



# Great Rollright C. E. Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter



Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### **Gold Book Term**

**This week we presented our Gold Book to**

**Meadow: Zayla-Rose Horspole**

**Woodland: Albert Goga and Isaac Stephens**

**Ocean: Zara Edmondson and Tilly Kitching**

**Mountains: Darius Goga**

**Well done!**

### **Update on Coronavirus from the Director of Public Health**

There has been much coverage in the media about the ongoing Coronavirus situation in China. Naturally, while this coverage will be cause for concern, there is no need for alarm.

The World Health Organization have declared this is a public health emergency of international concern, and the UK Chief Medical Officers have raised the risk from low to moderate. This enables the government to plan and prepare for any outcomes and maintain the safety of the public. The Government and the NHS are fully prepared to deal with this virus and all necessary control measures have been put in place.

You can help yourself by taking the usual precautionary measures that would help slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus:

- Always carry tissues to catch your cough or sneeze
- Bin used tissues as quickly as possible
- Wash your hands often with warm water and soap

We will be reinforcing this message in school with the children every day.

### **Success at the CNS Netball Tournament 2020!**

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020, the school netball team travelled to Chipping Norton School to compete in the primary partnership tournament. The team played exceptionally well and won three of their four matches. At the end of the tournament, despite a little confusion with the final scores, Rollright were declared the winners of the Small Schools competition and brought back home the trophy which we also won last year.

Huge thanks go to our volunteer parents who worked with the team after school to help prepare them for the event and also to Mrs Clements and Miss Williams who supported and cared for the team as they achieved their victory.

Well done to the team - you were brilliant!

### **Attendance**

The governing body reviews every child's attendance each term. We have a whole school goal of maintaining a 97% attendance record over the academic year. As you know, we have chosen not to follow the path of fining for unauthorised holidays at this time, but we do make it clear that any request for holidays in term time will not be authorised. From this point in the year, any child whose attendance falls below 95% will now receive a letter to highlight our concerns and to offer support to keep their attendance high. If your child's attendance falls further then you will be invited in for a meeting to discuss how the school can work in partnership with home to address the attendance issue. Any individual with an attendance of below 90% is considered a 'persistent absentee' and if the parent-school partnership is unable to bring about an improvement then this matter is referred onwards to the County Attendance Team for further action.

### **Visit from Mr Robert Courts MP**

On Friday, 7th February 2020, Robert Courts, the MP for Witney and West Oxfordshire, came to visit the school and talk to the children about the process of democracy in government. During a special assembly, the whole school took part in a Commons style debate about the value of sport in the primary curriculum. The children participated with great enthusiasm and learnt lots about the processes involved in passing bills in law. Mr Courts then took a tour of school, talking to staff and children. It was an opportunity to discuss the particular challenges faced by small, rural primary schools and to showcase what we do well at Rollright in meeting the needs of our community.

### **GLOW PARTY THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all who came to the Glow Party last Saturday, it was a busy and fun event and we raised a fabulous £717. The Friends would like to thank all who helped set up, run and clear up - including the children! The committee is small and we cannot run events without parent helpers, so would like to thank Holly & Cleo Welstead, Rachel and Gary Keenan, Jen Stephens, Camilla Bankes, Martha Simpson, Alexis Knight, Kate and Sam Wood, Mark Grieve, Ailsa Stuart and Ellie Pegg. A big thank you also goes to Nick Jones for donating the soft drinks for the event.

### **Supporting the school with voluntary contributions**

The Friends of Rollright have always provided financial support for the many varied trips and events which we run in school in order to enhance the provision for our children. This continues to be the case for some trips, however we now need their fundraising to focus on significant projects within the school. In order to continue with the wide variety of trips and experiences offered, it is vital that all parents do make the voluntary contributions as requested for each event. The school does not have the capacity to meet a shortfall in contributions and would have to cancel the plans made if the costs cannot be met. We do look carefully at the cost of experiences and try hard to spread out what we do over the year.

### **Can you help?**

We need some newspaper for a project in school the first Tuesday back after half term. If you have any old (appropriate) newspaper which you could send in, we would be very grateful.

### **Save the Date - Pub & Pizza Night - Saturday 25th April**

The next event Friends will be running is a pub & pizza night at Great Rollright Village Hall on Saturday 25th April - More details to follow but put it on the calendar!

### **Bingo**

The next Bingo is on Friday 21st February at Great Rollright Village Hall, doors open 7pm and eyes down 7.30pm all welcome! Cash prizes to be won while making money for the school.

### **Term Dates**

14.2.20 Always Club celebration  
**14.2.20 EOT at 3.15p.m.**

#### **24.2.20 School starts**

26.2.20 Ardley Eco Committee  
27.2.20 RSC Mountains  
28.2.20 Poet Visit  
2.3.-6.3.20 Book Week  
6.3.20 Book Fair  
16.3.-20.3.20 Worship Week

### **Value for Term**

Our Christian Value for Term 3 is Perseverance