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## Roughwood Primary School Newsletter

**11th September 2020**

### **Dear Parents & Carers**

We have achieved so much over the last 7 days at school and I would like to thank everyone for adapting so well to the new procedures and routines. I understand that for some, these new measures have made drop-off and collections slightly longer, so thank you for understanding that these measures are in place for everyone's safety. We have listened and observed the routines carefully to try and make improvements and ensure that they are as easy to follow without creating long waits between bubbles entering and exiting school. We are continually looking to make the process even better and with your support the systems will continue to make the process as easy as possible for the majority of parents and children.

Once again, we cannot commend children enough for their resilience in adapting to slightly different routines at school. We have successfully brought all our children back to school and settled them in while continuing to provide outstanding learning opportunities to combat the adverse effects of school closures. Although we do know that for many children home learning was extremely successful. Please visit the school website to see the creative curriculum we offer here at Roughwood which will not be compromised. [www.roughwoodprimary.org](http://www.roughwoodprimary.org)

**Mr Williams**

### **Home Reading**

Reading is one of our priorities this year as we believe that this is a life skill which opens up other opportunities and supports your child's learning in all other areas of the curriculum. Your child will receive a DoJo for every record of reading in their reading diary. Research shows that children who read more at home regularly have a better chance of achieving at the end of Year 6 and so your support and encouragement is crucial to your child's development. At school we have implemented Reading Champions who are members of staff that support the love of reading in school by listening to children read. If you would like more information about how to support your child with reading, please speak with your child's class teacher.

### **COVID UPDATES**

**Face coverings** - We are not currently enforcing face coverings on school grounds. However, if parents feel this is necessary and to support and look after each other, this is not something we would discourage.

**Talking to staff** - please only communicate via class dojo with your child's teacher because the start and end of the day are busy times and we must keep the one way system moving. You are able to request a phone call to discuss any problems or concerns.

### Year 5 Art

Only the third day back after six months away from our wonderful school, and the year 5 children explore tints, tones and shades with primary colours. They have really amazed us with their enthusiasm and resilience in only three days.



### Numbers to a million

This week, Class 8 has been focusing on place value. We have read and written numbers up to 1,000,000! We have used our place value mats as a visual resource to help aid our learning, which has allowed us to be able to identify the value of any digit in a number up to 1 million. The resilience and effort shown in Year 6 this week has been super – what a brilliant start to the year.



### Class 3 reading

What a fantastic start class 3 have made to year 2. They are so enthusiastic about all aspects of learning. They have a love of reading and are so inquisitive with their questioning. Can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings.



Keep up to date with what's happening in school on the website: [www.roughwoodprimary.org](http://www.roughwoodprimary.org)

On the website is an online calendar where we post all events.



Twitter is also a great way to get notifications to your phone. Follow us [@roughwoodschool](https://twitter.com/roughwoodschool)



### Class 2 Maths

Class 2 has had a fantastic start to the term. The children have shown enthusiasm and resilience when learning new and challenging concepts. Their ability to sort and count is shining through!



There is a calendar online at [www.roughwoodprimary.org/calendar](http://www.roughwoodprimary.org/calendar)

The calendar has all the latest information for you and you can access this on your phone.

### 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 to 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. **COVID Symptoms** - We are following Government advice and looking for high temperatures or a persistent cough which will not go away, even after a drink. If a child displays these symptoms, parents will be asked to collect them and arrange a test. Sniffles and colds are not a concern and children should be at school.

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

### Reminders

Year 5 & Year 6 enter school gates at 8:45am. Year 3 & 4 as well as KS1 enter from 9:00am. We may allow in earlier if it is safe to do so, however please be aware you may need to wait until the designated times.

*Thank you for your continued support, please visit our*

*Twitter page - <https://twitter.com/RoughwoodSchool>*

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

*Class Stories - [www.classdojo.com](http://www.classdojo.com)*



## Attendance

Whole School Attendance target is 96%

Whole school current attendance  
is 95.3%

If your child's attendance drops below 90% you will receive a letter to inform you of this.

How do you feel about your attendance?

Our attendance is



this week to 94.37% and our target is 96%

Don't forget we have our attendance breakfast at the end of every half term for our winning class, each class teacher is supporting their class in achieving this reward. Good luck everyone.