



Friday 2nd July 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

This week has been an important week in our school's journey of improvement. I am pleased to share some of the positive feedback from two National Leaders of Education, who recently visited our school. They commented on the significant improvements that have been made since their first visit at the start of the year, how actively engaged the pupils were in lessons, how positively teaching staff interacted with pupils, how all the staff positively collaborate with each other to drive forward the school's ethos, and how polite, happy and well-mannered all the children were. During the visit, they also spent time looking through the pupils' books and noted the improved standard of work being produced in lessons.

As headteacher, to hear these comments fills me with great pride. I am grateful for all the hard work of the staff, pupils and school community over what has been a challenging year, and while I know we still have some way to go on our journey of development the future looks incredibly positive.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week.

Kind regards

**Richard Grogan
Headteacher**

School Library gets a makeover

Reading is such an important part of our curriculum and as a result the school has committed to spending over £2000 on new books!

These will now be displayed in our new reading area.



Transition Day

This week we started to discuss the transition day that will take place on 19th July. This was launched during our whole school assembly and throughout the week teachers have been spending time with pupils to talk through any worries or concerns they might have about their new classes. Teachers will continue to support pupils as we move towards the end of term in order to ensure all our pupils are fully prepared for transition.

Star of the Week Certificates



Class	Star of the Week
HI	Cody Bell
Nursery	Jack D
Reception	Harper Berry
Class 1	Muhammad
Class 1/2	Olivia M
Class 2	Hayden R
Class 3	Sienna S
Class 3/4	Bradley J
Class 4	Ava H
Class 5	Evie S
Class 6	Leyla H

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 8 th July	Year 2 – Safety in the Sun workshop
Monday 12 th July	Falconry Visit – Reception and Class 4
W/C 17 th July	Sports Days – More details to follow
Monday 19 th July	Transition Day
Wednesday 21 st July	School Reports
Thursday 22 nd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly and presentation
Friday 23 rd July	School breaks up for Summer

Attendance

Class	Attendance
Nursery	89.3%
Reception	100%
Year 1	N/A
Year 1/2	90.6%
Year 2	95.8%
Year 3	93.21%
Year 3/4	95.6%
Year 4	92.3%
Year 5	98.0%
Year 6	98.9%

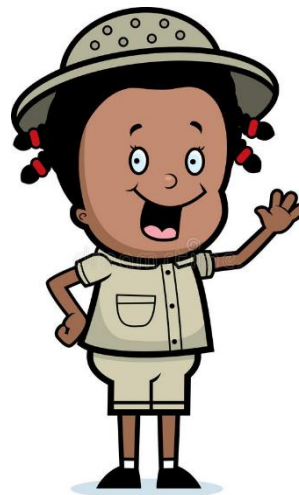
Attendance this week overall – 94.5%

Attendance this year overall – 97.5%

Only 3 classes in the green this week. Remember the last 3 weeks of the school year are just as important as the first.



The Rookeries School has signed up to Wakefield's love exploring school competition. A fun way to keep the kids active during the summer break. A leaflet will be coming home in the near future with further details and information on where to explore in the Wakefield area.



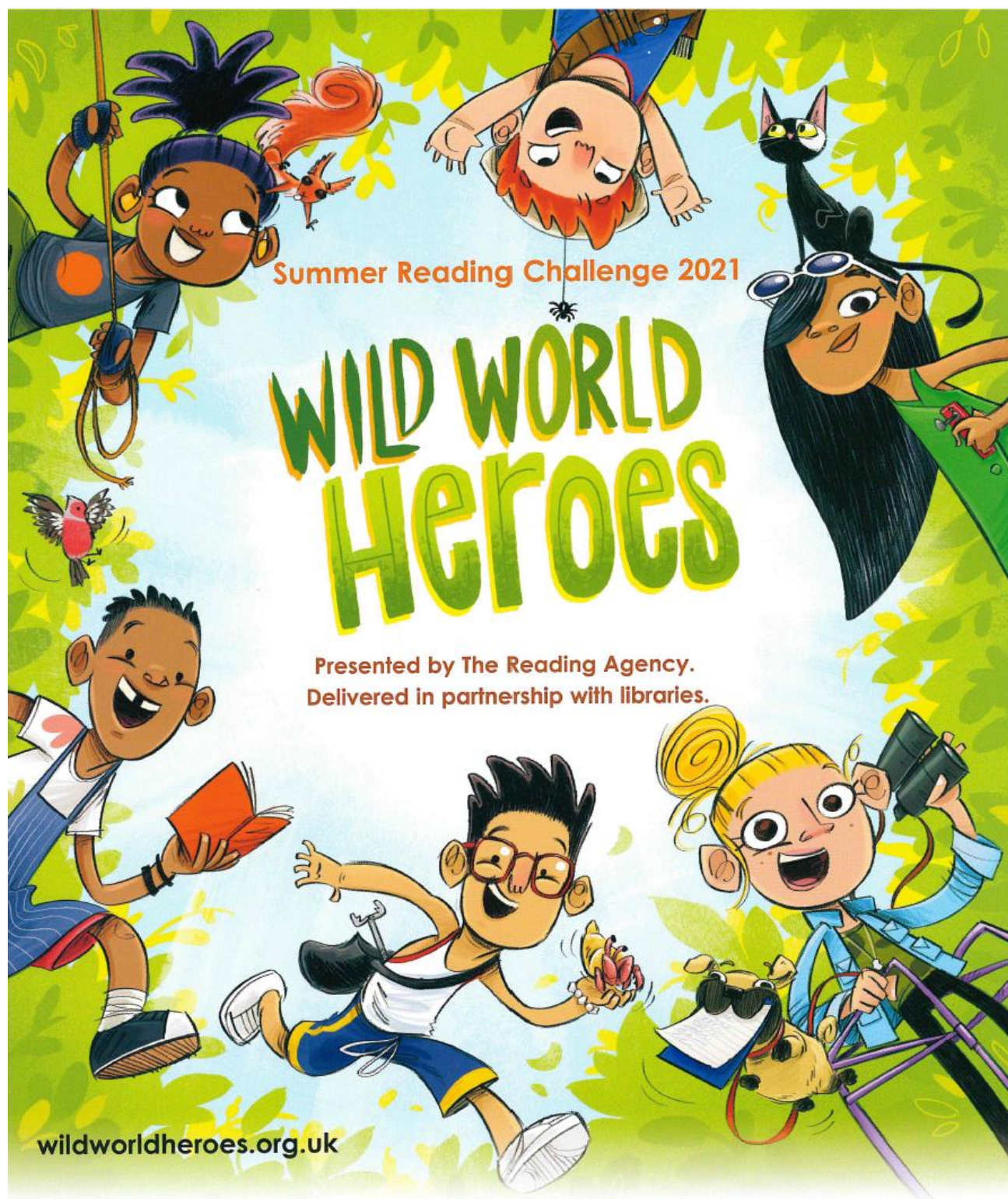
Week commencing 12th July - unfortunately as mentioned in a communication this week we are unable to invite parents to sports day this year. However, classes will still be participating in sports day events during the week of 12th July. More information about these events will be communicated via class teachers.



On 22nd July we will be sending our Year 6 pupils off in style. More information about this event will be communicated via the class teacher nearer the time.

Lunch Menu for Week Commencing 5th July

<i>Week 3</i>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Main Dish	Cheese and Tomato Pizza** with Doug Balls (V) <i>Cheesy Tomato Topped Pizza Slice</i>	Sausage and Mash with Gravy <i>Traditional Pork Sausage and Mash with rich Gravy</i>	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy <i>With fluffy roasties and tasty gravy</i>	Beef Lasagne <i>Favourite beef lasagne with a Garlic and Herb Bread Wedge**</i>	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips <i>Crispy Fish Fingers and scrummy chips</i>
Alternative dish		Chinese Noodles (V)	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (V)	Mild Bean Chilli with a Rice side ** <i>Super yummy mildly spice vegie chilli</i>	The incredible Burger <i>Meatless burger in a sift bap 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	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 <i>*Fruit Based **Wholegrain ***Oily Fish (V) Vegetarian</i>					



Summer Reading Challenge 2021

WILD WORLD Heroes

Presented by The Reading Agency.
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wildworldheroes.org.uk

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Be heroic in all Wakefield Council Libraries from Saturday 3 July

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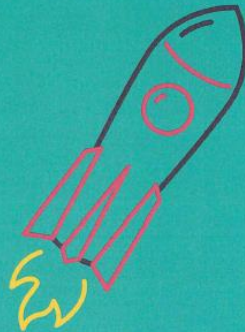
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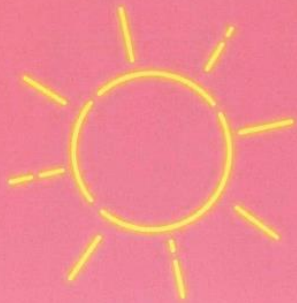
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Summer of fun at Pontefract Library

Make-It Mondays
Game, create, play in
Pontefract Library's Makery
every Monday 2-3pm from
2nd August



**Contact us to book
your place**

☎ 01977 727692
@ pontefractlibrary@wakefield.gov.uk
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Join us for a fun-filled
summer of events at
Pontefract Library from
30th July!

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Friday 30th July – Topsy Turvy Theatre 10am
Saturday 31st July – Chess Club 10am-12
Monday 2nd August - Summer Story Time 10am
Wednesday 4th August – Story & Crafts (Renewii) 11am
Friday 6th August – Board Games 10am
Saturday 7th August – Chess Club 10am-12
Monday 9th August – Summer Story Time 10am
Wednesday 11th August – Pirate Puppet Show 10.30am/11.30am
Friday 13th August – Juniper Food craft – 10.30am
Saturday 14th August – Chess Club 10am-12
Monday 16th August – Summer Story Time 10am
Monday 16th August Imagination Gaming 2-4pm
Wednesday 18th August – Story & Crafts 10.30am
Friday 20th August - Board Games 10am
Saturday 21st August – Chess Club 10am-12
Monday 23rd August – Summer Story Time 10.00am
Wednesday 25th August – Story & Crafts 10.30am
Saturday 28th August – Chess Club 10am-12



CINEMA
in the Library

Summer Blockbuster Season

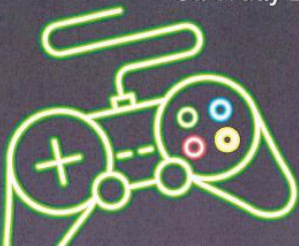
Tuesday 3rd August
Jumanji: The Next Level
2pm

Tuesday 10th August
Trolls World Tour
2pm

Tuesday 17th August
Jurassic World Fallen Kingdom
2pm

Tuesday 24th August
Toy Story 4
2pm

Call 01977 727692 to book tickets



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