

Friday 21st May 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

This week has been another busy week at the Rookeries. The children continue to engage in our broad and rich curriculum; they have enjoyed an array of activities such as: planting cress seeds, creating shadow puppets, carving soap sculptures, sketching illustrations, creating Kenyan sunsets and experimenting with tuned instruments. It is always pleasing to see children positively interact in sessions that create memorable moments in their learning (despite the current poor weather!).

Our school attendance overall remains strong, and I am pleased to inform you, as a school we sit above the national average of 96%. However, it is important that we continue to improve our attendance. Our target for this year is 97% and with your continued support and hard work we will work together to achieve this.

Here's hoping the weekend brings us some better weather to enjoy. Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to greeting you on Monday morning.

Kind regards

Richard Grogan Headteacher

Polite reminder
Please avoid parking on
the yellow zig zags
outside the school as
this is a potential hazard



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. Please make sure you have signed up.

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



Hospice Hero Challenge - Online donations to the Prince of Wales Hospice

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.

Star of the Week Certificates



Class	Star of the Week			
Resource	Cody B			
Nursery	Oakley B			
Reception	George W			
Class 1	Summer J			
Class 1/2	Bethany F			
Class 2	Mary D			
Class 3	Teddy M			
Class 3/4	Isobel D			
Class 4	Tristan E			
Class 5	Logan M			
Class 6	Jayden C			

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday May 25th	School Cloud Parents Evening				
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				
Friday 28 th May	School Closes for Half Term				
Monday 7 th May	School re-opens				
Friday 25 th June	School closed – Inset Day				

Attendance this week has been very disappointing.

Class	Attendance		
Nursery	100%		
Reception	98.9%		
Year 1	97.2%		
Year 1/2	94.8%		
Year 2	95.5%		
Year 3	98.5%		
Year 3/4	94.9%		
Year 4	95.3%		
Year 5	96.1%		
Year 6	97.6%		

Attendance this week overall - 96.3%

Attendance this year overall - 97.7%

Remember every minute of missed learning impacts on your child's attainment. Please ensure your child attends school whenever possible.

If your child is feeling unwell, we will monitor them in school and send them home if they become worse but sometimes being in school helps them to take their minds of it and before you know it, they are running around the playground screaming!

Also please try to book appointments outside of school time. Drs and dentists will accommodate if asked. If this is totally unavoidable, bring your child in to get there mark then return them to school after the appointment, this way you ensure their attendance mark remains high. We will only authorise 1 session for a medical appointment.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's education.

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 DAYS ABSENCE DAYS ABSENCE DAYS ABSENCE (190 school days) OR MORE Below 100% 97% 93% 90% EXCELLENT SATISFACTORY REQUIRES MAJOR **CAUSE FOR** ATTENDANCE ATTENDANCE **IMPROVEMENT** Best chance of SUCCESS Harder to make good Less chance of success

Next Weeks Lunch Menu:

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
Hot Main Dish	Cheese and Tomato Pizza** with Doug Balls (V) Cheesy Tomato Topped Pizza Slice	Sausage and Mash with Gravy Traditional Pork Sausage and Mash with rich Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy With fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Reef Lasagne Favourite beef lasagne with a Garlic and Herb Bread Wedge**	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips Crispy Fish Fingers and scrummy chips			
Alternative dish		Quorn Bolognese** (V) Penne Pasta in a yummy tomato and Quorn sauce	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (V)	Mild Bean Chilli with a Rice side ** Super yummy mildly spice vegie chilli	The incredible Burger Meatless burger in a sift bap with ketchup with chips (V)			
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) A delicious fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta							
Vegetables	Sweetcorn Coleslaw	Peas Carrots	Carrots Cabbage	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Baked Beans Peas			
Desserts	Flapjack with Fruit Slices*	Vanilla Ice Cream	Oatie Biscuit with Fruit Slices*	Fruity Chocolate Brownie	Chocolate Slice*			
	Cool Water, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt available daily							

*Fruit Based **Wholegrain ***Oily Fish (V) Vegetarian



Cyberbullying delievered by NSPCC

Saturday 22nd May 2021

11am -1pm

BSL Interpreter Provided

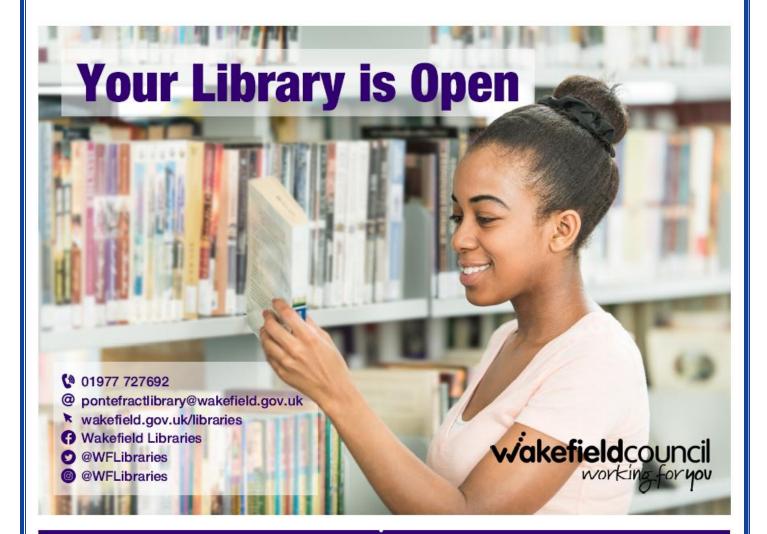
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Email booking@signforallcommunity.co.uk









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

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

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/

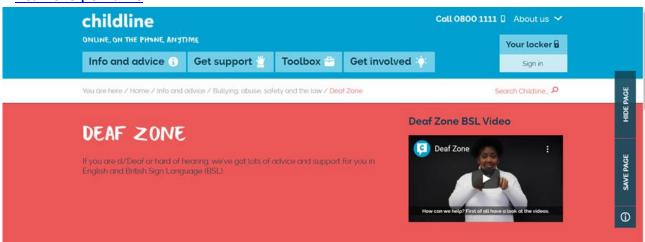
CAMHS Single point of access

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



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