



DVSF News

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Welcome Back!

What a first day back!

I was so delighted yesterday to see all the children back in school. It was amazing that we only had 3 children away across both schools.



There were a couple of wobbles on the gate, but once the children were in school there was an atmosphere of excitement and relief. We all had a lovely day and in typical **Rake** and **Rogate** style we finished the day with class parties to celebrate our return to school!

The children settled really well back into school and none showed any outward effects of the lockdown and the year of disrupted education, although we will keep a very close eye on them all and address any concerns.

Once again **thank you and well done for keeping the home learning going**. The vast majority of children accessed the on-line learning tasks and joined in with the class catch ups and assemblies. There was a real sense of us all keeping in touch with each other.

Another huge **thank you must go to every member of staff** who all gave their all to make home learning both meaningful and fun.

To **RSFF** who sent the staff a bouquet of chocolate (yes, really!) and to **FoRSA** who filled the staffroom with chocolate, cake, fizz, coffee and biscuits—thank you

I have had so many emails supporting our approach over the next few weeks. I am determined that we will excite and engage the children and that by taking part in fun activities the gaps in their learning will become apparent much more effectively than by them sitting a series of tests.

9th March 2021

COVID-19 Restrictions

Please remember that our Covid-19 restrictions are still in place:

-Please take note of the **staggered starts** and **finishes** to the school day. It was hugely helpful yesterday that there was no lateness

-Please limit the amount of things brought into school. Children should leave their **PE kit, Forest School kit** and **wellies** in school. Book bags should be used rather than rucksacks

-Please **keep 2m apart** when dropping off and picking up and all adults should wear a **face mask**

-Please read and keep to the risk assessment that was sent home last week.

Dates for the Term

Sadly we are still not allowed to invite parents into school and I will let you know when this advice changes:

- Friday 12th March**
Federation Consultation Closes
- Monday 15th March**
Rake/Rogate Book Day
- Friday 19th March**
Red Nose Day
- Thursday 1st April**
End of Term



PARKING

Here is my regular reminder about parking—which due to covid restrictions we have in place are even more key.

Rake Parents: Please park in front of the Garden Centre or in their car park. Do not block the entrance to Coldharbour Farm as this is in constant use.

Rogate Parents: Please do not use the staff car park unless this has been discussed with Mr Bertwistle. Please use the Parsonage Estate to park, but remember that the residents have already complained about not being able to use their drives due to inconsiderate parking.



Teddy Bears

Yesterday all Rake children were given a teddy bear from FoRSA.

The bears, who were photographed all over the school during lockdown (here they are eating sweets and drinking coffee in the staffroom), caused chaos while the children were away and I was glad that they finally found their new owners!



Thank you FoRSA!