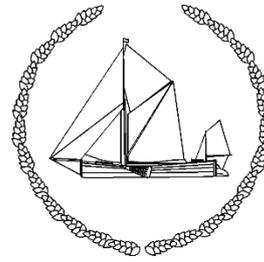


Rolph C of E Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter 22nd January 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Here at Rolph, we send you all a huge thank you for your continued perseverance with the current measures, that mean you are now deep in the world of remote education. Please remember that we fully understand the pressures on you all, and that remote learning will be managed by you in a way that best suits you and your family. Remember to be kind to yourselves and factor in breaks for everyone's well-being. It has been interesting to see how the children are communicating about their work using Teams. We had a celebration worship this week, albeit with some technical hitches, and I look forward to the children being able to connect with shared celebrations each week.

Looking for positives is always important in difficult times. This week I personally found Amanda Gorman's recitation of her poem, "The Hill We Climb", from President Biden's inauguration, inspiring. This is an extract from her poem.

"And so we lift our gazes not to what stands between us, but what stands before us.

We close the divide because we know, to put our future first, we must first put our differences aside.

We lay down our arms so we can reach out our arms to one another.

We seek harm to none and harmony for all.

Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true:

That even as we grieved, we grew.

That even as we hurt, we hoped.

That even as we tired, we tried.

That we'll forever be tied together, victorious.

Not because we will never again know defeat, but because we will never again sow division.

Scripture tells us to envision that everyone shall sit under their own vine and fig tree and no one shall make them afraid."

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/world-us-canada-55739805>



Amanda Gorman

Warm wishes for the weekend ahead,

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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Following the [Prime Minister's announcement on 4th January 2021](#), Rolph is open only to children of critical workers and vulnerable children but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can. The single most important action we can all take is to stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives.

The government has announced that self-testing kits of Lateral Flow Devices for the primary and nursery school workforce are being rolled out from 25th January. This non-mandatory programme will mean that staff at Rolph will be able to self-test before coming to work helping to minimise the potential transmission of Covid -19.



Patience.

Many of the best things in life take time. Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself. We can learn to be patient. Making time to be still can really help when you are waiting for something to change, when you don't know how long it will be before you can do all things you want.

Paul wrote these words to one of the very first churches. He said: "... clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience". (Colossians 3:12)

ONLINE SAFETY

It is essential that you and your children remain aware of how to stay safe online and there are some links to useful websites below:

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

Thinkuknow website has many useful resources to help you support online safety:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

WELLBEING RESOURCES



Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Hub:

<https://essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk/covid-19-pandemic-resource-hub/>

REMINDERS

If your child is ill or if you discover, on the morning they are due to attend, that provision is no longer required, please report this to the school office in the normal way.

School dinners can be booked for those attending school via SchoolMoney. Each week's dinners will be available to book from the previous Wednesday. There may be slight changes to the menu each week, so please check the options available for each day.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January

27th - Holocaust Memorial Day

February

1st - 5th - Children's Mental Health Week

12th - Chinese New Year

15th - 19th - Half Term

March

4th - World Book Day

26th - Last Day of the Spring Term

April

12th - First day of the Summer Term