

Rooks News

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2020**

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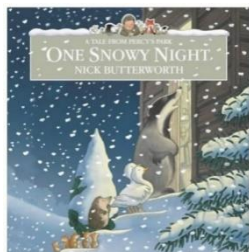


Happy New Year

We hope you had a fabulous Christmas and New Year. The children have all settled back into school life and are enjoying their new class book and topics.

Class Books this half term

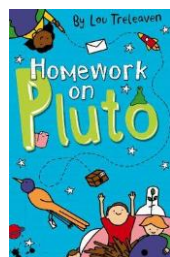
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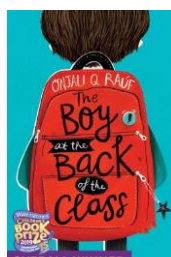
Reception



Year 1 and 2



Year 3 and 4



Year 5 and 6

Mrs Page

Sadly, Mrs Page is leaving us next Friday. She has decided to retire to spend more time with family and friends, as well as enjoying her many hobbies. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all the hard work and kindness she has shown towards the children, parents/carers and staff.



Weekly Attendance Report

Week Commencing 7th January 2020

- Reception 99.17%
- Class 1 99.00%
- **Class 1/2 99.48%**
- Class 2 96.15%
- Class 3 98.90%
- Class 4 98.86%
- Class 5 97.41%
- Class 6 96.37%



Overall school attendance for the week 98.02%

School Target is 97%

Well done Class 1/2
Best Attendance this week : 99.48%

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



JANUARY	Tuesday 14 th	Choir attending Young Voices at Sheffield Arena
	Thursday 16 th	Year 2 "Be Bright, Be Seen" Road Safety (in school 9.30am-10am)
	Friday 24 th	Years 1 and 2 - Sam's Safari visit to school
	Tuesday 28 th	Years 5 & 6 Drug Awareness 2.30pm-3.30pm
FEBRUARY	Monday 3 rd	Children's Mental Health Week
	Wednesday 5 th	Year 1 visit to 'The Green Moon' Swillington Leeds
	Thursday 6 th	Year 2 visit to 'The Green Moon' Swillington Leeds
	Tuesday 11 th	Safer Internet Day
	Friday 14 th	School closes for half term
	Monday 24 th	School opens

Crossing Patrol

We are very pleased to announce that we have a new Crossing Patrol Officer; welcome to Mrs Hayburn. It is a challenging position, so please can we ask all parents and carers to refrain from parking on the zig zag lines. Before Christmas we witnessed a few very dangerous incidents.



Chartwells Menu



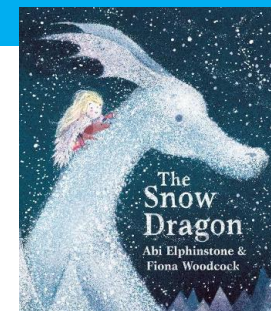
Week Commencing Monday 13th January

<u>Monday</u>	Red	Spaghetti Bake
	Blue	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges
<u>Tuesday</u>	Red	Chinese Chicken with Rice
	Blue	Quorn Bolognese
<u>Wednesday</u>	Red	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy
	Blue	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy
<u>Thursday</u>	Red	BBQ Beef Meatballs
	Blue	Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake with Rice
<u>Friday</u>	Red	Fish Fingers and Chips
	Blue	Cheese and Onion Tart with Chips
<u>Daily</u>	Green	Jacket Potato
	Purple	Sandwiches (Ham or Cheese)

Books of the Month



The Girl that stole an Elephant
By Nizvana Farook



The Snow Dragon
by Abi Elphinstone & Fiona Woodcock