



Newsletter July 2020



Thank you ...!

This last few months have been an extraordinary and challenging time for us all. Whilst we have been able to welcome back some of our pupils, and have been delighted to have around half of our pupils in school during the last few weeks, we have very much missed having our other year groups here and our school community together.

I would like to thank all our families, many we know have been working incredibly hard to balance family and work life with home learning. Many of you have completed the tasks set by your teachers, and more besides! We have been amazed and impressed with all your efforts, seeing all the children's activities and learning, photos of models and creations sent in to class emails. It has really made all the difference!

The last 'home learning' for this term has been posted on our website.

In addition, there are some summer activities, many of which are outside, to keep busy with.

Please note that class emails will not be 'up and running' during the school holiday.

I also thank all the staff for going 'above and beyond' in the last few months to adapt and provide home and school learning to support their pupils and to implement all the measures we have had to put in place.

We have a super group of friends (FOLS) who have supported the school before the closure with the Christmas Fayre, Christmas cards, Bags to school, Cake and Book sale, Jumble sale, Mufti Day and Film Clubs. Thank you to all! Let's hope events can resume in the not too distant future.

The library is also running its **Summer Reading Challenge**

This year's theme is Silly Squad- a celebration of funny books, fun and laughter... a little bit of which does you good! A great way to keep up reading during the summer holidays.

www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Annual Reports

You will by now have received your child's annual record of achievement, reflecting your child's learning during the Autumn and Spring Terms.

Year 6 Leavers... We are very sad to be saying 'Goodbye' to our wonderful group. We have missed being able to have the usual end of term events, as well as our residential, and high school visit. They have created designs for the redevelopment of our wildlife garden and pond areas, with some wonderful ideas that we hope to include as part of a Year 6 legacy following this unusual time.

FOLS have once again kindly provided a book token, with book plate, for each pupil to choose their own books. We wish each and every one of them great success at high school- we are sure they will soon settle in.

Goodbye Miss Keen We are also saying Goodbye to Miss Keen, who will be continuing her career development at University, where she will be studying Occupational Therapy. Miss Keen has supported Rowan pupils, as well as many more pupils through sporting events and in school challenges. She will be missed yet we all wish her well in the future.

Miss Dorr will be moving to assist in Rowan class from September.

Looking forward

We are planning to open the school to all our pupils in September, and information on our new term reopening will follow on our website soon... please look out for those letters so that you know what is happening. We will be continuing to follow all the government and county guidance to ensure that school is and feels a happy and safe place for us all to be.

We will be continuing with varying start/ finish times, class hubs (bubbles) , handwashing and enhanced cleaning practice, and other adaptations to the school day and curriculum to ensure we minimise the risk of transmission. Class teachers have written a Welcome letter to their new pupils too, where you can read about some ways in which the class will be different.

The office email will be checked during the closure for the school holiday, if you need any additional information, but please be aware that it may take a few days to get a response.

***Term dates** : School reopens on Monday 7th September. Please note that not all pupils will start on this date. (Check the letter returning to School September).*

Half term – school closes the afternoon of Wed 21 October and reopens on Mon 2 November

Christmas – school closes on the afternoon of Fri 18 December and reopens on Mon 4 January

**We wish all our families a lovely summer break...
We look forward to seeing you all in September.**