

Friday 23rd April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another thoroughly enjoyable week at The Rookeries. Our Twitter profile continues to grow, and I would like to thank all those parents, who have signed up and now follow the school account. It is great way to keep up to date with all the latest news and events in school. I have been particularly impressed with the photographs of classes making the most of the recent good weather by continuing their learning outside. We will still continue to update you with important notifications in our newsletter and through My Child at School (MCAS), and teachers will always be available on ClassDojo should you wish to contact them directly.

A new face at The Rookeries. Some of you may have noticed that there has been a new face around school over the last couple of weeks. Tom Fay, our Director of Primary Education has recently spent time throughout this academic year working with De Lacy and Halfpenny Lane, and is now further supporting our school to develop as we continue on our journey of improvement. Mr Fay will be in and out of school as he oversees all 6 primary schools within Pontefract Academies Trust. Please say hello to Mr Fay if you see him around school and in the playground.

I hope you all enjoy a lovely weekend and I look forward to welcoming you and your children on Monday.

Kind regards

Richard Grogan Headteacher

Any food bank donations need to be in school by 28th April

Thank You

The Prince of Wales Hospice needs your child's help to celebrate the real Superheroes of our community!

The Hospice have set up a Hospice Hero Challenge where your child will have the opportunity take part in several creative and motivating challenges so they can become a Hospice Hero.

 \cdot Your child will receive a 'Hero Challenge' pack which includes various fun activities for them to complete in school and at home.

 \cdot As a Hospice Hero they will have the opportunity to create their own mask whilst they take on their 'super' adventure.

 \cdot Once your child has completed their Hospice Hero Challenge they will be rewarded with a certificate and a very special badge.

As well as the Hospice Hero pack, every primary school within our Trust will be taking part in a thrill-seeking Superhero Sprint. This will take place at The Rookeries on Friday 28th May. Your child will be provided with a special Superhero cape, which they will get to keep. This will help to power them through the challenge!

You will see the Hospice Hero pack does include a sponsorship form, however due to being cashless, we have set up the below txt code that you can use to donate money if you would like to. Please feel free to share this code with family and friends.

Text ROK 3 to 70085 to donate £3 Text ROK 5 to 70085 to donate £5 Text ROK 10 to 70085 to donate £10

Any number from £1 to £20 works in this way. Every penny makes a difference. All texts will be charged at the normal rate.

Thank you so much for your support, we hope that your child enjoys their Hospice Hero adventure!

"A Superhero is an ordinary individual who finds strength to preserve and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles." – Superman

Thank you again



Star of the Week Certificates

Class	Star of the Week			
Nursery	Skye W			
Reception	Ahad I			
Class 1	Bentley L			
Class 1/2	Anouk U			
Class 2	Agnes W-J			
Class 3	Henley A			
Class 3/4	Autumn Lilly R			
Class 4	Ella-Louise C			
Class 5	Holly S			
Class 6	Harry C			

Attendance

Class	Attendance		
Nursery	98.5%		
Reception	98.7%		
Year 1	99.6%		
Year 1/2	100%		
Year 2	100%		
Year 3	97.3%		
Year 3/4	95.1%		
Year 4	100%		
Year 5	95.1%		
Year 6	97.7%		



My Child At School (MCAS)

Hopefully you will have received our messages regarding this new app which is being introduced across all schools within the Trust.

Initially we will only use this app to send out our communications. Class DoJo will continue to be used by the Class teachers but school wide communications will be sent via MCAS.

In May we will then move to MCAS for any payments required including school dinners, breakfast club and future school trips.

Please note we have been prioritising our primary contacts but will soon be sending out details to our second contacts with parental responsibility.

Please ensure you log on or email admin@rookeries.patrust.org.uk and let us know if you have any problems, we will soon be taking payments through MCAS.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 29 th April	Food bank collection			
Friday April 30 th	PE - Daily Mile (Reception, Year 1, Year 4, Year			
	5) others years to be confirmed			
Monday May 3 rd	Bank Holiday School Closed			
Thursday May 6 th	Election Day School Closed			
Wednesday May 26 th	School Cloud Parents Evening			
Thursday May 27 th	School Cloud Parents Evening			
Friday May 28 th	PE – Race Event (Reception, Year 1, Year 4,			
	Year 5) others years to be confirmed			

Next Weeks Lunch Menu

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Hot Main Dish	Cheese and Tomato Pizza** with Dough Balls (V) Cheesy Tomato Topped Pizza Slice	Hot Chicken Sandwich with Potato Wedges Roast chicken served in a soft bun with lettuce and mayo	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Succulent Roast Chicken with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Pasta Bolognese** A classic Italian beef Bolognese in a yummy tomato and beef sauce	Southern Fried Chicken Tasters Lightly seasoned crispy chicken strips and scrummy chips	
Alternative dish		Baked Macaroni (V) Traditional Mac N Cheese, delicious macaroni in a creamy sauce	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (V)	Veggie Sausage and Mash with Gravy (V) Fluffy mash with veggie sausages and rich gravy	Quorn Dippers Crispy Quorn nuggets with ketchup with Chips (V)	
Grab Bags	Ham, Cheese or		Chef's choice of bre nd Dessert of the D	ad served with Veg S ay	Sticks, Fresh Fruit	
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Fillings – Tuna, Cheese or Beans					
Pasta	Tomato and Basil Pasta** (V) A delicious fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta					
Vegetables	Sweetcorn Coleslaw	Broccoli Peas	Cabbage Carrots	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Peas Baked Beans	
Desserts	Chocolate Slice*	Cheese & Biscuits	Strawberry Ice Cream	Chocolate Cake	Oatie Biscuit with Fruit Slices*	
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PONTEFRACT ATHLETICS CLUB

TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETICS

We are looking for young athletes to join our club and represent us in athletics competitions in the **Yorkshire and District Athletics League** and the **West Yorkshire Track and Field League** from April to September each year. Some of your pupils may also wish to take part in Cross Country Running, which we do in the autumn and winter months.

We are now accepting children from the age of 7 and above.

TRAINING NIGHTS AND VENUES FROM 1st APRIL 2021

MONDAYS – 7.00 to 8.00 pm at Dorothy Hyman Sports Centre, Cudworth – cost $\pounds 2.50$.

FRIDAYS – 7.00 to 8.00 pm at The Kings School, Pontefract - cost £2.50 (£1.50 if you train on Monday at Cudworth)

WHAT WE DO IN TRAINING – We have qualified coaches, who are able to provide training sessions across the full range of athletics events, including sprints, hurdles, endurance running, long jump, high jump, triple jump, pole vault, shot putt, discus, javelin and hammer.

Anyone, who is interested in joining, can contact Cyril Jones or just turn up at any of the training venues.

CONTACT – CYRIL JONES TEL: 01977 702986 E-MAIL: cyriljones97@talktalk.net WEBSITE: www.pontefractathletics.club

Lateral Flow Self -Test Kits

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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)



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-healthwellbeing/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 <u>www.signatureretail.co.uk</u>

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: <u>www.betterandbrightschoolwear.co.uk</u>

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

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support