



**THE ROOKERIES
CARLETON**

JUNIOR, INFANT
& NURSERY SCHOOL

Friday 26th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for all your support over the last three weeks. We are very grateful to you for helping us make it such a positive start for all the children.

Attendance has been fantastic with an average of over 98% attendance each day! The children have adapted amazingly well to being back in school - we are so proud of them! Classrooms have been happy places with children having lots of time to think and talk about their feelings, be with their friends again and of course, get stuck into their learning. We have been very impressed with how well the children have remembered what they learnt before and during lockdown and we want to thank you for all the support you gave your child/children with their home learning. We have reassured the children that whatever their experience of learning during lockdown we are here to support them with their next steps.

Over the last three weeks we have spent time in our whole school assemblies developing the vision and values of the Rookeries. This has been primarily based on the work we did in the Autumn term when we co-constructed our golden rules as a school. Each week we have discussed the children's thoughts and explored vocabulary linked to these ideas. These words have then been used in our school vision: Together we believe, we WILL flourish and achieve.

I expect children will be tired at the end of these three weeks (as are the staff!), but I am also sure they will come home very happy today and will be looking forward to coming back after Easter. I hope you have a good Easter; we'll look forward to seeing everyone on that first Monday morning.

**Kind regards
Richard Grogan
Headteacher**

Staffing

We are genuinely sad to be losing such an integral member of staff at the end of this term, Mrs Smith has provided the Rookeries, with nine years of great service and I know she is a well-respected year 2 teacher, who over the years has supported hundreds of children during her time at the Rookeries. All the children and staff would like to wish her the very best as she prepares to begin the next chapter of her teaching career.

After Easter, Mrs Sarah Grant and Miss Emily Umpleby will be joining our teaching staff. Sarah is an experienced KS1 teacher who will be joining us from Larks Hill, where she has been teaching Year 1 and Miss Umpleby from Ackton Primary, where she has been teaching Year 5. Both are really excited to be starting after the holidays and we look forward to them joining our team.

Parents evening

Over the last three weeks teachers have been assessing pupils to ascertain their progress since their return to school after the last lockdown, and to identify any gaps in learning that may have occurred. After Easter, we will be working even harder to bring the children back to full speed with their education. With that in mind we have taken the decision, as a Trust, to move parents evening to the week commencing May 24. Further details will be provided to you in due course. By this time, we will be able to provide you with a comprehensive overview of your child's academic and social progress in all subjects. In the meantime, teachers will be in contact with you if there are any concerns and it goes without saying you can always contact your child's class teacher or myself at any time before that date.

Star of the Week Certificates



Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	Charlotte R
Reception	Rueben R
Class 1	Ariana S
Class 1/2	Harry F
Class 2	Ralph P
Class 3	Micah B
Class 3/4	Maximus F
Class 4	Isla H
Class 5	Leon P
Class 6	Cora T

Reporting a positive case over Easter

Please read carefully the message below. This outlines what to do in the event of a pupil from Rookeries testing positive for coronavirus over the first part of the Easter holidays.

Public Health England has agreed a 6-day window after the final day of teaching (Friday 26 March) in which schools are asked to remain contactable, so they can assist with contact tracing where necessary. This will allow enough time for positive coronavirus (COVID-19) cases to be identified and confirmed by a test, and for relevant contacts in the education setting to be traced. Beyond 6 days after the final day of teaching, school staff will not need to be contacted or play a role in any contact tracing. It is also likely that the need to support the tracing process will reduce dramatically over the course of the 6 days as the majority of cases should be identified earlier in the week.

Steps to take up to 1 April

If a child tests positive email the school on admin@rookeries.patrust.org.uk **and** text the following number 07432720935.

We need to know the pupil's name, year group, teacher and immediate friendship/sibling group within the school.

Follow normal PHE advice in terms of isolation.

Attendance

Class	Attendance
Nursery	97%
Reception	99.1%
Year 1	97.3%
Year 1/2	99.2%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	93.8%
Year 3/4	98.8%
Year 4	99.5%
Year 5	96.1%
Year 6	97.7%

Attendance Rewards

To reflect the importance of time spent in school we have invested in some great prizes to reward the pupils with exemplary attendance.

What are the prizes?

We have a Frog bike and 2 Micro scooters

How can I be in with a chance of winning them?

Every year, a bike will be won by a Year 6 pupil, who has demonstrated excellent attendance throughout their time at the Rookeries. Every year a scooter will be won by a pupil in EYFS and KS1, with a separate scooter available to be won by a KS2 pupil. Every time a pupil attends school for an entire week, they will receive a raffle ticket. The more they attend, the more tickets they will earn. At the end of the year, we will hold a raffle for the prizes and announce our three winners. The more tickets you have the greater the chance of winning one of these fabulous prizes!



Twitter

Our Twitter page continues to grow, please follow us at <https://twitter.com/therookeries>.

Scooter park

After Easter we are hoping to reopen the scooter park. More information will be sent out to you over the holidays. It will be available to use by up to 10 different households and places will need to be booked. Owners will need to allow their permission for the cleaning of all handles and multiuse surfaces of the scooters.

Cross Country Event

All classes have taken part in this week's cross country event.



Easter Activities

The children have all enjoyed the Easter Activities that have taken place in school this week. We've been very busy having egg & spoon races, making Easter cards, Easter egg hunts to name just a few activities. It's been fantastic to hear so much laughter coming from all the different classrooms.





This week your child has brought home the latest edition of the digital parenting magazine full of useful information and tips to Teach your children and yourselves! To be tech savvy. Further copies of the magazine and links to some useful internet and digital safety tips can also be found at <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>

Lateral Flow Self-Test Kits

Lateral flow tests are now available for parents / carers to order – please see the links below to support you with this:

<https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

[Schools, nurseries and colleges testing: order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow home test kits - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.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

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