

Rooks News

**October
2019**

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The Deaf and HI Resource

The children in the Resource have been making amazing potions this week linked to the book they are reading; Roald Dahl's *Georges Marvelous Medicine*.



A1 Football Factory Competition

Well done to our Year 3, 4 and 5 football team this week for being awarded the certificate for the most resilient and respectful team in the competition. They were also recognised for displaying the best teamwork.



Scary Thursday

On Thursday 24th October we are having a SCARY DAY. All children and adults are allowed to wear scary clothes for the day. There will be lots of spooky activities and a pumpkin competition. If you want to enter the competition design and make your scary pumpkin at home and bring it to school during the week. Prizes will be awarded at the Achievement Assembly on Friday.

Weekly Attendance Report

Week Commencing 14th October 2019

- Year 1 95.77%
- Year 1/2 91.67%
- Year 2 97.69%
- Year 3 94.71%
- Year 4 92.73%
- Year 5 96.55%
- Year 6 95.81%



Overall school attendance for the week **95.17%**

School Target is 97%

Well done Year 2

Best Attendance last week : 97.69%

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

Monday 21 st	Deaf and HI Parents' Meeting pm
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)
Thursday 24 th	Scary Day (non-uniform day, come in scary clothes)
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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January

Monday 6 th	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 7 th	School opens for Spring term



Chartwells Menu

Week Commencing Monday 21st October



Monday	Red	Spaghetti Bake
	Blue	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges
Tuesday	Red	Chinese Chicken with a Rice side
	Blue	Quorn Bolognese
Wednesday	Harvest Festival Menu	
	Red	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes and Gravy
	Blue	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy
Thursday	Red	BBQ Beef Meatballs
	Blue	Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake with a Rice side
Friday	Red	Fish Fingers and Chips
	Blue	Cheese and Onion Tart with Chips
Daily	Green	Jacket Potato
	Purple	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

Frostheart
by Jamie Littler