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Roughwood Primary School Newsletter

5th March 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 8th March. Please read carefully this week's newsletter so that you are aware of the changes which were made to the school day to allow us to increase teaching time.

Your children have been extremely resilient to have overcome so much in the last 12 months and we are confident they will be ready to return and get back to school. However, imagine that many children will be feeling nervous, anxious and even worried about returning on Monday. There are support materials available on our school website at roughwoodprimary.org/covid-19. Please take the time to look through the available leaflets about supporting your child through the COVID pandemic.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Williams

Uniform

Children will be expected to wear full school uniforms on Monday. We believe this will support children getting back into the routines of school. Please read the booklet which has been sent out on Class DoJo about school uniforms or visit the school website at roughwoodprimary.org/school-uniform for more information.

Book Bags

Please ensure you dig out your zip book bags and come to school on Monday with your reading book and reading diary. You will need these for the first day back at school. If these are not in school, parents may be contacted to bring them in as they are a key part of your child's learning.

Healthy Lunches

Please ensure that if you are sending your child with a packed lunch that you have read the healthy packed lunch leaflet which has been sent out via class dojo. There are items which we cannot allow as part of our Healthy Schools Accreditation and our commitment to being a Healthy School.

COVID UPDATES

School Website - Everything you need to know about school moving to remote learning can be found on the website. Please visit roughwoodprimary.org/covid-19

Rotherham Information - Please visit the Rotherham Website for information about current restrictions.
<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/coronavirus>

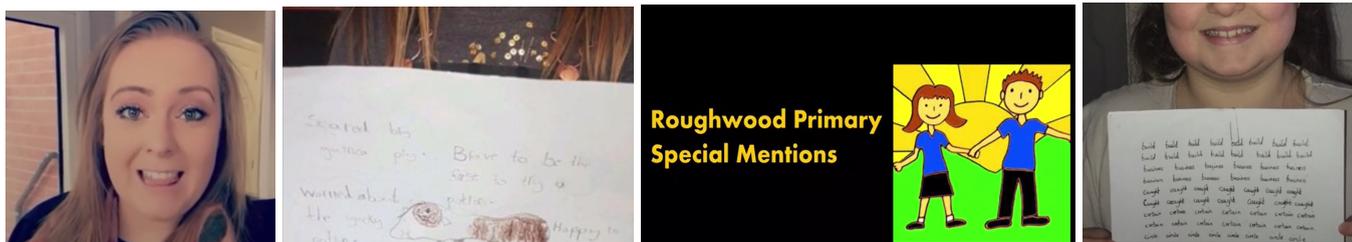
Changes to School day - We are returning to school on **Monday 8th March**

There have been changes to the start and finish times across school to increase the teaching time where this has been reduced due to COVID-19 procedures. **These changes take effect from 8th March 2021**

Gates will open at 8:35 am and close at 8:50 am to allow for social distancing. Please be punctual.		
Upper KS2	Year 5 and Year 6 classes	Start time: 8:40 am Finish time: 3:10 pm Friday Finish time: 1:30 pm
Lower KS2	Year 3 and Year 4 classes	Start time: 8:45 am Finish time: 3:15 pm Friday Finish time: 1:35 pm
KS1	Year 1 and Year 2 classes	Start time: 8:45 am Finish time: 3:15 pm Friday Finish time: 1:35 pm
Chestnuts	Chestnuts FS2 classes	Start time: 8:40 am Finish time: 3:10 pm Friday Finish time: 1:30 pm
Acorns & Little Acorns	Acorns and Little Acorns classes	Morning session Start time: 8:40 am Finish time: 11:45 am Afternoon Session Start time: 12:15 pm Finish time: 3:10 pm <i>Friday AM Sessions Only</i>

Special Mentions

If you have not seen them already, please take a look at our special mentions videos on the school website. These have been created weekly and are a way to show how proud we are of the achievements of all our learners. Next week we will continue Special mentions in school with all children on our Google Assembly Hangout.



Year 4 STEM

Year 4 made a fantastic start to their STEM projects today, carefully drawing and labelling their own wind turbine designs! Our prototype had some difficulty standing on its own, turning at speed and turning in the wind. This led to lots of discussion about improvements we could make when we build our models.



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Hot Seating

In Year 6 Literacy live sessions last week, we have used the drama technique 'hot-seating' as an explorative strategy to deepen the understanding of our character, 11 year-old stowaway Nicholas Young. We will be writing an informal letter from the perspective of Nicholas towards the end of the week, so we took this opportunity to spontaneously ask and develop questions to find out more about the character and, from this, build our own character profiles.

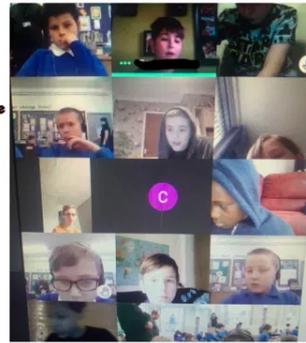
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Nicholas Young - Character profile

How can we develop our character profile before writing our informal letter as Nicholas?

What has Nicholas experienced whilst being aboard the HMB Endeavour?

Using hot-seating to explore Nicholas' thoughts and feelings...



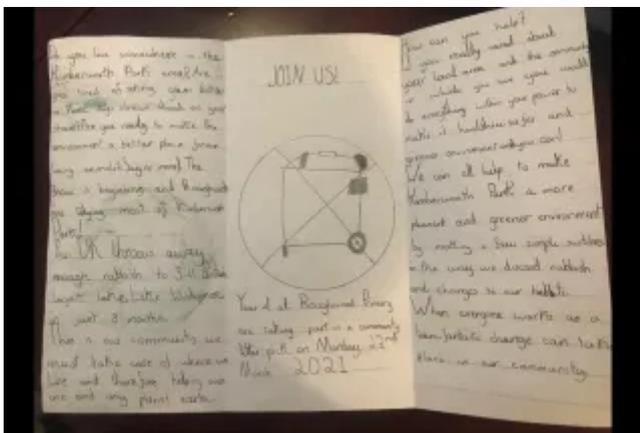
Why did Nicholas leave?

What has Nicholas experienced whilst being aboard the HMB Endeavour?



Persuasive Letters

Over the last two weeks, children have been working extremely hard on their persuasive writing. As part of their learning in Year 4 about the environment and recycling, they have created persuasive leaflets about saving the planet. Take a look at their final published pieces.



KS1 Mental Health Week

This week the key stage 1 children have been completing a variety of challenges that promotes good mental health. A key element of mental health is reflection, therefore the children in key stage 1 were asked to show one thing they were proud of this week. We gained a variety of responses! We had children who had been helping their grown ups at home and children who were proud of the work they had produced this week. It just shows how important it is to be proud of the things you do!



Record of Achievement Day

Celebrating our achievements, goals and setting new targets for the next term was a huge success; we are so proud of our children and families and the resilience they have shown during the current pandemic. Our children have discussed their learning as well as the personal qualities they have and share with others and we know that our parents will be thrilled with their interim reports which you received before the half-term break.

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Reminders

- If you come to school on a bike you must wear a helmet. Bikes or scooters must not be ridden through the school grounds as this is health and safety. Children may be stopped from bringing bikes if the rules are not followed.
- Please continue to wear masks on school grounds when collecting and picking children up from school.
- Please continue to use the one way circular route in and out of school.

Behaviour for Learning leader - An update from Miss Whitworth

A huge thank you to everyone who attended both of our Parent Forums hosted by With Me In Mind. They were hugely beneficial and were a safe open space for parents to share.

Keep an eye on Dojo for the next Parent Forum date and event details.

A link to the With Me in Mind Website for lots of tips and resources:

<https://www.withmeinmind.co.uk/>

For any parents whose children are worrying about the return to school on the 8th March this video is a fantastic support that explores managing worries and is a great way to open a conversation about the return to school.

<https://youtu.be/k31uh0yCJvM>

If you do have any concerns about returning to school and need some support please do not hesitate to get in touch with me!

I am looking forward to our next School Council Meeting (09/03) where we will be discussing the return to school, Red Nose Day and next steps for lunchtime activities.



Online Safety - Parental Controls.

Parental controls help you to block or filter upsetting or inappropriate content, and control purchases within apps. You can install parental control software on your child's and family's phones or tablets, games consoles, laptops and your home internet.

Parental controls can help you to:

- plan what time of day your child can go online and how long for.
- create content filters to block apps that may have [inappropriate content](#)
- manage the content different family members can see.

Visit the NSPCC Website for help with setting up controls.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>



Healthy School Lunchbox

At Roughwood we are a healthy school. As a healthy school we ask that packed lunches are as healthy as possible to give children the best start to afternoon learning. Our school dinners are a perfect way to receive a healthy lunch. All ingredients are carefully selected and all school meals have a range of Meat, fish, vegetables and carbohydrates to make them a great choice. If you prefer to bring your own lunch, see some of the great ideas at <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#lunchbox-recipes>



We ask that packed lunches not contain crisps and chocolate bars.