



# Great Rollright C. E. Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday June 6th 2019



### Attendance

Unfortunately there have been a significant number of unauthorised absences from school this year. You will find a letter from the Chair of Governors about the importance of attendance at school, which will be sent home today. Currently our attendance figure stands at 97.52% with a total of 153 unauthorised absences to date. It is very important that we work hard to keep the attendance figure as high as possible as missing days of school has a negative impact on your child's education and also, indirectly, on the whole class. Attendance is an Ofsted measure of success and, as such, it is crucial that the community works together to keep children in school during term time. From now on I intend provide a half termly update on the attendance figure for you in the newsletter and this will also be displayed in the entrance to school.

### Sponsored Walk

Huge congratulations to Mr Jones who completed his 100km sponsored walk from London to Brighton on the 25/26<sup>th</sup> May. He completed the challenge in 31 hours and 45mins which is amazing! If you would like to sponsor Mr Jones, his online sponsorship form can be found here until the 7<sup>th</sup> June - [www.mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/derekjones2](http://www.mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/derekjones2) There is also a sponsorship form in school. Mr Jones is raising money for the Samaritans and we are very proud to support him, especially in light of the wonderful example he sets to the children by not allowing his Parkinson's condition to deter him from reaching his goals and helping others.

### School Summer Fete - Saturday 29th June

Thank to those who have already started to send in items for our fete stalls, just a reminder of the items that we are collecting:

- Jam jars filled with fun items like balloons, sweets, small toys
- Wine for the adult game, Wine or Water?
- Books
- Teddies in good, clean condition
- Tombola prizes - **please note this is NOT a bric a brac stall**

### Sunflower competition

If you are growing a sunflower for the school competition then don't forget that I need to receive your photograph and height measurement on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Good luck!

### Library Books

Please could you continue to check for school books and library books at home. We need to return all library books at the end of this year or will face a fine. Also we are still working on our own school library and every book returned will help to improve this area for all of the children.

### Eco Bricks

The **last day** for bringing in Eco Bricks is next Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure that the contents of the bottle is tightly packed or the Co-Op cannot take them.

### A big thank you!

I would like to say a huge thank you to the volunteers who gave up a significant amount of time during the holidays to erect our new reading shed which was kindly donated by the Vinson family. Mr Buxton, Mr Gasson, Mr Broadhurst and Mr Hoare did a great job and it is very much appreciated. The next step is to treat the exterior and then decorate inside so that the children can start to enjoy it.

### **Chastleton House Teas - Thursday 13th June**

Our next teas is nearly here, are you able to help or bake? We need whole cakes in adult flavours such as coffee and walnut, Victoria sponge or even a savoury option! Any time that you can give to help serve is also much appreciated. Thank you! Please contact Sam on [greatrollrightfriends@gmail.com](mailto:greatrollrightfriends@gmail.com) or 07812 522 159.

### **Safety at the school gates**

I just wanted to remind you all that the road outside school can be very congested and dangerous at the end of the school day. The pedestrian gate is open at this time and there have been some concerns about children leaving via this exit unaccompanied. I would ask that you take great care to ensure that your children do not leave the school premises without you.

### **Grand Raffle**

Look out this week for your raffle tickets! We are hoping this year will be our best and biggest raffle yet, we have some fabulous prizes to be won, including £100 cash! Further raffle tickets will be available from the school office if you need more to sell to your family and friends.

### **Lost jumpers**

Just a reminder to label your children's school clothes as it makes life much easier when things inevitably go astray. We have several children with missing sweatshirts at the moment so please could you check that you have the correct uniform for your child next time you wash it and return anything you find that's not yours to school so that we can re-unite it with its owner!

### **Future trips**

I thought it would be useful for you to know at this stage about some future events we are planning at school. The whole school will be attending the Oxford Playhouse pantomime of Beauty and the Beast in December and I have booked an RSC experience day for Mountain class which includes a performance of 'The boy in the dress' by David Walliams in February 2020. Hopefully with significant advance warning this will help you in planning any family events for Christmas and beyond!

### **Term Dates**

10.6.19 - Mountains trip to Gifford Circus – please visit Parent Mail for permission and payments  
10.6.19 - Phonics testing week  
13.6.19 - Yr 6 Opera day  
19.6.19 - New Parent meeting 6pm  
20.6.19 - Yr 6 to the Longborough Opera  
26.6.19 - Meadow and Woodland trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park  
10.7.19 - Sports Day  
12.7.19 - Reports home to parents  
15.7.19 - KS2 play in afternoon  
16.7.19 - KS2 play in afternoon and evening  
17.7.19 – Open afternoon  
18.7.19 – Move Up morning  
26/27 .6. 19 - CNS transition days  
29.6.19 - School Fete

### **Value for Term**

Our Christian Value for Term 6 is Respect

