



NEWSLETTER 9 October 2020

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Dear parents, carers and children

Another week over already and I can't believe that we only have two weeks left of the first half term. We must be having fun!

Year 6 have had another successful week of home learning but we are really looking forward to having you back in school – it's been very quiet! Mr Ward and Miss Parry have done a great job of interacting with the children and I would like to thank them both, as well as the children and yourselves for making this so successful. They have trialled uploading recorded Zoom lessons this week and I take my hat off to them for making the technology work so well!

Talking of technology, as you will know, next week we will be using an online system for the parents' evening appointments for Rainbow, Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue and Indigo classes. Although this has been trialled within school between staff members, this type of system is in its infancy. We are confident that it will run smoothly but if there were to be any technical problems and you lose connection with the staff member, they will get back in touch with you by telephone some time during the week to continue the conversation. Fingers crossed for success!

When the Year 5 and 6 children arrive in school on Monday morning there will be a slight change to the way that they line up. The area in front of school will be divided by a yellow line – please can the Year 5 children line up on the markers nearest to the main entrance and facing the main entrance. The Year 6 children need to line up on the other half of the space, facing their usual entrance into school. There will be staff on hand to help to organise them but it would be helpful if you could pre-warn them please.

Following a request from a parent could I ask that the steps are left clear until the Year 4 children have exited at the end of the day please. If you have a child in high school who comes to collect a younger sibling or meet yourself, would you please ensure they are also aware of the social distancing requirements. I also promised a message for the mornings - now that the door is opening at 8:55 for the Year 4 children, please reassure them that they are not late unless they arrive after 9:00 – there have been some panicked faces when the other children are not there!

Although I can't be in classes as much as I would like I have worn my mask and managed to visit a few lessons this week. All the staff are doing a great job of ensuring business as normal whilst adhering to the measures we have in place. In Reception the children have been focusing on the number '3'. They now know everything there is to know about the number in a range of contexts and what they have particularly enjoyed is inventing stories in the quadrangle to make their calculations more exciting. This forms part of the whole school 'Maths Mastery' approach which is having a positive impact on the depth of knowledge the children have about the number system. This enables them to tackle complex problem solving and reasoning as they progress through school.

Year 1 have been focusing on number bonds and the 'part whole model' and Year 2 have been using place value to add 2-digit numbers. Impressive maths Year 2 and super 'perfect presentation'! Year 2 were also keen to tell me about their exciting week learning about the moon landing and reading about the interesting life of the British astronaut Tim Peake. They are learning the features that are needed to write a newspaper report and I shall look forward to reading them when they are finished. The Year 4 children showed off their impressive knowledge of roman numerals and Year 3 have been making Stone Age tools using wood and junk modelling materials and finishing them with papier mache. A super selection of spears, bows and arrows!

So, it is good to see that school life is returning to some sort of normality. Although we are not able to invite you in at the moment, please remember to complete the permissions form as soon as possible and we can begin to share photos and videos of the activities the children are enjoying on the website – it's Art Week next week!

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Buckton
Headteacher

Please turn over for more newsletter items.....

Stars of the Week



Gold Class - Rosie and Jack

Rainbow Class - Albie, Diana and Tyler

Red Class - Jacob and Poppy C

Orange Class - Mia and Harry

Yellow Class - David and Hadley

Green Class - Ava and Isaac

Blue Class - Jarvis and Lydia

Indigo Class - Felix and Daisy

Violet Class - Gracie and Lucia

Pink Class - Billy and Robyn

Coral Class - Ramae and Angus

Amber Class - Kionie and Hannah

Jade Class - Layla and Phoebe M

Lime Class - Ada and Luca

Purple Class - Alex, Maia and Robert. Plus a special Well Done to the whole class for their amazing team effort (remotely) to be this weeks winners in our TTRS battle.

Turquoise Class - There are too many brilliant members of the class to mention individually so it is Well Done to the whole class. You have all coped brilliantly and worked incredibly hard during our self isolation. You've done yourselves, your families and the school proud!

Houses

Nethermoor, **Nunroyd**, **Parkinson** and **Springfield**

Remember to keep earning points for your house by displaying behaviours that follow our Rainbow Code:

Respect (for all)

Achieve (always do your very best)

Inclusive (we all matter)

Nurture (we care and are considerate)

Belong (it's good to be part of something)

Outstanding (effort and perseverance)

Whole (whole child, whole family, whole community)

Nethermoor continue their winning streak with 343 house points - Well Done!

Nethermoor 343 **Nunroyd** 239

Parkinson 273 **Springfield** 264

Mathlete of the Week

The Mathletes of the week are:

KS1 **Daniel J** and KS2 **George**



If your child is in KS1 or KS2, please keep encouraging them to use Mathletics to access maths activities and games tailored to them. Please let their teacher know if your child cannot access Mathletics at home,

Diary Dates

An email was sent earlier in the week with details of all the events and activities planned for this year. There are some events and activities which we are currently not able to provide, or not in their usual format, due to the Covid-19 restrictions and measures which we have to adhere to. Where possible, we have tried to find an alternative way to offer the same opportunities to our children and their families. Coming up during October:

Mon 12 - Fri 16 Art Week

Mon 12 12noon Parents Evening booking system closes for Rainbow, FS2 (Reception) and KS1 (years 1 & 2). Booking system for KS2 will open in November.

Tues 13 & Wed 14 Parents Evening appointments.

Wed 14 FS2 to year 6 only - last date to give online consent for your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine.

Mon 19 - Fri 23 Please send donations of tins or dried foods for the Harvest Assembly.

Wed 21 Gold & Rainbow Harvest Celebration

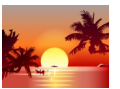
Thur 22 Nasal flu vaccines for FS2 to year 6

Fri 23 School closes for half term

Mon 2 November School opens for Autumn 2 half term

Ethos Topic for this half term is:

NEW BEGINNINGS



During the half term all the classes will be talking about and discussing the Guiseley Primary Rainbow Code of Conduct.

Please ensure you complete the following.

Data Collection Sheet - All forms, whether there are any amendments or the details are correct, need signing and dating and returning to school.

Parentpay - If your child is new to school, please use the details you have been provided to activate your Parentpay account.

Permissions Form - From next week the school website and blogs will be updated with photos and videos as a way of sharing with you what is happening in school. If you have not already done so, please complete the online form confirming permissions for your child. We can only include children who have permission.

Parent Declaration Forms (Gold and Rainbow Only) -

Please complete the form as fully as possible, even if your child is not yet eligible for funding, and return it via email to office@guiseleyprimary.org.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact the school office. Thank You