



THE ROOKERIES  
CARLETON

JUNIOR, INFANT  
& NURSERY SCHOOL

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you for you all your support this week. Every school in the country will have had a tough start to the new academic year but at the Rookeries, although it has been a week full of change and new challenges, I could not be more proud of our children and our staff.

The children's behaviour has been fantastic, and I have been delighted to see how desperate they all were to get back to learning. They are following our new routines and guidelines very well and the staff are practising with them every day so that it all becomes easier and more familiar. The classrooms are calm and focused on learning; the playground has been zoned so that children only play with children in their bubbles; and attendance has been much higher than the national average!

Thank you to you all for helping your child/children to adapt so quickly to coming back. It has been a very happy week at our school.

Kind regards

Richard Grogan

### **Class letters**

These will be sent out today. The class letters share learning for the half term in the core and foundation subjects along with PE days, and homework. If you have any immediate questions regarding the letter please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher. You can do this via ClassDojo by emailing the school admin account, [admin@rookeries.patrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@rookeries.patrust.org.uk).

### **Car Parking**

**Polite request.** Please can you avoid using the service drive for dropping off or collecting children. This entrance is to only be used for deliveries and staff, and only at certain times of the day. As we have a one-way system in operation pupils and parents use the service drive as a method of exiting the school.

### **Breakfast Club**

Thank you to those of you who have already informed the office of your requirement for a breakfast club space. Breakfast club will start on **Monday 28 September** and will run from 8am to 8:45am. At 8:45 all children will go to their classrooms to begin reading or phonics. The price will remain at £3 per day.

If you require breakfast club provision and have not yet enquired about a place please contact the office as soon as possible.

## Reception

We are very proud of how well all of our new reception children have settled into the Rookeries and we have enjoyed seeing their personalities shine through as we get to know one another. We have had a very busy week learning lots of new rules and routines, whilst having plenty of fun exploring our new classroom and making new friends. We can't wait to do it all again next week!

Mrs Tonkinson



## Rewards

At the Rookeries our behaviour approach is centred around positive praise and relationships. We encourage all our children to make the right choices and develop as resilient and independent learners.

## House Points

The children are awarded points for a number of different reasons including: being consistently ready to learn, impressive learning behaviour, displaying a positive attitude, completing homework tasks to a high standard and many other important reasons worthy of celebration. House points are then tallied up for the week and count towards an overall total. The winning house earn a gold star on our house point display board and the half termly winners receive a “house” award on the display and an afternoon reward.

## ClassDojo

We are currently aligning our house point system to work alongside ClassDojo points. Over the next few weeks, we will be continuing to use ClassDojo much more as a way of communicating with parents, keeping parents and carers updated with relevant class information and sharing your children’s work. Please ensure you have signed up for ClassDojo and let us know if you are experiencing any problems as this will be a crucial communication channel between home and school.

## Caught Being Good Points (CBG Points)

Each class receive daily points for attendance, uniform and when they are “caught being good”. Unlike house points, CBG points can be deducted if sanctions have been given. CBG points for each class will be shared in a weekly assembly and be displayed in the hall. The prize for the highest CBG points during the week will be an extra play time or juice and biscuits.

## Attendance

Attendance this week in school has been very good. Thank you for supporting us with this. After such a long time off it is imperative that young children get back to school to learn, socialise and gain some routines over the course of the week. If your child is off ill school will contact you to ascertain the reason why. If they will be off for a number of days, we will be providing you with work pack to complete. Could all parents and carers check the completion of these work packs and liaise with the class teachers to upload completed tasks on class ClassDojo and inform us of any issues.

## Star of the Week Certificates

A ‘Star of the Week’ certificate will be awarded to one pupil from each class. These children’s names are shared here on the newsletter as well as on their class story in ClassDojo.

Class	Star of the Week
Reception	Alfred
Year 1	Jude
Year 1/2	Connor
Year 2	Tommy
Year 3	Poppy
Year 3/4	Olivia
Year 4	Jayden
Year 5	Freya
Year 6	Leyla

<b>Timetable and Reminders</b>		
<b>Phase</b>	<b>Lessons start</b>	<b>Lessons end</b>
<b>Reception Years 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>3.00 pm</b>
<b>Years 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>09:00 am</b>	<b>3:15 pm</b>
<b>Years 5 &amp; 6</b>	<b>09:15 am</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>

**Thank you for your continued cooperation and support**