# Rooks News

## September 2019

#### The Rookeries J, I & N School

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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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 the 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<sup>nd</sup> School Photographs

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Parents' Evening (this is an amended date)
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Parents' Evening (this is an amended date)

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Harvest Festival (morning)
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> School closes for Half Term

**November** 

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> School Re-opens
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Flu Vaccinations

**December** 

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Christingle Service at St Michael's Church (10am)

#### 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

#### **Chartwells Menu**

#### **Week Commencing Monday 7th October**



Monday Red Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges

Blue Vegetable Bake with Rice

**Tuesday** Red Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato and Gravy

Blue Vegetarian Sausages with Mashed Potato and Gravy

Wednesday Red Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Blue Vegetable Pastry Slice with Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Thursday Red Beef Bolognese

Blue Mild Sweet Potato Curry with Rice

Friday Red Crispy Fish with Chips

Blue Tomato and Quorn Wrap with Chips

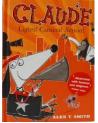
**Daily** Green Jacket Potato

Purple Sandwiches (Ham or Cheese)

#### 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.









Claude: Lights, Camera, Action By Alex T Smith

Frostheart by Jamie Littler