



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## Rights of the fortnight:

Article 6: Every child has the right to life.

Article 24: Every child has the right to the best possible health.

## Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. I hope you all enjoyed a well-deserved Easter break and managed to make the most of the sunshine, when it did appear. It is lovely to start the term with all our pupils and staff in school together. I hope this is the start of a return to normality for us all. Thank you for your continued support throughout all the changes to school life. We are delighted that the 'Helping Hands' stair challenge managed to make £2000 for our school outdoor stage. We would like to thank you all for your generosity. We endeavour to keep you fully informed of our upcoming events through the newsletter, our website: [rosastreetprimary.org.uk](http://rosastreetprimary.org.uk) (where all newsletters are uploaded), twitter (@rosastreet4) and our school Facebook page. Download our app to keep up to date with all school messages – for further details see our website.

## Parent Governor Vacancy

Are you interested in becoming a school governor? We have a vacancy for a parent governor. School Governors make a positive contribution to children's education by offering supportive challenge to help raise standards and monitor resources effectively. School Governors work as a team and come from a wide variety of backgrounds to add value to school life by offering their skills, expertise and time. Rosa Street Primary School is committed to raising educational standards and we are looking for dedicated individuals who want to make a difference in the lives of children and are willing to share their experience in an educational environment.

**Preferable skills and competencies:** We are looking for dedicated individuals who can offer their knowledge and expertise in one or more of these areas; finance, human resources, health and safety, communications or managing premises.

If you have a passion for improving the life chances of children and can offer supportive challenge to the leadership of our school to help us to fulfil our vision, please complete and return a letter of interest, explaining why you would like to fulfil the role of Parent Governor. Letters of interest need to be emailed to [rosastreet@durhamlearning.net](mailto:rosastreet@durhamlearning.net) by the closing date of **30<sup>th</sup> April 2021**. A discussion with the Head teacher and Chair of Governors would be offered to any interested parent. Governors do not need any formal qualifications but must be aged 18 years and over. **Closing date for nominations is 3.15pm on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**



## Busy Bees Holiday Childcare – May Half Term (Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June)

We are delighted to be able to offer half term childcare in school. Childcare will run from 8.30am until 4pm. Children will need to bring a packed lunch. Each day we will have some themed activities on offer to entertain the children (Tuesday – Outdoor Activities, Wednesday – Baking, Thursday – Arts and Crafts and Friday – Outdoor Activities). The cost of the childcare is £12.50 per day or £40 if you book 4 days in advance. If you are interested and your child already attends Busy Bees then please book and pay via the school gateway. If you are not registered with Busy Bees then please contact the school office to register and pay online.



## Covid-19 Safety Update

We continue to regularly review our systems and procedures in school to ensure that everybody on our school site is kept safe and well. **We are asking parents and carers to wear a mask when on the school site so that we can minimise risks when dropping off or collecting pupils.** Please remember to use the e-mail address which is specifically to notify us of a positive Covid-19 test result out of school hours. This inbox will be monitored at all times (including evenings and weekends). The e-mail address is: [covidreportrosa@cclt.education](mailto:covidreportrosa@cclt.education). It is hugely important that you keep your contact details up to date on the parent app as if we need to close a bubble then we will contact you via the school app. We apologise that this may be at short notice as we are completely dependent on the timing of the positive result arriving in school and the subsequent advice from public health England.

## Year 3 Egyptian Day - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April

We will begin our history topic with a day all about Ancient Egypt. We will be having a virtual tour of the Oriental Museum in Durham. We will be speaking to experts from the Egyptian department and will observe objects and artefacts including a mummy! Children will be making things in class to wear for the day. We will be learning about mummification and all things Ancient Egyptian!

## Year 1 Sri Lankan Day – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Children are to come into school in brightly coloured clothing. We have decided to focus on Sri Lanka as Rosa Street have a partner school in Sri Lanka. We will complete lots of fun activities and taste different foods while learning about Sri Lanka. It will be a fun and exciting day!

## Careers

We continue to develop our careers work and all classes have made arrangements for virtual visitors to talk to children about their jobs and give our children the opportunity to ask questions. Year 6 – Fire Service, Year 5 – Engineers, Year 4 – Caterers, Year 3 – Artists, Year 2 – Swimming/Lifeguard, Year 1 – Animals, Reception – Swimming/Lifeguards

## PE Update

**Go Heart Project** – This week we have taken delivery of our equipment bags for the project from Go Well. Teachers have chosen some special agents from KS2 to work on some secret active missions at home. Look out for your child bringing home a bag of equipment next week and their special booklet of secret missions. The equipment is theirs to keep.

There will be additional information about the project for parents/carers in the bag. If anyone has any questions please contact Miss Davison (Y3).

**Big Pedal Event 19<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April** – We have signed up to take part in the Big Pedal event. We are encouraging children to walk, cycle or use a scooter to get to school during this time. Those travelling by car could park a little further away from school.



## HELPING HANDS OF ROSA STREET **Helping Hands**



A huge thank you to all of the children that climbed stairs like crazy before Easter and for their parents who helped to collect in sponsor money and donated to the fundraiser. We have reached our **£2000** target which is a fantastic achievement! We are now pursuing quotes for the stage and are looking forward to seeing the end results! We may end up with surplus funds and if so we will use these to support other outdoor projects at Rosa Street and will keep you informed about how the money is being spent.

We are always very happy to welcome new parents and carers to Helping Hands. It is great to have fresh ideas for fundraising and supporting the school. Although we cannot meet in person, we are trying to have termly meetings on zoom and the date for the next meeting will be in the next newsletter. Please do come along if you would like to get involved.

## **Stairs Climb Challenge**

Overall Year 4 won the class competition as they managed to climb 5,000 flights of stairs between them! They will have an outdoor afternoon at a time suitable to them. As a school we climbed

12,377 flights of stairs. This is over 4 times up Mount Everest! We were so impressed with everyone's efforts we have chosen some children from each class to receive a smaller prize to say well done!

**Winners:**

Reception – Molly, AJ

Year 1 – Molly, Ruby and Harry

Year 2 – Isabella, Henry

Year 3 – Eve, Lilly

Year 4 – Jude, Poppy

Year 5 – Harris, Emily

Year 6 – James, Ellie G

**Year 6 Hoodies** - Helping Hands have ordered the Year 6 leavers' hoodies and we are hoping they arrive soon. A message will go out on the app for agreed parental contributions towards the cost of the hoodies within the next couple of weeks.

**Reception Class Update**

Reception have enjoyed exploring and learning all about our new topic this week 'Pirates and Mermaids'. We have made our own treasure maps, had fun dressing up and accessing our new Pirate ship role play area.



## Can my child go to school today?

### Do they have any COVID Symptoms?

- a **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a **new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

**Yes**  
They have a COVID symptom

**No**  
They do not have a COVID symptom

### Self Isolate and Book a COVID Test

Book the test online or call 119  
All members of the household should stay at home until the test result is known.\*

### Do they have diarrhoea or vomiting?

**No**  
They do not have diarrhoea or vomiting

**Yes**  
They have diarrhoea or vomiting

### Do they feel unwell?

It is important that parents keep children at home when they are unwell

**No**  
They do not feel unwell

**Yes**  
They feel unwell

### Send to School

So long as your child feels well, has not been told to self-isolate and there are no other household members with COVID symptoms, it is OK for them to attend school.

### Keep at Home

- Remain off school until they feel well enough to return. Seek medical help from a GP if needed (or 111 if your surgery is closed).
- Remain off school until at least 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. A COVID test is not required for diarrhoea and vomiting without the other symptoms above.

\* Visit gov.uk for advice on when to stop isolating and return to school after a positive or negative test.