



Great Rollright C. E. Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



Friday May 19th 2022

Gold Book

Last week we presented our Gold Book to

Meadow: Katie

Woodland: Freya

Ocean: Isaac

Mountains: Fred

Well done!

Dogs on and around the school site

Over the past few weeks we have had an increasing number of dogs arriving with their owners to collect children from school. Firstly, can I please remind you that **dogs are not permitted onto the school site**. Secondly, can I please ask that if you plan to leave your dog around the perimeter of the school site that you do not tie it up along the front railings. This is leading to both adults and children walking on the road to avoid close canine encounters. The main road outside of school can be a dangerous one and we do not want anyone to feel that they need to leave the pavement. There is a large wooden gate at the bottom of the field which would be a safer place to leave your dog if this is necessary.

Many of us here are dog lovers but our site is not designed to cater for them and it is important that everyone feels safe both in and around the school premises at all times.

Response to the Parent Questionnaire

Many thanks to those of you who responded to our recent parent questionnaire. Both myself and the governors have studied the responses at length and the report has been shared with staff. I have compiled a brief summary of your comments and added responses to some of the main points raised. It is not possible to address all of the comments made in this document but I am always happy to meet with you to look at your suggestions in further detail if you would like to get in touch.

Jubilee Celebrations

On May 25th, we plan to have a special picnic lunch to celebrate the Jubilee followed by an afternoon of fun activities including outdoor yoga and games with our coin collection. The children are also busy producing some special Jubilee art which will be displayed in the church for visitors to the village over the bank holiday period.

It would be wonderful if each child could bring a smooth rounded pebble into school on Monday as we would also like to do some pebble painting and display this on the playground. Please do help us to make this happen if you can.

The church will be open for parents to view the children's art display after school on Wednesday May 25th and over the Jubilee bank holiday period.

An update on Mr Jones

Some of you may be aware that Mr Jones has been away from school for the past few weeks whilst he has been undergoing some pioneering treatment around his Parkinson's condition. I am delighted to report that his surgery went very well and we hope to see him back in school in a few more weeks. I'm sure you will join with me in wishing him a most speedy recovery.

Residential trips

I have been asked to provide a snapshot of the upcoming residential experiences which are planned. At this time I confirm that we have provisional bookings in place for –

- Bushcraft 2 night residential – Year 3/4 June 2023 approx. cost £180 (this will be for current Yr2/3 children)
- Hooke Court 4 night residential – Year 5/6 June 2024 approx. cost £350 (this will be for current Yr 3/4 children)

Picture News

This week the discussion is around whether children should be allowed to choose their own breakfast!

Tag Rugby Festival 2022

On Wednesday 18th May, Mrs Clements and Miss Hastings took a team of 15 children from years 3-6 to complete in the Tag Rugby Festival.

The children played 6 matches against other local primary schools and performed brilliantly, giving their best to every single moment.

At the end of the festival, the results were announced and Great Rollright were delighted to become the 2022 WINNERS! All of the children received a medal and a certificate.

Percy and Layla also received special certificates for their contribution to the game.

Well done to everyone who represented us so well and a special thank you to Mrs Keene who delivered the team to the event in the minibus in her own time.

Guinea Pigs

We are looking to home two guinea pigs in our Meadow area and are all ready and set up to welcome some new furry friends. If you know of any available guinea pigs locally, then we would love to hear from you.

Year 4 pottery workshop

On Thursday 19th May, the Year 4 children were invited to Chipping Norton School to participate in a pottery workshop.

The children learnt how to make a coil pot and a pinch pot and were able to take their finished pieces of work home. It was a lovely afternoon with lots of happy faces and some wonderful finished pieces.

We are very grateful to Chipping Norton School for hosting the event and to the Kingham Sculpture charity for funding this opportunity.

Friends; Creating Fun and Social times whilst fundraising.

Chastleton House Café - Sunday 22nd May.

Thank you to all our bakers, we have a delicious looking list of cakes and savoury bakes! Thank you to the volunteers so far, we have a couple of spaces so there is still time to volunteer to help.

Friends Jubilee Competition - Guess the name of the 'Queens Corgi'

We'll not the actual name of the Queens Corgi as that would be too easy. Look out for the competition

Bingo Friday 10th June

Join in the fun at Great Rollright Village Hall. The hall opens at 7pm and 'Eyes down' is 7.30pm.

We welcome all players from 4-90 years, It's a relaxed family event with cash prizes, plus a snacks and a bar.

Duncan (Finlay and Louie's) dad runs the event for fun! Profit is split between the Village Hall, our School and a guest charity each month. If you have a cause that would benefit let us know.

Friends; Creating Fun and Social times whilst fundraising cont'd.

Autumn Fair and Scarecrow Trail - Saturday 10th September 2022

Put the date in the diary as our community event comes back in the Autumn.

Would you or do you know a small business who would like a stall at this year's fair?

Plus look out for the Flower and Produce entry form and be sure to enter a Scarecrow in the trail - even if you do not live in the village!

We will need Volunteers and we are planning our first meeting, date tbc.

Value for this week

Our Christian Value for this week is TRUTHFULNESS