



# Roundwood Primary Newsletter

5th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The well-being of the family unit is being put to the test during this period of lockdown, and many parents are anxious about the future. We understand that some parents feel stressed about having to work from home as well as look after their children. Some parents also worry about how long the lockdown will continue for and the affect it will have on their jobs, as well as their children's education.

I would like to say to you all **WELL DONE**. Families are doing their best under these circumstances. It has been a long half term and the children have had to deal with so much change. It is hard being a teacher but to find yourselves being a parent, teacher and employee is tricky. I am not encouraging you so stop doing what you are doing but I do reassure you that we will soon have the children back in school and we will look after any identified gaps in learning.

You have all done your best and that does not mean you have finished every piece of work, submitted everything on time or completed any optional extras. It simply means you have done what you can in these circumstances. For that I thank you.

From Mrs Hooft and the Roundwood Team

## Half Term

This February half term (15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>) we are closed to all students. We will shortly be emailing regarding requests for critical worker provision for the two weeks after half term. I continue to reiterate the guidance that even if you meet the criteria of a critical worker, please follow the spirit not the letter of the guidance - if you can keep your children at home **please do so** for your family's safety and the safety of those who have no choice but to be in school. This also is to ensure that there are sufficient staff to be focused on remote learning provision for the majority of children who are at home and we will continue to review all requests with these provisos in mind.

## Keeping to the rules

Our lovely children are open and honest and they tell us about their lives and activities. Unfortunately we have heard stories about them visiting friends, neighbours and family which is now against the law.

Our teachers and support staff are putting their own safety at risk to look after children and they should be confident you are doing your bit to follow the lockdown rules.

We all want this pandemic to stop and this means following the rules.





## Roundwood Primary Community News

### The Little Gym

I hope you are all keeping well during these times. As it is Children's Mental Health Week, we at The Little Gym know how important it is to keep children healthy through movement, play and fun.

We would love to offer our local schools a half an hour virtual The Little Gym class designed to get children laughing, moving and feeling great about themselves.

We can offer each school 4 half an hour sessions, maximum of 30 children per session.

We can offer sessions on either a Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. This can start as early as next week (w/c 8th Feb)

We can offer to these age groups:

3-5 years with our popular themed classes Pirates, Space and Super Hero

6-12 years, themed to Positive Attitude, Perseverance and Agility

We take safety seriously, the sessions will be held over Zoom at The Little Gym Harpenden, led by our DBS and qualified instructors. All the activities and skills will be safe.

If you would like to take us up on this free service, please email me back and we can arrange this for you.

Best wishes  
Jess Lynch  
Director



### Roundwood Nursery

If you are looking for a nursery place for September 2021, or know someone that is, please take a look at our website for more information on our school and admissions process for places. The deadline for applications is 26th February 2021.

Are you looking for a Nursery in Harpenden?



We have spaces available.

Call Roundwood Primary School for more information on  
01582 460756