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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please read below for the latest news and notices.

Firstly, thank yous

Thank you to all parents and carers within the school community for their diligent and proactive management of Lateral Flow testing of children currently. This helps in the combined cause to keep everyone safe from COVID and to maintain good attendance at school for our children.

Thank you also for your positive responses to school notices regarding safeguarding. Schools and parents must continue to work together as closely as possible to safeguard our children against all dangers, but specifically those that so easily permeate mass culture. For its part, RPS will continue to teach our children on all relevant safeguarding matters throughout every year as part of our PSHE curriculum. More information re our PSHE curriculum can be accessed immediately in the Curriculum section of our website.

Anti-Bullying Week

Linked to the above, next week is 'Anti Bullying Week' in RPS. This year we will be 'upping our game' to improve our pupil's understanding of different forms of bullying and how we act against it in school. The following will all be taking place.

- Assemblies to understand bullying
- Time in class to address the content of our newly drafted **Anti-Bullying policy** so that pupils understand how the school manages bullying and what sanctions bullies will face.
- Workshops led by 'Diversify UK' themed on 'Personal Identity' and respect for the identities of others. More information here <u>https://issuu.com/diversifyuk/docs/school_booklet_2020</u>
- Time in class to bring pupil voice to fore pupils will be asked about their experiences of bullying and discuss what they themselves can do to stop bullies.
- School Council will be collating pupil ideas to feed into future development of anti-bullying strategies; they will also be rejuvenating the playground 'Buddy Bench'
- The school will re-engage with the story 'How Full Is Your Bucket?' and continue to promote acts of kindness via new Kindness buckets and tokens for each class.

Remote Learning Resources

Please can all parents note that should your child require a period of absence from school there are plans published by each class to support learning at home. These plans contains links to work projects for writing, maths and varied foundation subjects eh history, art etc. Each class' plan can be found on



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the school website in the **Remote Learning Zone.** Parents should submit work via their child's **Teams** page. They can also contact their child's teacher directly for additional support via **Teams**.

Curriuculm Overviews

Also now available on our school website are Long Term Plans showing a complete 1 or 2 year cycle coverage of units or themes for every subject taught Rusper Primary in each class. These provide an up-to-date overview of our whole curriculum, and are well worth familiarising yourselves with. The Plans can be found in **Long Term Plans** in the Curriculum section of our website.

As part of our on-going work to overhaul and improve our curriculum process, individual subjects are being worked on by the whole teaching staff at the same time. For parent information, last term we worked on Personal, Social and Emotional Education and Relationships and Sex Education. This term we are working on Religious Education. We are also in the middle of a year-long project to improve reading provision at our school. As we complete our cycles of subject development, we will publish policies and supporting subject content documents on our website.

School Library Books

RPS is in the process of updating its library books with support of the school's library service. A recent audit has shown that we are missing some books. Please could we ask parents to support us by having a look to see if there are any books that belong to RPS at home. All school books should be labelled with a stamp inside the cover. If you discover any books at home please do return them to school. Thank you.

Finally,

I wish to bring to parent's attention that Mrs Comber is retiring from her role as teacher and SENDCo at Rusper Primary. Mrs Comber will finish at Christmas. We are very grateful for her service to the school and we wish her well when she leaves us.

RPS is now advertising to recruit a full time teacher to provide best continuity for Pegasus pupils until the end of Mrs Matthews' maternity leave. We will, of course keep parents updated on all staffing developments.

Thank you for your support

Kind regards



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