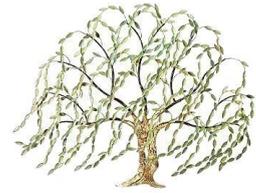




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Roughwood Primary School Newsletter

14th September 2018

Dear Parents & Carers,

It gives me great pleasure to write to you as the new Head of School at Roughwood Primary School and to welcome you to the start of what will be a busy and exciting year.

Already this term, I have seen some outstanding learning from children and have been tremendously impressed by the whole school and the way your children interact with each other and adults. It has been a very busy first two weeks and has been an opportunity for me to see how creative, focused and resilient children at Roughwood can be. Already this year, we have begun work with the Music Service to develop a performance to mark 100 years since the end of conflict during WWI which will see children in year 6 working towards a performance at Magna in November. Foundation have supported their topic with a visit to Rosehill Park and Year 4 have had workshops to support their learning about recycling. We have also seen more children taking the opportunity to access the residential to Northumberland and Stratford. I believe that these experiences make for a richer, more purposeful learning experience and all staff at Roughwood want your children to achieve their very best and reach their full potential.

I also believe that Roughwood is a school of huge potential and I am determined to secure an outstanding future for the school alongside Mrs Fearnley and our talented team. I have the very highest expectations of the staff and all the children and it is my intention that by working together we can make our school the best it can possibly be.

To allow me to introduce myself to parents I have not yet met, I would like to invite you to our **MacMillan** Coffee morning where I will be available to talk to everyone. The coffee morning will take place on **Friday 28th September** at **9:15 am** in the main hall. The Deputy Head Teacher, Mrs Wheeler, will also be available to meet with parents.

There have also been some additions to the team and we would like to welcome new staff to Roughwood. Miss Moody, Year 1 teacher; Mrs Brown, Year 2 Teacher; Miss Sare, Year 3 Teacher; Miss Newton-Smith, Year 5 teacher; and Mrs Wheeler is our new Year 6 Teacher and Deputy Head.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the numerous parents/carers who have made me feel so welcome as the Head of School of Roughwood, your well-wishes and positive comments have been greatly appreciated. I am looking forward to working closely with you in the future.

Mr Williams
Head of School

Magnificent Maths

This week in Maths, Year 1 have been learning to order numbers up to 20. In the different areas of our classroom we found hidden numbers and had to help Harry (and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs) sequence them.



Fun in Foundation

We've had a great start to our first week in Foundation 1. We've had lots of fun exploring the different resources in our new classroom and looking at the different things the bugs do in our story of the week 'First Day At Bug School'. We've enjoyed painting butterflies and caterpillars, reading stories in our very hungry caterpillar themed reading area and exploring other indoor and outdoor activities



After School Tea Time Club

Wednesdays and Thursdays until 5pm children can join Tea Time club. This week the children choose their own ingredients for their pizzas and enjoyed eating what they had made. They are looking forward to next week and cooking something new. If you want to find out more about Tea Time Club, speak with the school office.



Eco Warrior

During the morning the children discussed the impact plastic is having on our world and how the oceans are polluted with large amounts. We then got split into two groups, one group reused and recycled plastic bottles to create minibeast habitats and the second group used bow and arrows to shoot plastic off a shelf.



Playground Friends

Mr Williams and Mrs Storer had the really difficult task of electing our Playground Friends Leader. All of the girls that made a speech were eloquent, confident and gave really valid reasons why they should be chosen. We were both extremely proud of each and every one of them. It was very hard to choose but eventually Lydia was chosen as main leader and Ricki-Lou as deputy. Lydia also has the added responsibility of chairing the Behaviour Panel so we look forward to seeing her in action. British values and citizenship at its best. Well done girls!



Home Learning

This week, children of Class 5 had the opportunity to present their outstanding home learning in Friday's special assembly. Children had opted to create a 'perfect' habitat for one of our characters, Plop, from the class text: The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark. Miss Sare and the rest of Class 5 were very proud!



Reminders

MacMillan Coffee Morning Friday 28th September 9:15 am

Please can we allow children to line up at the end of the day and inform teachers of who is collecting them.
Tea time club. Please make sure children sign up to Tea Time club by the end of the school day on Mondays.

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Website - <http://www.roughwoodprimary.org>

Class Stories – www.classdojo.com



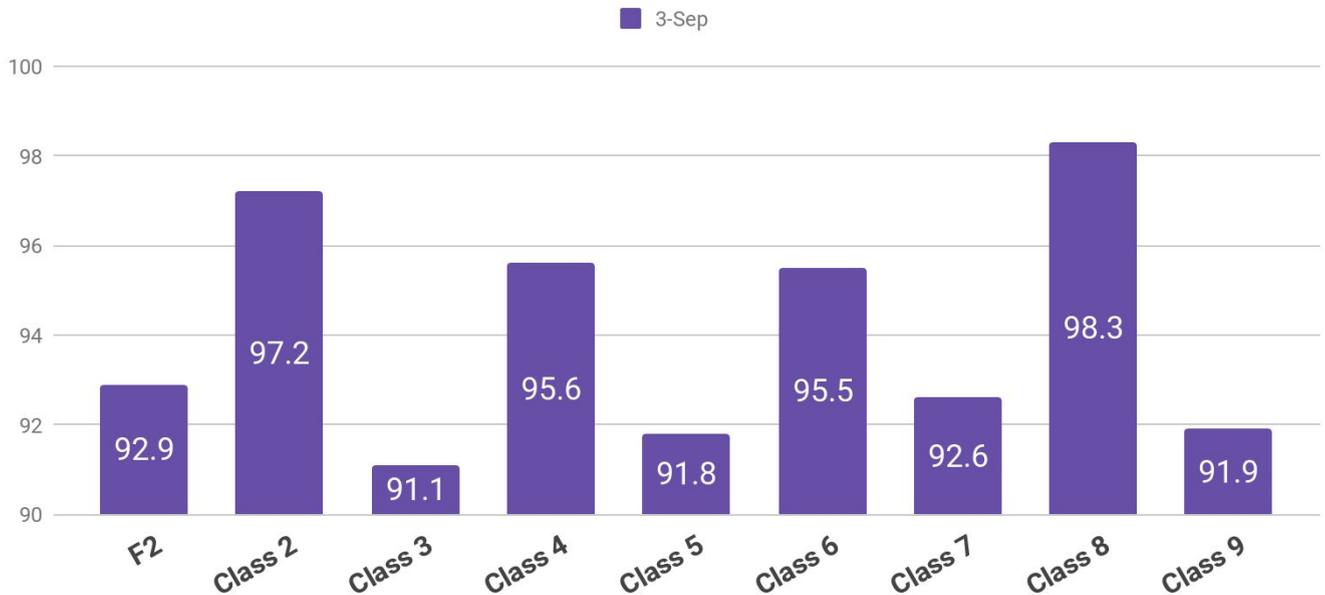
Attendance

It is important that we ensure children are in school as much as possible so that no important parts of your child's learning is missed. We understand that sometimes children are not well and it is not suitable to be in school. If you are unsure about whether your child is well enough for school or not, you can speak with school and we can support you. You can also speak with your local pharmacy for minor illnesses and advice rather than waiting for a doctor's appointment. Our whole school attendance target is 96% and we are currently below this. Please watch out for a letter which will explain attendance procedures and how fines could be issued for poor attendance. We strongly feel that every single day in school contributes to a child's success.

We hope to work with you to improve attendance at Roughwood.

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How do you feel about your class attendance?