

Rooks News

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2019

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#HelloYellow

We take mental health and well-being in our school very seriously and because of this we have decided to take part in #HelloYellow which has been organised by the YoungMinds association. #HelloYellow is on Thursday 10th October and will help to raise funds for YoungMinds. We ask children to come to school wearing yellow and give a donation. It can be as simple as wearing yellow socks. All donations will go to the YoungMinds association. Together we can show young people they're not alone with their mental health.

Reception had a visit from the Fire Brigade

Reception had an amazing time with the Fire Fighters!



School Crossing Patrol

Sadly, our Crossing Patrol Lady Mrs Briggs-Daly is leaving us on Friday 11 October. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and wish her the best for the future. We are working hard with Wakefield Authority to appoint a replacement.



Weekly Attendance Report

Week Commencing 30th September 2019

- Year 1 92.28%
- Year 1/2 93.96%
- Year 2 96.09%
- Year 3 95.59%
- Year 4 96.36%
- Year 5 97.93%
- Year 6 94.52%



Overall school attendance for the week **95.65%**

School Target is 97%

Well done Year 5

Best Attendance last week : 97.93%

Holidays in Term Time

Research shows that regular attendance at school, coupled with prompt arrival, has a significant effect on children's educational attainment. Every day missed by a child is valuable learning time. Last year we had so many requests for holidays in term time. We appreciate it is more expensive, but please remember we cannot authorise any holidays. Since October 2017, the Pontefract Academies Trust Attendance Policy changed to include fining parents/carers. It is the Wakefield Local Authority that issues the Fines and the money goes to the Authority and not to our school.

CALENDAR 2019/20

Events at The Rookeries



October

Tuesday 22 nd	School Photographs
Tuesday 22 nd	Parents' Evening (this is an amended date)
Wednesday 23 rd	Parents' Evening (this is an amended date)
Wednesday 23 rd	Harvest Festival (morning)
Friday 25 th	School closes for Half Term

November

Monday 4 th	School Re-opens
Thursday 21 st	Flu Vaccinations

December

Tuesday 17 th	Christingle Service at St Michael's Church (10am)
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Chartwells Menu



Week Commencing Monday 7th October

<u>Monday</u>	Red Blue	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges Vegetable Bake with Rice
<u>Tuesday</u>	Red Blue	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato and Gravy Vegetarian Sausages with Mashed Potato and Gravy
<u>Wednesday</u>	Red Blue	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Vegetable Pastry Slice with Roast Potatoes and Gravy
<u>Thursday</u>	Red Blue	Beef Bolognese Mild Sweet Potato Curry with Rice
<u>Friday</u>	Red Blue	Crispy Fish with Chips Tomato and Quorn Wrap with Chips
<u>Daily</u>	Green Purple	Jacket Potato Sandwiches (Ham or Cheese)

TIME TO SPARE.....

Why not join Wakefield Council's School Crossing Patrol Team?



- Work approximately one hour per day, during term-time to earn some extra money
- Be a valued member of your community
- Support children on their journey to and from school
- Full training and uniform supplied
- No experience necessary

Interested? For further information or an application form, telephone Julie on 01924 305721

Meetings with the Head of School and Teaching Staff

It would be appreciated that if any parents or carers wishing to speak, or wanting a meeting, with the Head of School or a member of the teaching staff, please contact Main Reception to make an appointment. Thank you.

Books of the Month

Claude: Lights, Camera, Action!
By Alex T Smith

Reading is the **KEY** to learning

Frostheart
by Jamie Littler