

# Rooks News

**November  
2019**

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## Age UK – Wakefield

The schools in the Pontefract Academies Trust are supporting Age UK Wakefield this year. On Monday we are having a disco for the children and on Tuesday a 'Knit and Natter' Coffee Morning for parents/carers. This is a fantastic local charity, that amongst other things ensures elderly people feel less isolated and lonely.

## Author visits The Rookeries



Last week Eamonn Reilley visited The Rookeries to talk to the children about what inspired him to write books for children. He discussed how he 'hooks' the children into his stories with his amazing ideas, enthusing them to read on. The children bought signed copies of his many books. He has left us with lots of ideas to write.

## Kind hearted staff and children

Some of our staff and children took part in the Santa Dash in aid of The Prince of Wales Hospice in Pontefract. This is a wonderful local charity that performs an amazing service for terminally ill patients and families facing the loss of a loved one. Well done to Mrs Tonkinson, we are very proud of you and the children from The Rookeries that made the dash.



## Weekly Attendance Report

Week Commencing 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019

- Reception 97.33%
- Class 1 92.31%
- **Class 1/2 100%**
- Class 2 98.46%
- Class 3 98.24%
- Class 4 92.42%
- Class 5 98.62%
- Class 6 97.10%



Overall school attendance for the week 96.65%  
**School Target is 97%**

**Well done Class 1/2**  
**Best Attendance this week : 100 %**

## 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



DECEMBER	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Singing in Pontefract
	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fair
	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Inclusive Festival (cancelled)
	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

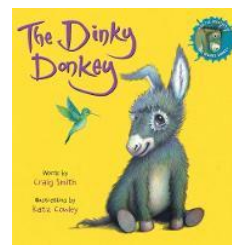
<b>Key</b>	
EYFS	Nursery and Reception
Key Stage 1	Years 1 – 2
Key Stage 2	Years 3 – 6

## Chartwells Menu



### Week Commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

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



The Dinky Donkey  
By Craig Smith



The Goldfish Boy  
by Lisa Thompson