



Great Rollright C. E. Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



Friday March 4th 2022

Gold Book Term

Last week we presented our Gold Book to

Meadow: Monty

Woodland: Hugo

Ocean: Alex

Mountains: Finley

Well done!

Book Week

This week the whole school has celebrated World Book day with a celebration of reading in all its forms. The week began with a whole school assembly led by Miss Bartlett. The house teams competed in the 'Guess the book' quiz and tried to work out the favourite books of all of the members of staff. On Wednesday, the Meadow and Woodland children had a wonderful 'Rainbow Fish' themed yoga session with Lucy, our Yoga teacher. Throughout the week, all of the children had the chance to decorate a special bag with their favourite book cover. On Thursday, the older children made storytelling shelters in the hall and then the children sat in small groups in the dens to enjoy some shared storytelling adventures with their favourite teddies, torches and books. We also held our special World Book Day sale with Bronnie and Bob from The Bookwagon. They set up their sale in the school hall alongside the entries we had for our 'Create a book character' competition. The Book Sale was a huge success and almost sold out! The competition was amazing and I would like to thank all of you who supported the children in bringing in such wonderful models for us to enjoy – we had over 40 entries. The children were also able to participate in some virtual author events over the week as well as listening to lots of wonderful stories in their classes. The week finished with a sharing assembly around all of the stories which were enjoyed over the week and a parade of the new bags which were created.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the five families who sponsored a special book for our school library – your generosity is very much appreciated and the books will be enjoyed by many children for a very long time.

All of these exciting events are detailed with lots of lovely photographs on our school website so do please take a look and share the magic of the week.

Pancake Day

On Tuesday 1st March, the whole school gathered outside in their house teams to run the traditional Rollright Pancake Race. This year our race was widely celebrated across Oxfordshire as Orly and Maya from Year 6 both spoke live on Radio Oxford to share the excitement of the day! The race was very exciting and there was lots of cheering and clapping to encourage everyone as they ran. It was particularly lovely to see the older children running with the younger ones to offer encouragement. The race was won by the Kestrels who earned 30 bonus house points for their team. After the race, the children were given a special treat of carrot pancakes to enjoy. The pancakes were prepared at home by some of the staff and incorporated carrot as one of the ingredients as this week we celebrate carrots as part of the 'Eat them to defeat them' campaign. Many of the children thoroughly enjoyed the pancakes and we have included a photograph of the recipe on the website in case you would like to make them at home. It was lovely to enjoy one of our longest traditions with the children – especially as we were able to mix the older and younger children together again after such a long separation!

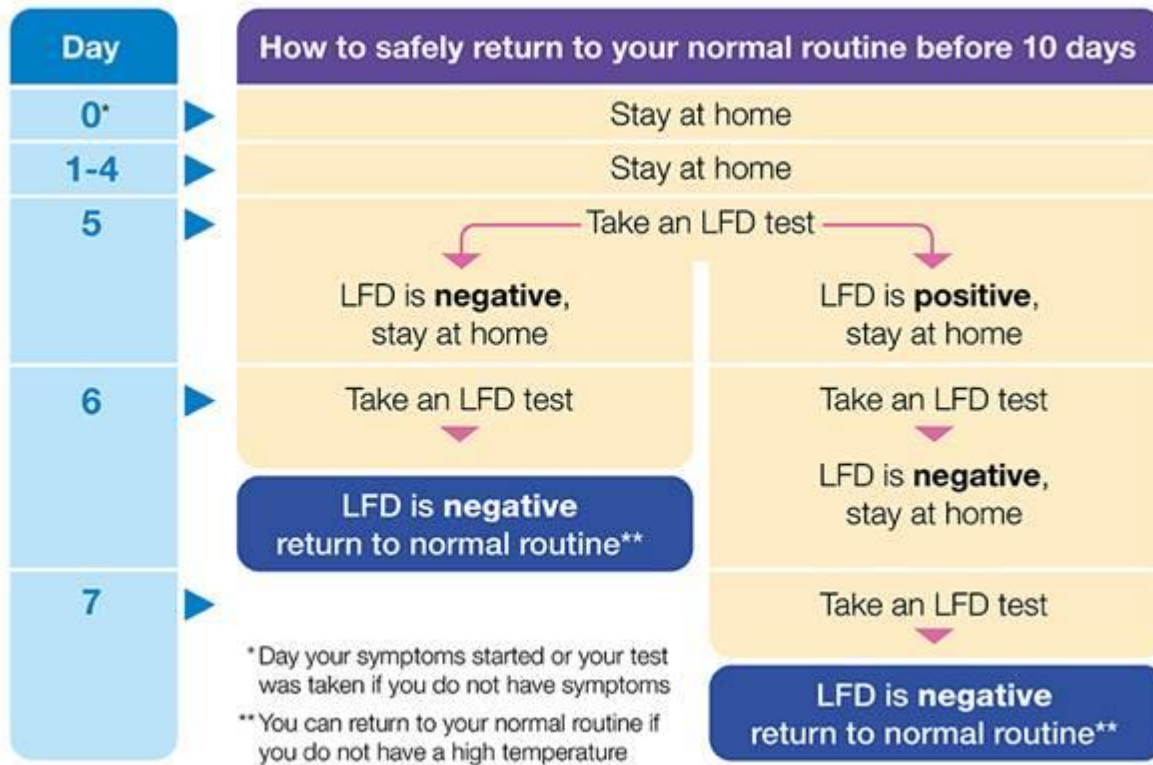
Picture news This week the discussion is around helping endangered animals.

Moving forward with Covid

As we come to the end of our first week back, I wanted to clarify a few points around living with Covid now we are into a new phase.

Firstly, although the regulation to self-isolate has been removed, I would still expect everyone to act with common sense and caution. Should your child become unwell with the symptoms of Covid then you should proceed as before by confirming the infection via a PCR test and then following the guidance in the chart below. PCR tests will remain free until 1st April 2022. You can also order LFTs for free until 1st April and these are effective for confirming non-symptomatic cases. I would expect that symptomatic children and those with confirmed cases stay away from school whilst they are ill. We will continue to provide remote education for children who are awaiting test results or who are well enough to complete work whilst they are ill.

The chart below sets out how you resume a normal routine after an infection.



Public Health are continuing to advise that you stay home and avoid contact with other people if you have any Covid symptoms, a LFT positive test or a positive PCR and this is the approach we should be taking in school for both adults and children. We will not hesitate to send a child home who has any of the three main symptoms of Covid – a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss of your sense of smell/taste.

We hope that we are through the worst of it but we should be prepared to re-instate our measures if we have another outbreak. We need to look out for each other and be as cautious as possible whilst slowly working back towards a normal routine.

I know that I can count on your continued support as we have made it this far as a committed community pulling in the same direction for the sake of all of the children.

Curriculum newsletter

Please find attached the curriculum newsletter for this term.

Value for this week

Our Christian Value for this week is **Respect**

Friends; Creating Fun and Social times whilst fundraising

We are back and following our last committee meeting there was a real buzz of excitement and the hope that we will be more sociable during this year! Lots of money to raise and lots of fun to be had!

Friday night is party night - Friday 18th March 5.30-7.30 pm.

TJ Entertainment will provide the entertainment for our families and friends in Rollright Village Hall. See poster. There will be music, tuck shop, American Hotdogs, face painting and fun!

Tickets on sale NOW.

Chastleton House. Saturday March 19th

WE NEED YOU!

Calling our marvellous bakers; who can offer a whole cake to donate for us to sell or a savoury offering? Please do let us know.

Kate Drake and Martene Midwood will be leading the day and are looking for willing volunteers for 1 hour (maybe 2) to help on the day.

1 hour slot between 12pm and 5pm. Do not be shy it's a fun social for a few hours!

BINGO is BACK! Friday 25th March from 7pm

Come along and join in the fun with Bingo in Great Rollright village hall. Cash prizes whilst having fun and raising money for the school and local causes.

Everyone welcome.

100 Club School Lottery – Renewals and new registrations will be open in April.

Everyone is welcome to join, families, friends, relatives or anyone in the local community. Pay monthly or yearly for one or more numbers; raise funds for the school and be entered into the prize draw each month.

See poster for details.

Creative and Wellbeing Workshop - 1st April.

Workshop for parents, children and staff. An hour of fun activities to do with your child, you will leave feeling relaxed and connected.

End of School Cake Sale - 7th April from 3pm in the playground.

Schools out and our cake sale will be back to buy treats for family and friends!

Save the Date - Saturday 10th September - Rollright Autumn Fair and Scarecrow Trail.

Coming soon -

Social Evening

Our Sponsored event

Autumn Fair

And more to come!