

Friday 12th February 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We were delighted to open our doors again on Monday to all pupils. It has been a pleasure to see children adapt back quickly to the routines and structures of the school day and to see so many happy faces.

Our COVID19 risk assessment and action plan has been revised to take account of the Government guidance for re-opening safely. It sets out the decisions taken and measures in place to ensure the continued mitigation of risk against the virus within the school environment. You can find a copy on our school website.

A big thank you to our school community for following our systems at drop off and pick up time including only one adult on school site, the wearing of masks and phoning the school office rather than making physical visits. Punctuality is especially important at this time. Learning begins promptly at 8.55am for all pupils with key skills focus work in KS2 and phonics in Early Years and KS1. It is vital that children do not miss this part of the day in order that children build good recall of core knowledge over time.

Learning discrete reading skills is vital and research into reading shows that developing positive attitudes towards reading can also play a key role in children's development. We are constantly refreshing our home reader libraries so that children have fresh content to read. Please help us to build the enjoyment of reading by making sure that children read every night and record what has been read in the home school diary. Don't forget that there are also example questions that you can ask children when reading to help them to develop their understanding and comprehension skills.

Our school has a 'no debt' policy and uses an online service called ScoPay for payments. This system allows parents to make payments for school meals and after school club using the internet. Payments are made through WorldPay so they are secure and reliable. If you need more information about setting this up, please call the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Aimee Walker
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Last week we celebrated Fairtrade Fortnight. Each year group bubble undertook learning that developed their understanding of Fairtrade. There was an assembly as well as an opportunity for children to develop a persuasive letter urging companies to use Fairtrade produce.



EYFS STORY TIME

In Reception, the children have enjoyed exploring their new role play area 'Grandma's House', using different props to support their role play and taking turns acting out as different characters from the story. Children had a go cooking dinner just as seen at home, whilst others used masks to become the characters from the story.



YEAR 5 GARDENING

This week, Year 5 took part in an exciting gardening workshop, exploring space and life on other planets. Pupils worked collaboratively, creating posters filled with fantastic facts and planted seeds in different materials including sand, soil and cotton wool. Over the next few weeks they will observe what happens next to these seedlings.



SMART BLACK SCHOOL SHOES FOR SCHOOL PLEASE!



WORLD BOOK DAY 2021

Last week we celebrated World Book Day. Children took part in a range of activities, onsite and remotely. Children at school completed virtual online workshops with a variety of authors and illustrators, as well as developing book reviews about a book they have read and spent time during the day reading with a partner from within their year group bubble.



Meanwhile, children at home were challenged to create their favourite characters out of potatoes and try out some online illustration tutorials. A huge thank you to everyone who participated, shared photos and celebrated reading!

COFFEE MORNINGS

There are two coffee mornings left this term but all previous content can still be accessed via the coffee morning page on the school website.

Date	Focus
Friday 19th March	Speech and Language: How to use stories to enhance language development (EYFS focus)
Friday 26 th March	Homework: Strategies to support your child's homework routine

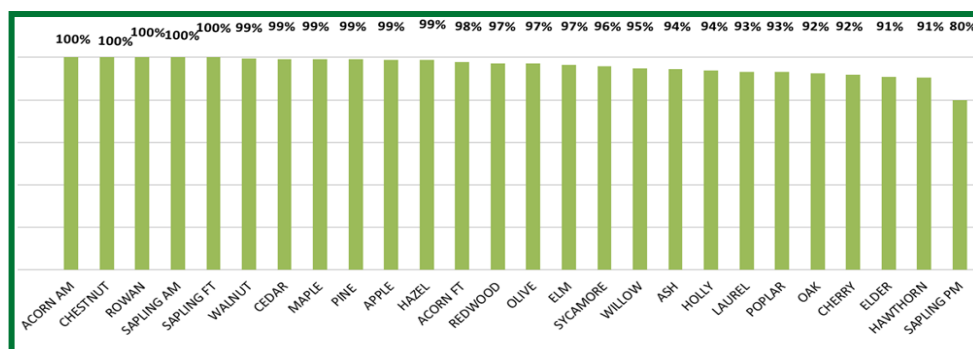
As a result of the continued partial closures, the high level of personal contact with individual families across the partial closure and the challenges of accurately measuring pupil progress as a result of children just returning to school, Spring Term reports and the parent consultation evening due to take place on the 25th March will not go ahead. This means that the next parents evening consultation and report date will be the **8th July**. We encourage you to speak to the class teacher or book an appointment time via the school office for a call back if a longer discussion is required about your child's learning.

ATTENDANCE

It is very important that children are in school every day and on time in order that they can close learning gaps and catch up quickly after the recent partial closure.

Whole school attendance for this week was **95.9%**

Well done to Rowan Class the weekly winners with **100%**



KEY DATES

Spring Term 2021

Staff Training Day:

Monday 4th January

Children's Start Date:

Tuesday 5th January

Work & Enterprise Week:

Week beginning 18th

January

Half Term Holiday:

Monday 15th February – Friday 19th

February

Children's Start Date:

Monday 22nd February

End of Term Finish Date: Thursday

1st April at 2pm

Summer Term 2021

Children's Start Date:

Monday 19th April 2021

Families' Week:

Starts Monday 26th April 2021

Bank Holiday:

Monday 3rd May 2021

Half Term Holiday:

Monday 31 May 2021 –

Friday 4 June 2021

Children Start Date:

Monday 7th June 2021

Staff Training Day:

Friday 25th June 2021

Keeping Healthy Week (including sports day):

Starts Monday 28th June 2021

Parents Evening:

Thursday 8th July 2021

End of Term Finish Date:

Thursday 22nd July at 2pm

Staff Training Day:

Friday 23rd July 2021

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