofsted inspection took place in September 2016 and we are preparing for them to visit us in the near future. A very important aspect of the inspection process is to seek the views of parents. Ofsted use a tool called Parent View to do this. Please can I ask that all parents log on to <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> to share your views about our school.

Clubs and Activities

Due to covid restrictions, we have been disappointed to not be able to offer our usual menu of after school clubs and wider curriculum activities. For those of you new to our school, we would normally provide after school clubs such as football, rugby, dance, games, music, art and even yoga! This range of opportunities is not usually found in small schools but we are ambitious for our pupils and believe that these experiences enrich their learning and support their well-being.

Each year, we would usually plan for the children to visit many places in order to complement their learning in class. Prior to the covid restrictions and with the support of the Friends of Rodmarton School, we have taken the whole school to the theatre and taken classes to visit the farm, view the Tutankhamun exhibition in London, visit Stonehenge, The National Space Centre, Gloucester Cathedral and we have taken our oldest pupils away on residential.

At the last day of each term, we would usually welcome all of our parents into the classrooms to see first-hand the children's work and celebrate their achievements. We would also be welcoming you into our Friday assembly each week. Unfortunately, we can't do any of this for now.

As soon as we are able to begin these clubs and activities again, we will. In the meantime, we have worked hard to bring providers to our school and in recent weeks, we have re-introduced swimming for Oak class, music lessons, Atlas sports coaching, RE workshops and music recitals. In the near future, we will be welcoming back Rob Mant from Forest Green Rovers, who will support us in further developing our PE curriculum.

We will continue to do what we can to enrich learning and look forward to getting back to 'normal' again!

Lateral Flow Home Testing

1 in 3 people have coronavirus without any symptoms. By taking a home test twice a week, you can help to stop the virus from spreading. Anyone at home who does not have coronavirus symptoms can take self-test. Please look at the following link to find out more: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>
Please note that if you or anyone in your household has symptoms, you should test directly at a test centre and not use the home test.

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Menu 26/4/21

| | A | B | C |
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| Monday | Mexican roll with wedge | Tomato vegetable pasta | Jacket potato with filling |
| Tuesday | Beef Bolognese | Vegetable hotpot | Jacket potato with filling |
| Wednesday | Roast Pork, roast potatoes and gravy | Quorn fillet roast potatoes and gravy | Jacket potato with filling |
| Thursday | Chicken pizza and baby baked potatoes | Chickpea curry with rice | Jacket potato with filling |
| Friday | Battered fish and chips | Cheese and tomato pinwheel with chips | Jacket potato with filling |



The Big Summer Lunch - Saturday 10th July 2021 - 12 noon to 3pm.

The date is now set for The Friends' Big Summer Lunch and we need your help!

Sadly, Covid meant that we weren't able to hold the Big Summer Lunch last year and, for those of you who haven't been to one before, it's basically like a school summer fete but it's only for parents and families of Rodmarton School and the staff and their families.

As well as the existing pupils and their families we also invite the children, and their families, who will be joining us in September and, this year, we will also be inviting last year's Year 6 leavers who missed out on a Big Summer Lunch last year.

It takes place on the school field with games and inflatables for the children, a craft tent, a bottle tombola, a children's tombola, face painting, and lots more. There is also a bar, a raffle and an auction of fantastic cakes made by the staff.

But the highlight of the day is when we all sit down and have a Big Summer Lunch together. It's a fundraiser for The Friends but it's a really fun event and a great way for the school families to meet up and enjoy themselves.

The whole family is welcome. Children, under 16, are free but we charge £5 per adult. We ask each family to bring a dish which we all share for lunch.

We need help with:

- setting up beforehand
- tidying up afterwards
- manning the different stalls
- manning the barbecue
- donating a bottle for the tombola

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- selling raffle tickets
- and finally, we hope you will all buy tickets and come along!

We would also be keen to hear from any parents who have any ideas of other fun things that might add to the day.

Please contact Bryher (bryhergb@hotmail.com), Penny (penny@mokefinewines.co.uk) or Lisa Peill (lisa.peill1@gmail.com) if you are able to help.

Tickets are available now!

Please email Penny (penny@mokefinewines.co.uk) with the number of adults and children in your party and pay £5 per adult online to The Friends account. Alternatively, you can give Penny the cash at school.

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Wishing you all a good weekend

Mrs C Musty



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