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WELCOME BACK

In this first monthly Newsletter I will try to avoid too many references to COVID-19 so please do make sure you have read the [recent letter dated 1st September](#) to find out what we are doing to make sure everyone is safe at school. A very warm welcome back to school and the start of another exciting year at Round Hill Primary School. We would like to particularly welcome our new families and if I haven't met you already, I look forward to doing so in the next few weeks.



COMMUNICATION

Communication between home and school is important to us. Please remember to let us have your up-to-date mobile phone number/e-mail address and let us know of any changes so that we can contact you in case of emergency along with any other regular communications.

If you need to contact a member of staff, all emails should be directed to office@roundhill.notts.sch.uk and they will then be disseminated to the appropriate person.

CLASSDOJO

This has been a real success and we are pleased to announce that we are continuing to use ClassDojo to share work and praise children for their efforts in school. Please only use ClassDojo for the above purposes as failure to do so will result in a delay in you getting a response. For all other matters such as absence and attendance, please continue to email the school office so that the communication gets to the correct person.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT ROUND HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL?

If you have a query about school in general there are several ways we can help. You could try looking at the school website or speaking to your child's teacher at the end of each day. You could also send an email to the school office, they will ensure the message is sent and dealt with by the correct member of staff. There are forms in the entrance hall which can be completed with your suggestions about how to make our school better or if you have any concerns.

DIARY DATES

Before the summer I posted a list of key dates for the autumn term on the school website. The dates for the rest of the academic year will be published shortly.

THE START OF SCHOOL

Please make sure your child arrives on time, plan well in advance to avoid a last minute rush, avoiding additional anxiety when your child arrives. We close the school gates promptly at 9.10 a.m. as part of our safeguarding procedures. Children arriving after this time should enter through the main doors and let a member of the Office Team know that they have arrived. Late comers will be recorded and monitored.

PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

Please can I take this opportunity to politely remind you about parking safely when dropping off and collecting your children from school. Please be considerate to our neighbours at all times.

Please ensure that you **do not** park at The Pearson Centre on Nuart Road when dropping off or collecting your child unless you are dropping them off for an after school activity at The Pearson Centre.

FLU VACCINATIONS

The Nottinghamshire Healthcare team will be coming into school during this term and will be offering the Flu Vaccination to Foundation to Year 6 children inclusive. You will shortly be receiving an online consent form to complete if you wish your child to receive the vaccination.

To find out further details about the flu vaccination you can visit the [NHS website](#).

NEW HOME SCHOOL PLANNERS 2020/21

The school planners are packed with useful information about school. Please take the time to read the planner and familiarise yourself with the contents.

The planner reinforces our school dress and behaviour codes and also has details of how you can support your children with their learning at home. Of course, rules are always referred to in the classroom on a day to day basis, but it really helps if the children realise we are all working together and saying the same things.



Different classes may have slightly different ways of using the planners according to the age of the children, however all teachers monitor the planners weekly. If the information you have written in the planner is important please ensure your child hands it in to the teacher that morning so that any comments can be acted on promptly. Confidential matters should be written on a separate sheet of paper and put in an envelope.

Parents are required to sign the planner weekly. The aim is to help your child be independent in their learning through encouragement from both home and school.

HOME/SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Please take the time to read and sign the Home/School Agreement in the planner as this is being talked about in class. The agreement was devised by a working party made up of pupils, parents, teachers and governors. We

are asking you to discuss the contents with your child and then sign it yourself. The children should then sign it as best they can to show they have understood. Thank you in advance for your support.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

You can find extensive information about our school, including forthcoming dates and events. What else would you like to see on our school website? Please e-mail the school office with your ideas: office@roundhill.notts.sch.uk

SCHOOL MEALS AND SQUID

Our school cook makes excellent meals which are full of healthy local ingredients. There is an interim school menu in place at present which is available on our school website. To read more about school lunches and find the link to the menu, please [click here](#).

All children in EYFS and KS1 (Years 1 and 2) are entitled to a school meal for free. The cost of a school dinner for children in KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) is £2.30 per day. All parents with a child in Year 3 will need to start paying for school meals via your child's sQuid Catering Account. You will already have details of

your sQuid Account from school trips in Year 2 but just as a reminder please ensure you are accessing this at: <https://portal.squidcard.com> then selecting the 'Catering Purse'. If you have any problems with this, please contact a member of the office team.

Please ensure there are funds in the account by Monday 14th September when we will start offering hot school meals to all KS2 children. In addition, please ensure your account is in credit at all times. Please note that we would never let a child go without food, however, where there are insufficient funds in the sQuid Account, you will be called and asked to bring in a packed lunch for your child. (In exceptional circumstances a child may be able to have up to 5 hot meals whilst you make arrangements for funds to be credited to the account.)

SNACKS AT BREAK TIME

Children are **only allowed fruit and healthy snacks** at break times as it enables better concentration and certainly improves behaviour. All children in KS1 are provided with a piece of fruit. For our KS2 children we are unable to run our School Council 'Healthy Snacks Tuck Shop' until further notice so please send your child into school with a piece of fruit/healthy snack if you would like them to have one.

AMNESTY ON THE RETURNING OF SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

If during the summer holidays you have discovered any reading books or sports kit which belongs to school then we will gladly have them back no questions asked! The equipment can then benefit other children. Equally if you have any books you are willing to donate to school that you think are suitable, then please send them in and staff will sort them into their appropriate age range. Thank you in advance for your help.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

We are a 'Uniform School'. We believe that a uniform looks smart, wears well and contributes to a feeling of belonging to the school. We have relaxed the school uniform policy during coronavirus; the government is encouraging us to return to our usual policy in the autumn. I am aware that some parents might be facing financial pressures at this moment so please don't dash out and buy new things, aim to have your child wearing uniform by October half term at the very latest. The guidance states that uniforms will

not need to be washed any more than usual, or by methods any different from normal. In order to avoid having to be unnecessarily close to children, we strongly encourage children to wear shoes with velcro fastenings if they are not able to tie shoelaces themselves.

As you can imagine a great deal of learning time can be lost chasing up missing clothing and therefore please make sure all items of clothing are labelled. We do our best to ensure all clothing is returned to its owner and our Round Hill Association (RHA) parents group have a uniform return scheme which helps to reunite lost possessions. If you have any spare plimsolls or trainers that your child no longer requires please send them into school so we can use them.

SCHOOL CLUBS

A range of lunchtime and after school clubs will be starting again soon and more details will follow shortly.

FIRST DAY ABSENCE

If your child is absent from school because they are too ill to attend, please let the school office know before 09.30 a.m. We take the welfare of all of our children very seriously so please don't be offended if we call you to ascertain their whereabouts if we have not heard from you.

TRAVEL TO SCHOOL

I have been asked to share a short video from Jonathan Gribbin, Nottinghamshire's Director for Public Health. He has released a video aimed at parents and carers as we prepare for all children and young people returning to school. The clip can be accessed at <https://youtu.be/LOSaTGCPysA>

I would also like to promote 'active travel', such as walking and cycling, to and from school for shorter journeys (especially those under 2 miles). The Government has advised, where possible, that young people and their families should avoid using the public transport network at peak times, where capacity levels have been reduced due to social distancing measures. I'd like to encourage all our parents to 'park and stride' – make the last part of the journey on foot – this will help to minimise any issues.

CALL 119 FOR TESTING (NOT 111)

I have been informed that in the last 7 days, NHS telephone handlers have experienced an increase in calls to NHS 111 relating to testing. The current guidance around test and trace urges parents to call 119 or go online to book a test for anyone with symptoms or the online service for testing thus leaving the more familiar 111 number when urgent immediate medical advice is required by families.

AND FINALLY ...

As with all school years this is an important one in the life of your child. If you would like to get involved in school life the date of the next 'Parents Forum' will be coming out soon.

Round Hill is an exciting place to work. We have a staff team that are passionate about finding ways of doing things better, with a relentless focus on progress in children's learning. I will make sure the school has high quality leadership which ensures no effort is spared to give pupils a strong foundation. I want to ensure that children are treated as individuals and have the support and encouragement to achieve their full potential.

And don't worry, newsletters aren't always this long... honest!

Yours faithfully

Adrian Nash

Head Teacher

