

Rooks News

**January
2020**

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Young Voices

The choir thoroughly enjoyed their time at Sheffield Arena on Tuesday night. Miss Marsh reported that their behaviour was impeccable and their singing was wonderful.



1950s Day

On Wednesday, the Year 1 and 2 children had a fabulous time finding out all about the 1950s. They researched clothing, music, transport and generally identified the differences between now and then. Miss Binzi taught the children fifties dance moves and they made popcorn and milkshakes. Thank you to Mr Farrell for answering questions about what it was like to be around at that time.



Welcome to Mrs Loftus

As you know, sadly, Mrs Page retired this week, we thank her for her fantastic service to The Rookeries. We would like to give a warm welcome to Mrs Loftus who is replacing Mrs Page in the office.



Weekly Attendance Report

Week Commencing 13th January 2020

- **Reception** 92.22%
- **Class 1** 98.80%
- **Class 1/2** 95.83%
- **Class 2** 98.46%
- **Class 3** 94.71%
- **Class 4** 95.45%
- **Class 5** 99.31%
- **Class 6** 98.71%



Overall school attendance for the week 97.23%

School Target is 97%

Well done Class 5
Best Attendance this week : 99.31%

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 Friday 24th Years 1 and 2 - Sam's Safari visit to school
Tuesday 28th Years 5 & 6 Drug Awareness 2.30pm-3.30pm

FEBRUARY Monday 3rd Children's Mental Health Week
Wednesday 5th Year 1 visit to 'The Green Moon' Swillington Leeds
Thursday 6th Year 2 visit to 'The Green Moon' Swillington Leeds
Tuesday 11th Safer Internet Day
Friday 14th School closes for half term
Monday 24th 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



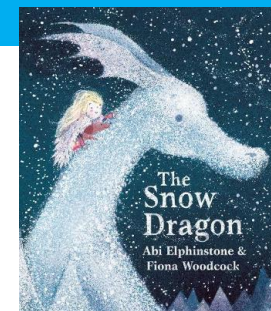
Week Commencing Monday 20th January

<u>Monday</u>	Red Blue	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges Vegetable Bake
<u>Tuesday</u>	Red Blue	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato Vegetarian Sausages
<u>Wednesday</u>	Red Blue	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Vegetable Pastry Slice with Roast Potatoes
<u>Thursday</u>	Red Blue	Beef Bolognese Mild Sweet Potato Curry with Rice
<u>Friday</u>	Red Blue	Fish Fingers with Chips Tomato and Quorn Wrap
<u>Daily</u>	Green Purple	Jacket Potato Sandwiches (Ham or Cheese)

Books of the Month



The Girl Who Stole an Elephant
By Nizvana Farook



The Snow Dragon
by Abi Elphinstone & Fiona Woodcock