

Rooks News

November
2019

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Children in Need – Friday 15th November

We are having a non-uniform day on Friday, the theme is spots, so be creative. There will be lots of competitions and prizes throughout the day and a coffee morning for parents/carers at 9.15am. Please can children bring a donation of £1.50 to support this amazing charity!



No pens/pencils Day – Friday 15th November

No Pens Day encourages schools and settings to put down their pens and to run a day of speaking and listening activities. The day is run in partnership with I CAN, the children's communication charity. **Communication is crucial, for everyone.** At I CAN, their aim is to unlock potential, improve access to education, empower parents/carers and children to communicate better and work hard to give children a voice.

EYFS – Delicious Diwali

The EYFS have had a fantastic time learning all about Diwali; the Hindu festival of light.



Welcome to our new Learning Mentor

We are very pleased to inform you that we have a new Learning Mentor! Mr Plunkett has spent the week getting to know the school and our policies and procedures. Over the next few weeks he will focus on getting to know the children and provide support when required.



Weekly Attendance Report

Week Commencing 4th November 2019

- Reception 91.36%
- Class 1 91.54%
- Class 1/2 94.78%
- Class 2 92.31%
- Class 3 97.65%
- Class 4 95.15%
- **Class 5 97.92%**
- Class 6 94.19%



Overall school attendance for the week 94.95%
School Target is 97%

Well done Class 5
Best Attendance this week : 97.92 %

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



NOVEMBER	Tuesday 12 th Tuesday 12 th Friday 15 th Tuesday 19 th Wednesday 20 th Thursday 21 st Mon 25 th – Fri 28 th	Girls Football Competition Years 5 and 6 Years 1 and 2 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park Children in Need Girls Football Coaching and Competition Pantomime – Jack and the Beanstalk Flu Vaccinations Half Price Book Fair
DECEMBER	Friday 6 th Friday 6 th Wednesday 11 th Wednesday 11 th Thursday 12 th Friday 13 th Monday 16 th Tuesday 17 th Tuesday 17 th Tuesday 17 th Wednesday 18 th Wednesday 18 th Thursday 19 th Thursday 19 th Friday 20 th Friday 20 th	Christmas Fair Inclusive Festival (more details to follow) Christmas Dinner Dodgeball (more details to follow) Key Stage 2 Concert (afternoon and evening) Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children Key Stage 1 Concert (afternoon) Key Stage 1 Concert (morning) Key Stage 2 Christingle Service at St Michael's Church (10.00am) EYFS Concert (afternoon) EYFS Concert (morning) EYFS Christmas Party (afternoon) Key Stage 1 Christmas Party (morning) Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party (afternoon) Years 5 and 6 Christmas Party (morning) School closes for Christmas
JANUARY	Monday 6 th Tuesday 7 th	INSET Day – school closed School opens

Key	
EYFS	Nursery and Reception
Key Stage 1	Years 1 – 2
Key Stage 2	Years 3 – 6

Chartwells Menu

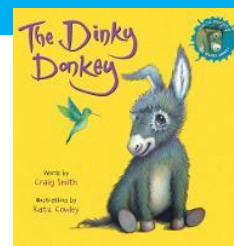


Week Commencing Monday 11th November

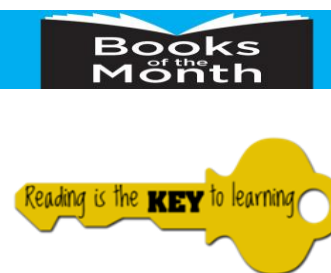
Monday	Red Blue	Tomato and Basil Pasta Mexican Bean and Potato Wrap with Rice
Tuesday	Red Blue	Chinese Chicken Noodles Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges
Wednesday	Red Blue	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy
Thursday	Red Blue	Beef Tortilla Pie with Rice Veggie Pizza Hot Dog with Potato Wedges
Friday	Red Blue	Fish Fingers with Chips Cheese and Sweetcorn Omelette with Chips
Daily	Green Purple	Jacket Potato 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.



The Dinky Donkey
By Craig Smith



The Goldfish Boy
by Lisa Thompson