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NEWSLETTER – May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The week commencing 10th May is Mental Health Awareness Week. Historically, mental health was not something people felt they could talk about, so it is fantastic that we have weeks like this to remind us that it is not only OK, but actively encouraged. As a nation we are gradually removing the stigma attached to the words 'mental health', and realising that talking about it is no different to discussing our physical health; some days our mental health is good, other days, not so much.

Each year we have a school improvement plan and this year's plan has a big focus on developing our wellbeing and mental health practices, procedures, policies and support – for children, staff and parents / carers. Over the coming year I will be sending out information, I might ask you to complete a questionnaire, and I will update you on any changes we make and the services we can offer access to, so watch this space!

If anyone is interested in finding out more about Mental Health Awareness Week, please follow this link:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week>

With regards

Mrs Sally Dreckmann

Class Photos

Many thanks to those parents who took part in our on-line survey to establish which style of photograph you would prefer. The overwhelming majority voted in favour of the 'traditional style' which we will be using from now on. Please remember to let the office know if you do not wish your child to be included in the class photo which is taking place on Thursday 13th May. As Ladybird Class has their Forest School session scheduled on this day, please can they come to school in their school uniform and bring their outdoor clothes in a separate bag which they can change into at lunchtime.

Parent Consultations

Your child should have come home with an appointment to meet your class teacher for some time during the weeks commencing 10th and 17th May. Please email the teachers direct if the appointment time is not convenient.

Walk to School Week

'Walk to school week' is taking place between 17th – 21st May this year. We know that walking to school makes children feel healthier and happier, while reducing congestion and pollution outside the school gates. We hope you can take part in this initiative.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are delighted that Mrs Laura Hearn has agreed to stand as parent governor on our governing body. Laura currently has a child in Year 1 and Year 2.

PE Lessons

Please may we remind parents that for health and safety reasons, earrings must be removed or covered with tape during PE lessons. Please could parents provide a reel of micropore tape which can be kept in your child's drawer. Thank you.

PTA News

The PTA are currently fundraising for a number of initiatives including a new canopy for Forest School, improvements to the adventure trail and new book bags for the Reception children starting with us in September. They are planning an advertising drive (see attached flyer) as well as a sponsored summer bounce; more details to follow. If any parent/carer/grandparent is able to help please do let the office know. Unfortunately, we only have two members on the PTA Committee (both of which are members of staff) so any help would be very much appreciated.

Lateral Flow Testing

Please may we remind families that the rapid lateral flow tests should not be used to test anyone in the household who are displaying COVID symptoms - a PCR test should be booked at a testing site in accordance with the advice of Public Health England and the family should go into isolation until the results are known.

Inset Days

Please find below the Inset dates for the next academic year 2021/22:

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September 2021
Friday 22nd October 2021
Tuesday 4th January 2022
Monday 6th June 2022

This means that the children return to school on Monday 6th September 2021.

Summer's Coming!!

When summer finally arrives:

- Please make sure your child has a named hat at school - ideally a sunhat rather than a baseball cap as sunhats have an all-round brim, offering protection on the back of the neck. However, any hat is better than none.
- Please apply sun cream before school when the forecast is sunny.
- May we remind you, for health and safety reasons, children must wear sensible summer shoes - no open-toed sandals and no heels, platforms, Crocs or jelly shoes please. Socks should also be worn.
- We have lots of second-hand summer uniform for sale - red gingham dresses for £1.00.

And finally....

Our congratulations to Louise Williams and her husband on the birth of their baby son at the weekend. Mother and baby both doing well!

Dates for your Diary

Usually we would have lots of events going on in the Summer Term, but at this point in time we are not able to forward plan as we do not know what we will be safely allowed to do. As the term progresses, we will update you on new events, trying to give as much notice as possible.

Event	Date	Time
Start of Summer Term	Monday 19 th April	
BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 3 rd May	
Class Photos	Thursday 13 th May	
Parent Consultations	10 th - 21 st May	
Walk to School Week	17 th - 21 st May	
Half term	31 st May - 4 th June	
INSET Day	Monday 7 th June	
Reception Pirate and Mermaid Day	Tuesday 6 th July	
School reports to be sent home	Friday 9 th July	
Last day of term for children	Thursday 22 nd July	
Inset Day	Friday 23 rd July	

Rose Green Infant School PTA Advertising Drive

To kick-start our fundraising again, we have decided it is now acceptable to go ahead with our advertising drive. We did have some companies that had very kindly already donated and handed in their leaflets before our latest lockdown, these companies will of course still be included in the drive.

If you would like to take part, we will need the following:

- £10 donation to the PTA (*Bank Transfer Barclays Account Rose Green Infant School PTA, Account Number:20762776, Sort Code 20-20-62*)
- 270 of your chosen advertising method; leaflet, flyer, business card etc

These will need to be in school by half term (Friday 28th May) and we will make up all the bags to go out the first week back (week beginning Monday 7th June)

We would like to say a huge thank you for your continued support of our school throughout the last year!