



16th October 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

Science Stemfest - Thursday 8th October

On Thursday 8th October, we took part in a regional STEM Fest in Space event. The online event enabled us to learn more about exploring space and what the future holds for space travel. The event, run through RTC North, was hosted online by TV Presenter, Dallas Campbell. Throughout the day, our classes experienced a range of speakers and activities. We saw a questions and answer session with Suzie Imber; how to make Pop Up Solar cards with Helen Schell and Helen Mason; a reading by Konnie Huq from her new book questions answered by local astronomer Dr Pete Edwards and a presentation from Andy Aldrin, son of Buzz Aldrin. A great day. If you would like to view any of the sessions please go to www.stemfest.org.uk

As part of the build up to the day, we ran a Space Art competition - we had a fantastic range of art and a huge well done to everyone who sent in a piece of art - they were all brilliant. We chose two pieces from every year group as prize winners - but we could have chosen any of the pieces they were that good. Well done to those who have been chosen. Their artwork is now on display on the Art Board at school.

EYFS	Harry W	Anna B
Year 1	Erin K	Lucy G
Year 2	Marcie G	Archie T
Year 3	Ruby B	Keira M
Year 4	Matthew GB	Joe R
Year 5	Finn SP	Emily MT
Year 6	Noah W	Ellie M

Harvest - People's Kitchen

Yesterday we had an assembly via Google Meet about the great work carried out by the People's Kitchen. As I mentioned in my last newsletter, we will be collecting donations next Thursday (22nd October) as part of our Harvest celebrations. As well as food donations (see wish list attached) the People's Kitchen are also very grateful for donations of coats and sleeping bags.

Donations should only be brought to school on **Thursday 22nd October**. Donations should be left on the yard next to the steps/ramp leading onto York Terrace as you exit the site. We have arranged for the items to be collected on Thursday morning. Many thanks for your ongoing support, as ever, I know you will support this great cause.

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Contacting school

One aspect of my role is to manage staff work life balance which is particularly pertinent at this current time. Over the last few weeks, I have been made aware of a number of parents contacting staff directly at varying times of the day, evening and at weekends. At Red Rose we strive to have good communication links with parents and carers but in order to support staff's work - life balance, can I please ask that you raise any questions / queries via the school office. This includes homework related questions.

Any issues needing immediate attention outside of school hours should be directed to myself and I will respond accordingly. My email address is:

a.brinton@redroseprimaryschool.com

Many thanks for your understanding on this matter.

Non-uniform Day

We recognise that many traditions and customs are on hold this year as we continue to manage the ongoing pandemic. To help create some cheer and fun for the children we will be holding a **non-uniform day on Friday 23rd October**. Children can come dressed in their halloween costumes or non-uniform and will take part in some Halloween themed activities during the day.

Half term

Just a reminder that school will close at the end of the day on Friday 23rd October and reopen on Monday 2nd November.

School will be closed Friday 20th November for staff training.

School closed for the Christmas break - Friday 18th December

School Uniform

We have contacted our suppliers who are still waiting on their supplier to deliver the hoodies so they can be embroidered. They are currently estimating the delivery to arrive at school next week - fingers crossed! As soon as these are available we will send orders home.

ParentPay

We aim to be cashless by the end of term. If you have not yet activated your Parentpay account can you please do so, even if at the moment you don't need to make any payments. Thank you.

REMINDER:

COVID-19 Prevention

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use a hand sanitiser. (Do this after you blow your nose, sneeze or cough, before you eat, or handle food and after using the toilet).
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin. If you don't have a tissue use the crook of your arm.
- Keep a 2m distance from anyone not in your household or support bubble.

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Symptoms: If you have a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a change in your sense of smell or taste, get a test.

- If you have symptoms you must arrange a test and self-isolate. **All members of your household / support bubble must self isolate until you receive a negative test result.**
- If you test positive you and your family/ support bubble must self-isolate.
- If you are advised to self-isolate by a health professional, you must do so

Please be reassured that school will contact parents in the event of a positive case in school.

Remote Learning

If a pupil needs to self isolate, we are providing remote learning via Tapestry / Google Classroom so that they do not miss out on their learning. You should have received information from your child's teacher on how to access the classroom for September 2020. **Please note this is different from the login information used during Lockdown.** If you are unsure, please contact the school office and your child's teacher will get in touch.

Every Monday morning a new timetable of work will be uploaded for the week ahead. Where possible, this mirrors the work carried out in school. **You do not need to complete this work unless you are self isolating.** Staff will check the classroom daily and respond as quickly as possible to any queries.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs A Brinton
Head Teacher