

Following the outbreak of COVID-19 in March 2020, weekly newsletters were replaced with ongoing ClassDojo messages sent directly to parents. Many communications were sent to parents from teachers, but whole school messages have been copied here for information:

13/7

Good morning,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the day so far.

Just a reminder that the Summer Reading Challenge is online this year. Go to <http://www.sillysquad.org.uk/> to sign up. The sign up process will require parental consent and parents can find more details here: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/parents-carers>

I hope that this helps to support a wonderful summer full of fantastic reading!

Best wishes,

Miss Gray

15/7

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking to change our uniform policy for PE from January 2021 to have children wearing plain T-shirts in the colour of their house teams (rather than plain white as is the case now).

I appreciate that many of you will be buying new PE T-shirts for your children during the summer holidays and so I thought it useful to let you know of this change, and to confirm that we will allow children to start wearing their house team colours from the start of September.

All the children should know which house they are in - Air (Yellow), Earth (Green), Fire (Red) or Water (Blue), but please do contact their current class teacher if they are not sure.

Best wishes,

Mr Ashley.

16/7

Dear Parents / Carers,

I just wanted to send a message to remind you that the use of ClassDojo is as a communication tool between school and parents/carers, with any information sent out then

at the discretion of parents/carers to share with their children.

The reason I'm reminding this is that later on today, or tomorrow morning, I shall be sending out some information to parents/carers of children in the upper part of the school linked to PSHE, which you may want to view before sharing with your children.

Whilst writing to you on this topic, I will be looking to consult with parents about a new policy in one element of the PSHE curriculum in the Autumn Term and will be arranging a parent consultation meeting to gather views on this in the Autumn Term. This will preferably be completed face to face, but may have to be done via Zoom, depending on the situation at that time. I shall send more information at that time.

In the meantime, I hope you have a lovely day.

Best wishes,

Mr Ashley.

17/7

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are approaching the end of what has been a very strange year, and certainly not what I was expecting when I took over as Headteacher back in September!

We have been faced with totally unprecedented situations, and I would like to formally thank everyone involved in the school for all their help and support across the whole year, and particularly since March. This of course includes all staff and governors who have shown huge amounts of flexibility and resilience during the pandemic, and also very much includes you as parents and carers – from helping support your child(ren) with their learning at home, to your patience whilst we organised and put into place the actions to re-open for some year groups and keyworker children.

I have taken some time to reflect back on the year, and this has led to me making a list of some of the changes that I have introduced since September, many of which we are still working on, and the majority of which we have not really had the time to fully embed. It turned out to be quite a long list! I very much hope that we will now be able to more clearly see the impact of these improvements from September onwards, when all the children are expected back in school.

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Rivers today, who has been with us as a supply teacher since January. She has proved very willing to not only teach her class, initially in Year 2 and then a Reception class bubble, but also ensured a consistent and appropriate level of work for the Year 2 children's home learning. I wish her all the best for the next stage of her career.

Of course, we also say a fond farewell to all our Year 6 children today. I don't really know what to say as this was certainly not the send-off I was expecting! It is such a shame that they have missed out on so many activities and traditions to end their time with us here at

Rolph, however, I hope that they have been able to create some fantastic memories during their time with us, not just being a part of what will become a major historical event! I know the entire staff will join me in wishing all the Year 6s every success for their futures as they go into their secondary education and beyond. I promise that we will arrange a get-together as soon as it is safe to do so to act as an official 'leavers do'.

I now wish you all a very happy summer holiday, and hope that stay safe and well, following government guidance wherever necessary. I look forward to seeing you all back (except Year 6 of course) on Thursday 3rd September – the joining details for which will be sent out later today.

With very best wishes,

Mr Ashley.