



Friday 14th May 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

This week in our whole school assembly we have been exploring the word, gratitude. The children were asked to think of all the things they were thankful for before discussing the different ways they could show their appreciation. As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, we have been exploring the links between showing gratitude to our friends, family members, classmates and teachers, with the positive impact it can have on people's wellbeing - even if it is a simple thank you.

I would like to extend this same gesture of gratitude to you, the parents and carers of the community. Thank you, for the support you have shown the school over what has been a very difficult and challenging year.

I hope you stay safe and enjoy a lovely weekend. I look forward to welcoming you and your children in school on Monday.

Kind regards

**Richard Grogan
Headteacher**

Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education curriculum

From the 7 June 2021, the last half term of this academic school year, we have a statutory duty to begin the teaching of the new Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education curriculum. The teaching of the content is now a compulsory part of primary and secondary education.

We have carefully planned for our children to know how to be safe and healthy, and how to manage their academic, personal, and social lives in a positive way. The world is rapidly changing around us, and we need our children to be confident in their abilities when dealing with these changes. The policy has been shared with an initial focus group comprising of school performance and review board members for approval. We are now in a position to share it with you before the teaching commences after half term. Please find the policy on our school website under the policies tab.

<https://www.pontefractacademiustrust.org.uk/policies/>

If you have any queries or questions, do not hesitate to email the school on admin@therookeries.patrust.org.uk by the 21 May 2021.

Parents evening reminder

These will be taking place on the 25th - 27th May virtually using the Schoolcloud.

Instructions on how to book appointments have been sent out via the My Child At School (MCAS) app.

<https://rookeries.schoolcloud.co.uk/> Please book appointments through this link

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

My Child At School (MCAS)



Please Note: You can no longer make payments via ParentMail for breakfast club or school dinners.

All payments should now be made through MCAS. All existing balances will be transferred over. Please make sure you have signed up for the app.

Class DoJo will continue to be used by the Class teachers but school wide communications will now be sent via MCAS.

Please ensure you log on or email admin@rookeries.patrust.org.uk and let us know if you have any problems.

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.

- Your child will receive a 'Hero Challenge' pack which includes various fun activities for them to complete in school and at home.
- As a Hospice Hero they will have the opportunity to create their own mask whilst they take on their 'super' adventure.
- 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 | Harry G |
| Reception | Dylan J |
| Class 1 | Molly G |
| Class 1/2 | Harry F |
| Class 2 | Stanley C |
| Class 3 | Harry S |
| Class 3/4 | Edward B |
| Class 4 | Jenson S |
| Class 5 | Charlie-Rae |
| Class 6 | Francesca E |

Dates for your Diary

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|--------------------------------------|--|
| Tuesday May 25th | School Cloud Parents Evening |
| Wednesday May 26th | School Cloud Parents Evening |
| Thursday May 27th | School Cloud Parents Evening |
| Friday May 28th | PE – Race Event (Reception, Year 1, Year 4, Year 5) others years to be confirmed |
| Friday 28th May | School Closes for Half Term |
| Monday 7th May | School re-opens |
| June 25th May | School closed – Inset Day |

Attendance

| Class | Attendance |
|-----------|------------|
| Nursery | 100% |
| Reception | 99.3% |
| Year 1 | 96.1% |
| Year 1/2 | 99.2% |
| Year 2 | 98.5% |
| Year 3 | 96.0% |
| Year 3/4 | 97.1% |
| Year 4 | 98.6% |
| Year 5 | 93.7% |
| Year 6 | 94.9% |

Attendance this week overall Statutory age – 97.0%

Attendance whole school this week – 97.1%

Attendance this year overall Statutory age – 97.7% drop of 0.1%

Attendance this year overall Whole school – 97.7% drop of 0.1

Attendance Rewards Reminder:

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!



Next Weeks Lunch Menu – Green Fingers Thursday!

| Week 2 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| Hot Main Dish | Cheese and Tomato Pizza ** with Dough Balls (V) <i>Cheesy Tomato Topped Pizza Slice</i> | Hot Chicken Sandwich with Potato Wedges <i>Roast chicken served in a soft bun with lettuce and mayo</i> | Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy <i>Succulent Roast Chicken with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy</i> | Homemade sweet Potato Cottage Pie <i>Served with Gravy</i> | Southern Fried Chicken Tasters <i>Lightly seasoned crispy chicken strips and scrummy chips</i> |
| Alternative dish | | Baked Macaroni (V) <i>Traditional Mac N Cheese, delicious macaroni in a creamy sauce</i> | Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (V) | Cheese Leek and Potato Bake | Quorn Dippers <i>Crispy Quorn nuggets with ketchup with Chips (V)</i> |
| Grab Bags | Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwich on Chef's choice of bread served with Veg Sticks, Fresh Fruit and Dessert of the Day | | | | |
| Jacket Potato | Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Fillings – Tuna, Cheese or Beans | | | | |
| Pasta | Tomato and Basil Pasta ** (V) <i>A delicious fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta</i> | | | | |
| Vegetables | Sweetcorn Coleslaw | Broccoli Peas | Cabbage Carrots | Green Beans Sweetcorn | Peas Baked Beans |
| Desserts | Chocolate Slice* | Cheese & Biscuits | Strawberry Ice Cream | Chocolate and raspberry swirl cake | Oatie Biscuit with Fruit Slices* |
| Cool Water, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt available daily <i>*Fruit Based **Wholegrain ***Oily Fish (V) Vegetarian</i> | | | | | |

Thursday, 20 May 2021

Green Fingers

Menu

**Homemade Sweet Potato
Cottage Pie served with
Green Beans, Sweetcorn
& Gravy
Or
Cheese, Leek & Potato Bake
Chocolate & Raspberry swirl
Cake**

Don't forget, school meals are free for all children in
Reception, Years 1 or Year 2!

To sign up for this tasty theme day menu, please
speak to your school.



Your Library is Open

☎ 01977 727692

@ pontefractlibrary@wakefield.gov.uk

🖱 wakefield.gov.uk/libraries

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Pontefract Library is open and we are excited to welcome you back. Our full services are returning soon, please contact us before you visit to check what is currently available.

Joining the library is free and you don't need to provide ID, so call in today, we can't wait to see you again!

Read

Borrow up to 12 books at a time for three weeks from a collection of thousands of books. You can renew online, by phone or in person and we are now fine free! No more overdue charges.

Inspire

From ABC to avid reader, we have books for all ages and interests. Borrow books to share together and encourage children to discover great stories. Join us in our storytimes, baby mornings, holiday activities, reading challenges and much more.

Connect

Free Internet access including Wi-Fi is available in all our libraries as well as printing, photocopying and scanning facilities (some charges apply).

Enjoy

Have fun with like-minded people at our range of exciting events. Whether you're a crafter, family historian or future tech wizard there's always something fun happening in your library.

Learn

With books, groups and digital courses available, there are many ways to learn something new at the library.

Log On

Your library doesn't close when we shut the doors. Our app gives you 24/7 access to your library account. Borrow ebooks, audiobooks and magazines from our digital library.

Opening Hours

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| Monday | 9:30am - 7pm |
| Tuesday | 9:30am - 5pm Please check our |
| Wednesday | 9:30am - 6pm website or contact |
| Thursday | Closed us to confirm current |
| Friday | 9:30am - 5pm opening hours |
| Saturday | 9:30am - 4pm |
| Sunday | Closed |



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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 £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



D.E Sports Coaching



What do we offer?

Girls only football academy sessions to start with involving 2 different age groups. Chance of a progressions, This will be extended if numbers grow rapidly. **Ellie and Danny** are excited to welcome all girls to the sessions, which will take place in Pontefract.

121 specialised football sessions for girls all ages welcome- positional specific individualised sessions involving SAQ, ball mastery, passing/receiving, dribbling, finishing and gameplay with a progression for each player linked to video analysis.

What will our sessions involve?

Fun and engaging sessions for girls of all ages and abilities including- SAQ, skills-based drills, mini games, tournaments, competitive games. Qualified and experienced coaches will deliver the coaching every week, with a direct approach to improve all girls and aid their football development throughout

When? Where? Prices?

Starting Thursday 27th May 2021

5 – 6 pm (arrive at 4:50)

X2 Ages groups (6-8, and 9-11ages)

Kit will also be available to purchase



Location- The New Aspire Astro @ the park facility in Pontefract!
Aspire@thepark
Pontefract Park
Park Road
Pontefract
WF8 4RA

Opportunities to play against professional teams



Prices £4.50 per session or £4 if you book a 6 week block booking, to register your interest or for more information and a registration form please get in touch via email at desportscoach@outlook.com or 07852433202 (Ellie White)

Lateral Flow Self -Test Kits

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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)



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>

Childline has an advice and support section with British Sign Language and ways to contact childline.

[Deaf zone | Childline](#)

A screenshot of the Childline website's "Deaf Zone" page. The top navigation bar is blue with the "childline" logo, the text "ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME", and a "Call 0800 1111" button. There are also links for "About us" and "Your locker". Below this is a row of buttons: "Info and advice", "Get support", "Toolbox", and "Get involved". The main content area has a red background with the heading "DEAF ZONE". Below the heading, it says: "If you are d/Deaf or hard of hearing, we've got lots of advice and support for you in English and British Sign Language (BSL)". To the right, there is a video player titled "Deaf Zone BSL Video" showing a person signing. On the far right, there is a vertical sidebar with buttons for "HIDE PAGE", "SAVE PAGE", and a circular arrow icon.

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