



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th July 2021

Right of the fortnight:

Article 31 – Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

Dear Parents,

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout these challenging times. It has been lovely to receive such positive feedback from parents about our efforts to try and make sure that our children don't miss out on special things like sports day and the school production. I know it was disappointing that we were unable to have parents present but hopefully the online versions that you have will be memories you can keep forever. I also wanted to take the opportunity to thank our very dedicated and hardworking staff team who have covered staff absences and supported each other throughout a difficult and unpredictable school year. Your efforts are very much appreciated. We are also very fortunate to be supported by a committed board of governors and directors who have always acted in the best interests of our school. Finally, thank you to our 'Helping Hands' group who have given their time to support our school and fundraise for our children. This is such an important aspect of school life and hopefully as things return to normal we may get more volunteers to help with this.

We endeavour to keep you fully informed of our upcoming events through the newsletter, our website: 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.

Don't forget that school closes for summer holidays on Tuesday 20th July

Staffing Update

Mrs Trees (Teaching Assistant) will be leaving us this summer. We would like to thank her for all her work during her time with us and we wish her every success for the future.

Parent Guidance

We sent this out on our school app on Wednesday and hopefully it will answer your questions about how school will operate in September.

School Production and Sports Day

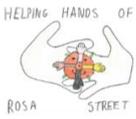
Footage from our sports day will be sent out next week on Teams to each class. The school production will be sent out on our app and will be available on our website.

Free School Meals Did you know?

There have been some changes to government funding on how free school meals work. Although KS1 children are currently free you still need to apply for free school meal entitlement. This is very important to the school as this has an impact on the school budget. If you are eligible for free school meals and then your circumstances change (i.e. you return to work) under the new changes your child will still be eligible for free school meals for the remainder of their primary school education. There is a form available on the school app to allow you to inform us of any change in circumstances. Please see the letter on the school website for more information.



Helping Hands



Thanks so much for the sweetie donations that have been made into beautiful hamper prizes for our draw in school. We really appreciate your support with this. Helping Hands will be meeting again in September, maybe even in person, so please do look out for meeting dates in the new academic year and join us in planning some treats and fundraisers for the children next year. Have a lovely summer! We haven't forgotten about our outdoor stage we are just waiting for our builder to fit us in.

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. 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.

Attendance Reminder to parents

Please ensure that children are in school before 9am or they will need to be signed in at the office and a late mark will be given.

Holidays in term time

As restrictions start to ease, please be aware that holidays during term time will not be authorised and could result in a fixed penalty notice. Covid-19 has disrupted holiday plans for many but we must prioritise our children's education as they have already missed so much.

Please see below details about a community event in summer.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/back-to-school-cook-along-tickets-162342220953>



BACK to SCHOOL

COOK ALONG

SUNDAY 22ND AUGUST @ 3PM ON ZOOM

Each school aged child will receive a back to school pack.

Each family will receive ingredients to cook healthy treats for packed lunches or picnics.

Free event for families living in the Spennymoor area. Numbers are limited.

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Spennymoor Area Action Partnership

Trinity Methodist Church Project

Any questions? please email: dotalong@trinityspennymoor.org.uk

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.*

* Visit [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) for advice on when to stop isolating and return to school after a positive or negative test.

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.