



Rowena Newsletter

12 March 2021

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to Rowena! We are so pleased to have all of the children back following the closure of schools in lockdown number three. It was lovely to see all of their smiling faces coming in on Monday morning.

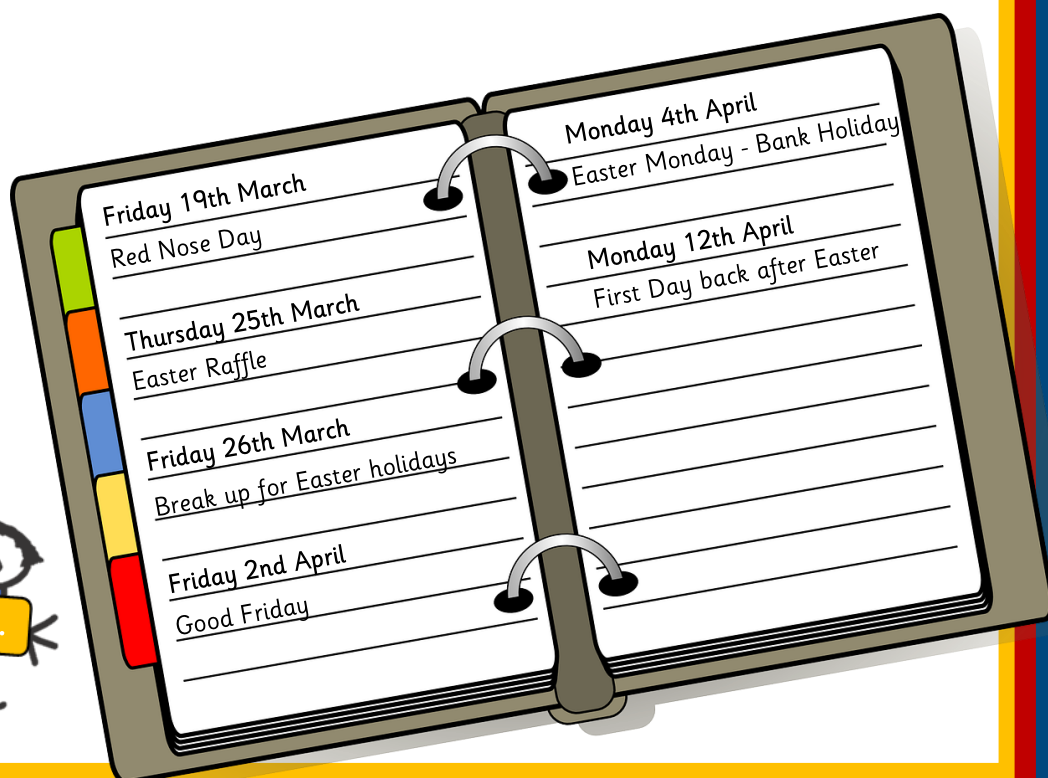
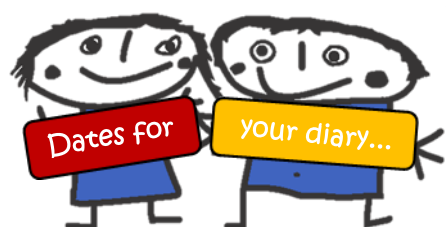
Staffing Update

Congratulations to Mrs Heath and Mrs Nugent, who have both given birth to beautiful babies. Mrs Heath has had a baby girl and Mrs Nugent has had a baby boy.

Congratulations also to Mrs Moxon and Mrs Watts, who are both expecting babies in the coming months.

We would like to welcome some new staff members to our team, too. Mr Craigie has now been appointed as a Teacher in Nursery to cover Mrs Heath's maternity leave. Miss Turnor has joined us as Teacher of Class 3 to cover Mrs Nugent's maternity leave and Miss Sproston has joined Class 2 and will be covering for Mrs Moxon's maternity leave when it starts.

Huge Congratulations to Miss Douglas, who has successfully completed her Business & Administration qualification and has been appointed as our permanent Administrative Assistant working in the Office.



Astronaut Dyson

Wow! Arthur Dyson looked amazing in his Astronaut outfit for World Book Day. His mum posted his photograph on Twitter and the one and only Major Tim Peake saw it and replied! You really did look like you were ready to launch, Astronaut Dyson!



Tim Peake
@astro_timpeake

Replying to @dyson_louisa and @DeltaRowenaAc

Looking ready for launch Astronaut Dyson 🚀

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Thrive

Congratulations to Mrs Hughes, who has successfully become a Thrive Licensed Practitioner. Thrive provides the tools, skills and insights needed to help children to thrive. We will be implementing the Thrive Approach at Rowena now we have returned to school. Watch out for more information.



Red Nose Day



Comic Relief's Red Nose Day is on Friday 19th March. The Academy Council has had a meeting and decided to support Comic relief in school by holding a non-uniform day on Friday 19th March. Children are invited to wear an outfit of their choice for a voluntary contribution.

All money raised on this day will be donated to Comic Relief and will help to make a difference in a very difficult time.

Easter Raffle



We are holding an Easter raffle, which will be drawn on Thursday 25th March. On Monday, children will receive a letter and some raffle tickets to sell in their household/ bubble. There are some exciting prizes available including Easter eggs, an Amazon voucher and an assortment of other Easter prizes. Tickets are priced at 20p each. Ticket stubs should be returned to classrooms as soon as possible and further tickets are available, if required.

All proceeds will be used towards the purchase of our new defibrillator.

World Book Day

Children both at school and at home had lots of fun celebrating World Book Day, dressing up as their favourite book characters and reading stories in some very unusual places!



Safeguarding

At Rowena Academy, our school community has a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. This means that we have a Child Protection Policy and procedures in place. All staff, including our volunteers and cover staff are DBS checked. Our Designated Child Protection Person is Mrs Hughes and our Deputy Designated Child Protection Persons are Mrs Benton and Mrs Kahler. If you have any concerns about the welfare of a child in our Academy, please speak to one of the designated staff.



Follow us on Twitter for news and updates:

@DeltaRowenaAc

Current COVID-19 Guidance



England remains in lockdown to help keep everyone safe from COVID-19.

Everyone has been asked to stay at home and away from other people and many businesses remain closed. Schools have all reopened. Children at secondary schools and colleges will be tested twice a week to see if they have COVID-19. Staff in schools (including Rowena Academy) are also being tested twice a week.



From Monday 8th March, you can go out for leisure or exercise with people in your household, people in your support bubble or one person who is not in your household or bubble. You should still remain 2 metres away from people.



From Monday 29th March, you will be able to meet in groups of 6 people outside, including in a private garden. You will also be able to meet in groups of 2 households. You should still stay at home as much as you can and keep 2 metres away from people.



If things go well then from Monday 12th April, shops will open, including hairdressers and nail salons, libraries and community centres, zoos and theme parks, campsites and holiday cottages. Indoor gyms will open up but you have to go on your own or with people in your household. Restaurants, cafes and pubs will be able to serve people sitting at a table outside. You should keep to your household group/bubble and should still keep 2 metres away from people.



30+



If things go well then from Monday 17th May, you can meet who you like outdoors as long as there isn't a group of over 30 people. Restaurants, cafes and pubs will be able to serve people sitting at a table inside and other places will also open, such as cinemas, children's play areas, hotels and B&Bs. Some larger outdoor sports and shows will be able to have people watching.



If all goes well then from Monday 21st June, it is hoped that all the remaining rules stopping people from getting together will be removed. Nightclubs will open and large events will be able to take place.



COVID-19 won't be gone altogether. We will have to continue washing our hands often, being careful not to touch our face, giving people extra space, letting fresh air in, getting tested and getting the vaccine when we can.



For more information




If you need more information, please go to:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021

COVID-19 Testing

Families (households and support bubbles) of school age children are being invited to test themselves twice a week for COVID-19. See the poster below for further details on how to obtain testing kits.



BACK TO SCHOOL

As part of the ongoing work to make children's return to school as safe as possible, families of school age children are being invited to test themselves twice a week.

There are a number of ways you can receive your weekly tests. These include:

AT A LOCAL RAPID TEST SITE:

You can find where these are at:
www.doncaster.gov.uk/CovidTesting

USING A HOME TEST KIT:

You can order a home test kit online:
bit.ly/cv-order-rapid-home-test

Or collect a home test kit from a test site.
Find your nearest collection points at:
bit.ly/cv-test-finder

Why is this important?


As many as 1 in 3 people carrying the virus show no symptoms, which can often make it difficult to isolate the virus as people could be unknowingly spreading it.

Regular testing allows people who have the virus without symptoms to be identified and isolated, helping to break the chain of infection.

All members of the household living with a school age child, alongside any support or childcare bubbles are being asked to use rapid lateral flow tests to try and identify any cases of the virus before they might be taken into school.

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Let's Do it FOR DONCASTER

GET TESTED