



# Great Rollright C. E. Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter



Wednesday, November 4th 2020

### COVID update

Thank you for your continued help in supporting our safety in school during these challenging times. As the situation escalates again, please could I re-iterate the following key points –

- Only one adult should drop off/collect and we ask that you exit the site as quickly as possible. Please do not allow your children to mix with other children on the playground who are from a different class.
- Social distancing remains crucial. **We would now also ask that all adults wear a mask whilst on the school site dropping off or collecting children.**
- The office remains closed and therefore all contact with school staff should be via email and the office telephone at this time.
- Your child may need extra layers of warm clothing as we are still required to ventilate rooms despite the approach of the colder weather. You may also send fingerless gloves, hats etc if you feel this may be helpful for your child
- We will continue to offer our KS2 clubs and run the school bus (limited service) unless the situation changes further. Before/After school care which has to be pre-booked and paid for, continues to be available from 8.15 am in the morning and until 4.00 pm after school. If you have a child in a KS2 club you will still need to collect a younger sibling from After School care by 4.00 pm due to the staffing of our bubbles.
- Our KS 2 clubs will continue to run within the safety of the bubble structure we have in place. If we receive guidance about external club provision which affects our Tuesday Football club, we will be in touch.
- Please let us know of any relevant COVID situation that may develop within your family as soon as possible. If this is over a weekend, please email [head.3408@great-rollright.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:head.3408@great-rollright.oxon.sch.uk)
- We continue to be vigilant in school as we operate in our two separate 'bubbles'. Children are required to wash/sanitize their hands frequently and the surfaces are cleaned regularly. Our full risk assessment is on the school website, should you want further details.

As you know, this is rapidly changing situation and one which we have to be ready to react to. If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school, I will be in touch as quickly as possible to explain what will need to happen on the basis of the advice from Public Health England. Unless this happens, we are committed to maintaining as 'normal' a school experience as possible for our children so that they can relax and fully enjoy their learning.

### Attendance

I would like to express my thanks for the efforts which have been made with attendance and punctuality so far this academic year.

Our whole school attendance stands at 97.11% with 19 unauthorised sessions taken by 3 separate individuals.

### 'Children in Need' competition

A reminder of the November 13<sup>th</sup> deadline for our fun 'Children in Need' baking competition. It would be lovely to see what creations are possible on a Pudsey theme! We will use the website to showcase all of the entries and hopefully make a generous donation to the 'Children in Need' fund this year.

## Home Learning

Should your child be required to self-isolate as the result of a positive test (their own or someone else's that they may have been in contact with), the home learning offer will be activated within 24 hours. Should a bubble or the whole school need to be at home, then the home learning will begin from the first full day off.

*Please note, if your child is absent for school whilst waiting for a test or result, we have a 'Home learning' section on our school website which has lots of links and activities which your child can access. We will continue to refine this selection over the coming weeks.*

<https://great-rollright.oxon.sch.uk/home-learning/>

If an individual is isolating, the home learning offer will comprise of age-appropriate activities for each day in Maths and Literacy designed to practice fundamental skills, including arithmetic, spelling and grammar practice. There will also be tasks linked to the topic work. This will be sent as a digital learning pack via an email to the parent at the start of the confirmed isolation time. Teachers will be delivering lessons to those children in school, so will endeavour to be available for feedback and support, but it is likely this will need to be after school. If the whole class is isolating, the home learning offer will comprise of age-appropriate activities for each day in Maths and English as well as topic related work. Our aim is to match the learning provided as closely as is possible to the work that would have been completed in school. Work will be set via Tapestry for Reception. Across KS1 and KS2 it will be set using Purple Mash. Provided that the class teacher is well, Google Meets will be used by teachers to give lesson input, set work and provide feedback. The teacher will email parents the times children should be available for these calls 24hrs in advance and children will be sent the link to join via Purple Mash.

## Christmas Artwork

All of the children this week have brought home some lovely Christmas artwork to be made into Christmas cards and other products.

Please remember the form must be returned to school by this Friday morning - 6th November and no later. Unfortunately the company will not accept any forms after this deadline, so don't miss out!!

## Worried about a child?

It is everybody's responsibility to keep children and young people safe. If you're concerned that a child is being abused or neglected you should report it so that the child can be protected. **If you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on 999. If you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on 0345 050 7666.**

**Where to go for help** If you are a child or young person and you are being abused or neglected **please contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub on one of the following numbers:**

- Office hours (8.30am – 5pm, Monday to Thursday, 8.30am – 4pm, Friday): **0345 050 7666**
- Outside office hours: Emergency Duty Team: **0800 833 408**

**ChildLine** is the free confidential helpline for children and young people in the UK. Call **0800 1111**. The **NSPCC** has a helpline 0808 800 5000 for children and young people, and a website with helpful advice about what to do if you are worried or scared.

## Value for this week

Our Christian Value for this week is Joy

## Dates for the diary

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> - Clubs start for 6 weeks except Football which is 7 weeks

Nov 5<sup>th</sup> - Outdoor Classroom Day

Nov 13<sup>th</sup> – Closing day for Children In Need Baking Competition

Nov 16<sup>th</sup> Anti-Bullying Week

Nov 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> - Bikeability - Year 6

Dec 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day

Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Flu nasal immunisation – whole school

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> End of Term at 1.15p.m.

Jan 4<sup>th</sup> – Inset Day for teachers

**New term starts Tuesday January 5<sup>th</sup> 2021**

## What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged by copying this address into your browser: <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill / reported symptoms.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas whilst exercise should only take place within the home. Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you are able, you are advised to move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

### COVID-19 Symptoms

A reminder of the most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are the recent onset of:

A new continuous cough and/or;

A high temperature;

A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111, follow this link or copy this address into your browser: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms>

### How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19:

\*Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds;

\*Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available;

\*Wash your hands as soon as you get home;

\*Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze;

\*Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.

### Further Information

Further information is available by following this link or copying this address into your browser:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Please keep the school informed at each step so that we can react quickly, and in the case of a positive test outcome, all relevant parties can then be informed and further instructions given.

