



**THE ROOKERIES
CARLETON**

JUNIOR, INFANT
& NURSERY SCHOOL

Friday 4th December 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

We had another busy week at The Rookeries and the children have continued to work hard and be enthusiastic about their learning.

One of the things I am most proud about the Rookeries is how inclusive we are as a school. I am pleased to announce that this Christmas our children will be learning to sign the songs Merry Christmas and Starry Night. To help support the pupils learn to sign these songs, staff from the Deaf and Hearing Impaired resource have kindly produced two videos. I want to personally thank the staff for their efforts as it embodies the values and the ethos we have here at the Rookeries. I have included the links to these, should you wish to get involved and support your child learning these at home.

<https://youtu.be/5qSl1TgMVrA>

https://youtu.be/1m_LBLZ84CA

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

Kind regards

Richard Grogan
Headteacher

If you have borrowed a device from school to assist with Home Learning please return this to school on Monday so that we can pass them onto other children that might need them

Attendance

Class	Attendance
Nursery	100%
Reception	99.7%
Year 1	N/A
Year 1/2	100 %
Year 2	100%
Year 3	93.8%
Year 3/4	99.2%
Year 4	95.4%
Year 5	97.3%
Year 6	100%

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

10th December 2020 – Festive Feast

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

15th December 2020 – Flu Immunisation mop up session

17th December 2020 – School finishes

18th December 2020 – Inset Day

4th January 2021 – School returns after Christmas break

Star of the Week Certificates



Class	Star of the Week
Reception	Bobby Mitchell
Year 1	Matthew Russell
Year 1/2	Lilly Batey
Year 2	Oliver Johnstone
Year 3	Scarlett Palmer
Year 3/4	Madison Ridge
Year 4	Max Barratt
Year 5	Sophie Wright
Year 6	Skye Smithey
HI & Deaf Resource	Harrison Winter



Christmas Cards



As an alternative to sending Christmas cards this year, we will be accepting donations that will be shared between our two chosen charities: MNDA and the Prince of Wales hospice. Should pupils still wish to send a Christmas card to their friends, all we would ask is that they send one card to the entire class. Then after a period of 72 hours quarantine, these can be displayed in class for all to see. Thank you for your understanding and support during this difficult time.

Year 1 – Ready for take off!

Jack has produced some outstanding homework for our Space topic. He created a rocket called the Lunar Express which is big enough for him to fit inside!



Year 2 – Blast off

Children have designed and made some amazing rockets as part of their space project homework and they have been added to our display of paper mache planets.



Inclement Weather

In the event of school closure due to snow we will send notification to parents via Class DoJo and ParentMail in the first instance. You can also get updates from Pulse Radio.

**WHEN THE WEATHER TURNS,
TURN TO...**

School Closures
Local News
Local Weather
Traffic & Travel

GH GREATEST HITS RADIO WEST YORKSHIRE
pulse1

GREATESTHITSRADIO.CO.UK or PULSE1.CO.UK
Click: SCHOOL CLOSURES

RADIO MOBILE PLAY 'GREATEST HITS RADIO' PLAY 'PULSE 1'

Thinking of buying a real tree this Christmas, but don't like the hassle of getting rid of it after? Leave it to The Prince Of Wales Hospice!



CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION
in aid of

THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPICE
Charity No: 514999
and other local charities

LEAVE THE EFFORT OF GETTING RID OF YOUR TREE TO US!

Our aim is to collect 600 trees which could run the Hospice for a whole day! Our volunteers are collecting trees from postcodes: **WF6, WF7, WF8, WF9, WF10, WF11 & LS25 5** on **13th, 14th & 15th January.**

Logos: BARKERS, SCL Landscapes, CHEP, CMC SERVICES, brakes, and others.

To arrange a collection, in exchange for a donation please visit:
www.pwh.org.uk/christmas

After costs, 90% of the monies raised will go to the Hospice and the remaining 10% donated to other local charities.



Supporting you to support them

This year has been extra stressful, especially if you're a parent. With so much uncertainty, it's entirely normal for your child to be finding things difficult, and for you to be unsure how best to look after their mental health and wellbeing, as well as your own. It's not easy, but you're doing the best you can and you deserve credit.

But whatever you and your child are dealing with, you are not alone. We're here for you and we have lots of advice and practical tips that can really help.

Use our new Supporting Parents Help finder to find the support that is right for you and your child,

whatever they've been going through during the pandemic. Use the link below:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents-helpfinder/>



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

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

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

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support