

# Rooks News

**November  
2019**

**The Rookeries J, I & N School**  
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## Children in Need

Thank you for all your support. We managed to raise £367.50.



## Years 1 and 2 visit to The Wildlife Park

The children had a wonderful time on Tuesday at The Wildlife Park.



## School Council

The School Council had their first meeting with our new Learning Mentor, Mr Plunkett. He has fantastic plans for how to promote pupil voice further. We are keen that children have their say in the future development of the school.

## Open Day for 2020 Reception Class Parents

We understand that choosing where to send your child to school is a big decision. We would like to invite any parents/carers that are considering sending their children to The Rookeries J, I & N Primary School on one of the following dates:

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 9.30-10.30am

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 6.00 – 7.00pm



## Weekly Attendance Report

Week Commencing 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019

- **Reception** 98.44%
- **Class 1** 95.38%
- **Class 1/2** 96.67%
- **Class 2** 92.31%
- **Class 3** 93.82%
- **Class 4** 93.94%
- **Class 5** 95.86%
- **Class 6** 98.39%



Overall school attendance for the week 96.80%

School Target is 97%

**Well done Reception**  
**Best Attendance this week : 98.44 %**

## 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 19 <sup>th</sup>	Girls Football Coaching and Competition
	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pantomime – Jack and the Beanstalk
	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Flu Vaccinations
	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> – Thu 28 <sup>th</sup>	Half Price Book Fair
	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day for Reception intake 2020
	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day (please bring a bottle or chocolate in aid of the Christmas Fair)
DECEMBER	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fair
	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Inclusive Festival (more details to follow)
	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner
	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Dodgeball (more details to follow)
	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 Concert (afternoon and evening)
	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 1 Concert (afternoon)
	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 1 Concert (morning)
	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 Christingle Service at St Michael's Church (10.00am)
	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Concert (afternoon)
	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Concert (morning)
	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Christmas Party (afternoon)
	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 1 Christmas Party (morning)
	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party (afternoon)
	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Years 5 and 6 Christmas Party (morning)
	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	School closes for Christmas
JANUARY	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day – school closed
	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	School opens

#### Key

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

## Chartwells Menu

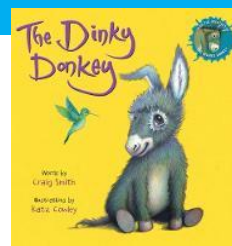


### Week Commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November

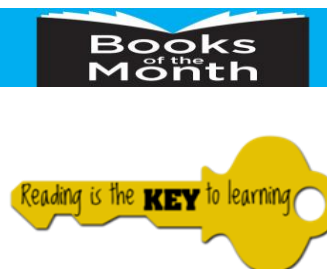
<b>Monday</b>	Red	Spaghetti Bake
	Blue	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges
<b>Tuesday</b>	Red	Chinese Chicken with Rice
	Blue	Quorn Bolognese
<b>Wednesday</b>	Red	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy
	Blue	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy
<b>Thursday</b>	Red	BBQ Beef Meatballs with Pasta Spirals
	Blue	Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake with Rice
<b>Friday</b>	Red	Fish Fingers with Chips
	Blue	Cheese and Onion Tart with Chips
<b>Daily</b>	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.



The Dinky Donkey  
By Craig Smith



The Goldfish Boy  
by Lisa Thompson