



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you have all had a good week. It has been another week full of learning at the Rookeries. It has been great to see the number of Year 6 pupils attending morning SAT booster sessions this week. Thank you to all the Year 6 team for continuing to deliver additional support to our pupils, to ensure they are fully prepared for the SAT examinations.

Even though, we had to close the Year 1 bubble on Monday, the pupil and staff response to the preparation, delivery and attendance of sessions has been impressive despite some challenges with technology. Having managed to even 'drop in' on a few live sessions, I was clearly able to see the pupil engagement and learning that was taking place online. Thank you so much to the parents, pupils and staff from the Year 1 team for your patience and support during this time. It is comforting to know that should we have to closure anymore bubbles in future that we are able to swiftly deliver effective home learning.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to welcoming back the children on Monday morning.

Kind regards

Richard Grogan  
Headteacher

Please can we remind Parents & Carers that, in line with the Trust Parent Policy, dogs are not allowed on School Premises and vaping is not permitted. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### Attendance

Class	Attendance
Nursery	97.1%
Reception	99.0%
Year 1	N/A
Year 1/2	99.6%
Year 2	100.00%
Year 3	98.3%
Year 3/4	99.1%
Year 4	95.5%
Year 5	97.9%
Year 6	98.4%

#### Days off school add up to lost learning

##### 175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments

0	6	15	19
DAYS ABSENCE (190 school days)	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE
100%	97%	93%	Below 90%
EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE <i>Best chance of SUCCESS</i>	SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE <i>Harder to make good progress</i>	REQUIRES MAJOR IMPROVEMENT <i>Less chance of success</i>	Persisted Absentee CAUSE FOR CONCERN <i>Serious concern Possible Court Action!</i>

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

w/c 7<sup>th</sup> December – Art Competition (£2.00 suggested donation in aid of MND)

10<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Festive Feast

11<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation towards the Trust's chosen Charities)

15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Flu Immunisation mop up session

17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – School finishes

18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Inset Day

4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – School returns after Christmas break

### New Class Names

Reading for pleasure is a big focus here at the Rookeries and to continue to further develop our pupil's love of books we have decided to allocate each class an author to focus upon over the coming year. Each teacher has selected someone, naming our classes after the chosen authors. Over the coming months each class will explore the author, their books and find out more about their style. In the meantime please take a look below at the wonderful authors that have been selected-

Nursery and Reception- Julia Donaldson

Year 1- Oliver Jeffers

Year 1/2- Rachel Bright

Year 2- Anthony Browne

Year 3- David Walliams

Year 3/4- Cressida Cowell

Year 4- Valerie Bloom

Year 5- Charlie Mackesy

Year 6- Maya Angelou

Resource- C.S. Lewis



### Charity Work

Pontefract Academies Trust are, this year, supporting 2 charities. Firstly the Prince Of Wales Hospice and secondly the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MND). We're sure you will all agree these are both very worthwhile causes.

Here at The Rookeries we are pleased to announce that we will be holding an Art Competition the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> December. We are suggesting a donation of £2.00 to enter the competition and the funds raised from this competition will be donated to MND.

On 11<sup>th</sup> December we are having a Christmas Jumper day when we will be asking for a donation of £1.00 and the funds raised on this day will be split between the two charities.

Look out for more events coming soon.

## Nursery Creative Afternoon

The children had a very productive afternoon making Christmas Decorations for the Paediatric Unit to brighten up the wards for Christmas. If any other children would like to do a Christmas picture at home we will pass this onto Miss Hemsworth. This has been set as an extra homework challenge.





## Books for Topics Primary School Gift Guide

We are sure many of you are looking for ideas for Christmas gifts for your children and we are regularly asked for book recommendations. Please see the attached recommended gift guides to help out with choosing a wonderful gift of a book. Or the gift guides can be looked at on the following website

[www.booksfortopics.com/gift-guides](http://www.booksfortopics.com/gift-guides)

### **Primary School Book Gift Guide 2020**

Recommended for **ages 3-5**

#### Classic Stories



#### NEW for this Christmas



#### Non-Fiction Books



#### Recommended Bedtime Stories



#### Award Winning Books



#### Super-fun stories



#### Gorgeous Gift Books



### **Primary School Book Gift Guide 2020**

Recommended for **ages 5-7**

#### Classic Stories



#### NEW for this Christmas



#### Non-Fiction Books



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#### Gorgeous Gift Books



# Primary School Book Gift Guide 2020

Books for Topics

Recommended for ages 7-9

[www.booksfortopics.com/gift-guides](http://www.booksfortopics.com/gift-guides)

## Classic Stories



## NEW for this Christmas



## Non-Fiction Books



## Recommended Bedtime Stories



## Award Winning Books



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## Gorgeous Gift Books



For more book lists themed by age group or topic, visit [booksfortopics.com](http://booksfortopics.com)

# Primary School Book Gift Guide 2020

Books for Topics

Recommended for ages 9-11

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## Classic Stories



## NEW for this Christmas



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## EVERYONE NEEDS A HELPING HAND SOMETIMES

Whether you're a parent, young person, or work with children, discover local services for advice, support, and family activities on the Wakefield Early Help website.

Find out more at  
[earlyhelp.wakefield.gov.uk](https://earlyhelp.wakefield.gov.uk)



### Useful Contacts

Useful well-being and mental health information:

### For children and young people:

WF- I-CAN

<https://wf-i-can.co.uk/>

Young Minds

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

CAMHS Single point of access

01977 735865

<https://www.southwestyorkshire.nhs.uk/services/camhs-wakefield>

### For Adults:

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/health-care-and-advice/public-health/mental-health-wellbeing/mental-health-support>

Mind

<https://www.mind.org.uk/>

Turning Point Talking Therapies

01924 234860

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/health-care-and-advice/public-health/mental-health-wellbeing/mental-health-support>



### **School Uniform Stockists**

Our School Uniform stockists are both still operating and orders can be made for school wear, book bags and PE kits.

#### Signature Retail, Ropergate, Pontefract

Signature Retail are operating a click and collect system as well as accepting orders online through their website [www.signatureretail.co.uk](http://www.signatureretail.co.uk)

If you would like to make a purchase via phone, please telephone 01977 600324. Payments can be made over the phone and items can be collected at certain times.

#### Better and Bright Schoolwear

Better and Bright Schoolwear are currently taking orders through their website: [www.betterandbrightschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.betterandbrightschoolwear.co.uk)

Alternatively, you may purchase items by calling 07486 140776 or 07837 078981

## Star of the Week Certificates



Class	Star of the Week
Reception	Skyla Rose Thorpe
Year 1	
Year 1/2	Jacob Cartwright
Year 2	Libby Smart
Year 3	Alaya Howden
Year 3/4	Charlie Cook
Year 4	Lily Nunn
Year 5	Reece Hoyland
Year 6	Lexi Lifsey
HI & Deaf Resource	Lucas Richards

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