



Friday 16th July 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

I am pleased to report that this week has been another action-packed week full of memorable experiences: there have been birds of prey in school, sports days, children role-playing as evacuees and staff plunging into ice! It has been great to see pupils embracing in all these memorable moments.

We are very much looking forward to our transition day on Monday with the children. All our new teachers are very eager to get started and cannot wait to meet the children. We also have plans in place for a more personal face to face introduction for parents and carers in September. For our transition day on Monday, to avoid confusion at drop off and collection, the children will start and end the day, **as normal**, in their current classrooms. Additional letters will be sent home today that will inform you of your child's teacher, introduce all our teaching staff at The Rookeries and inform you how we determine classes and the benefits of a 1.5 form entry primary school.

It is also that time of year when we sadly say goodbye to staff that are moving on. Our two Teach First trainees, Miss Moir and Mrs Newman, have now successfully completed their two-year training programme with the Rookeries. I am delighted to tell you that we have supported them in securing new positions elsewhere for the new academic year. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours and wish Miss Moir good luck in her house move down south. I am sure you will also wish them all the best and thank them for all that they have done at the Rookeries in their time with us.

I will continue to communicate any changes with you as a result of the alleviation of restrictions in due course. I hope you enjoy the weekend and I look forward to welcoming you back on Monday for the start of our final week of the term.

Kind regards

Richard Grogan
Headteacher

End of year reports - these will be sent home with the children on Wednesday 21 July. For any children who are isolating beyond the last day of school, school reports will be posted out.

Transition day - Monday 19 July. Pupils will arrive and be dismissed from their normal classrooms. For anyone isolating on the 19th Teams links will be sent out by class teachers so you can attend the transition day virtually. Further details will be sent out by class teachers on ClassDojo.

MND Ice Foot 92 Challenge



This week in school staff took part in the MND Ice Foot 92 Challenge. Take a look at some of the pictures!



MND is a charity that we are supporting this year. If you wish to donate you can still do so via the MCAS App.

This is under products > charity donations, where you can donate any amount you feel appropriate.

Alternatively, donations can be made via the below link:
<https://www.iustgiving.com/fundraising/pat-ice-foot-92>



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Star of the Week Certificates



Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	Emmie S
Reception	Carson B
Class 1	Evie L-R
Class 1/2	The Whole Class for committing themselves to home learning!
Class 2	Zarina M
Class 3	Louie M
Class 3/4	Amarni M
Class 4	Makenna B
Class 5	Elizabeth T
Class 6	Leo E

Dates for your Diary

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
Monday 6 th September	School Closed – Inset Day
Tuesday 7 th September	School Closed – Inset Day
Wednesday 8 th September	School Open – Year 1 - 6
Monday 13 th September	Reception first day back-

Attendance

Class	Attendance This Week	Attendance This Year
Nursery	97%	96.4%
Reception	97.5%	97.7%
Year 1	90%	97.0%
Year 1/2	N/A	97.6%
Year 2	98.4%	98.3%
Year 3	90.3%	96.8%
Year 3/4	98.4%	97.5%
Year 4	N/A	97.1%
Year 5	92.1%	96.3%
Year 6	N/A	97.7%

**Attendance this week
overall – 93.3%**

**Attendance this year
overall – 97.3%**

A very poor week with attendance and not where the Rookeries would like to be. I know it's the last week, but this is the week children meet their new teachers and friends and get to spend the week with friends they may not see again until September. So, let's make one final push and see how close to a full school we can get.



The Rookeries school along with a few other schools in the area took part recently in a clean air day challenge on June 17th.

Children were encouraged to walk, bike or scooter to school in order to improve air quality and their health.

I'm pleased to say that the schools who took part reduced the CO2 that day by 155kg!!!

If that could be translated to every day that would be 30 tonnes of CO2 or the equivalent of running 7 cars for a year!!!

So little things do add up.

It's a great place to start and there will be more exciting programmes coming next year to get involved in.



Wakefield Council are working in partnership with voluntary and community organisations, local schools and childcare providers as part of the WF Happy Healthy Holidays programme, funded by the DfE to provide a summer of free activities and food **for children and families eligible for income – related free school meals throughout the district**. The programme aims to reduce inactivity and isolation experienced by many children across the Wakefield district during the school holidays, as well as providing children with healthy meals and nutritional education.

If you are eligible for the scheme, school will have contacted you by our MCAS app. Please contact Mr Plunkett if you would like your name adding to the list.

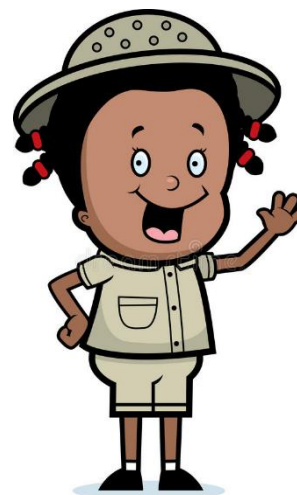
The Love Exploring App [Love Exploring - Love Exploring](#) is an interactive app that you download on your phone that uses your GPS positioning capabilities to enable you to play games, trails and activities at certain locations throughout the country. In Wakefield the App has been set to work in 17 of our parks and green spaces to give comprehensive coverage throughout the District. We want families to use the app to encourage them and go out and explore and gain the benefits of being physically active outdoors and maybe win things for their school.



Next week we will give you details of how to download the app and select the Rookeries school. Let's see if we can top the leader board in Wakefield and win some prizes!!!

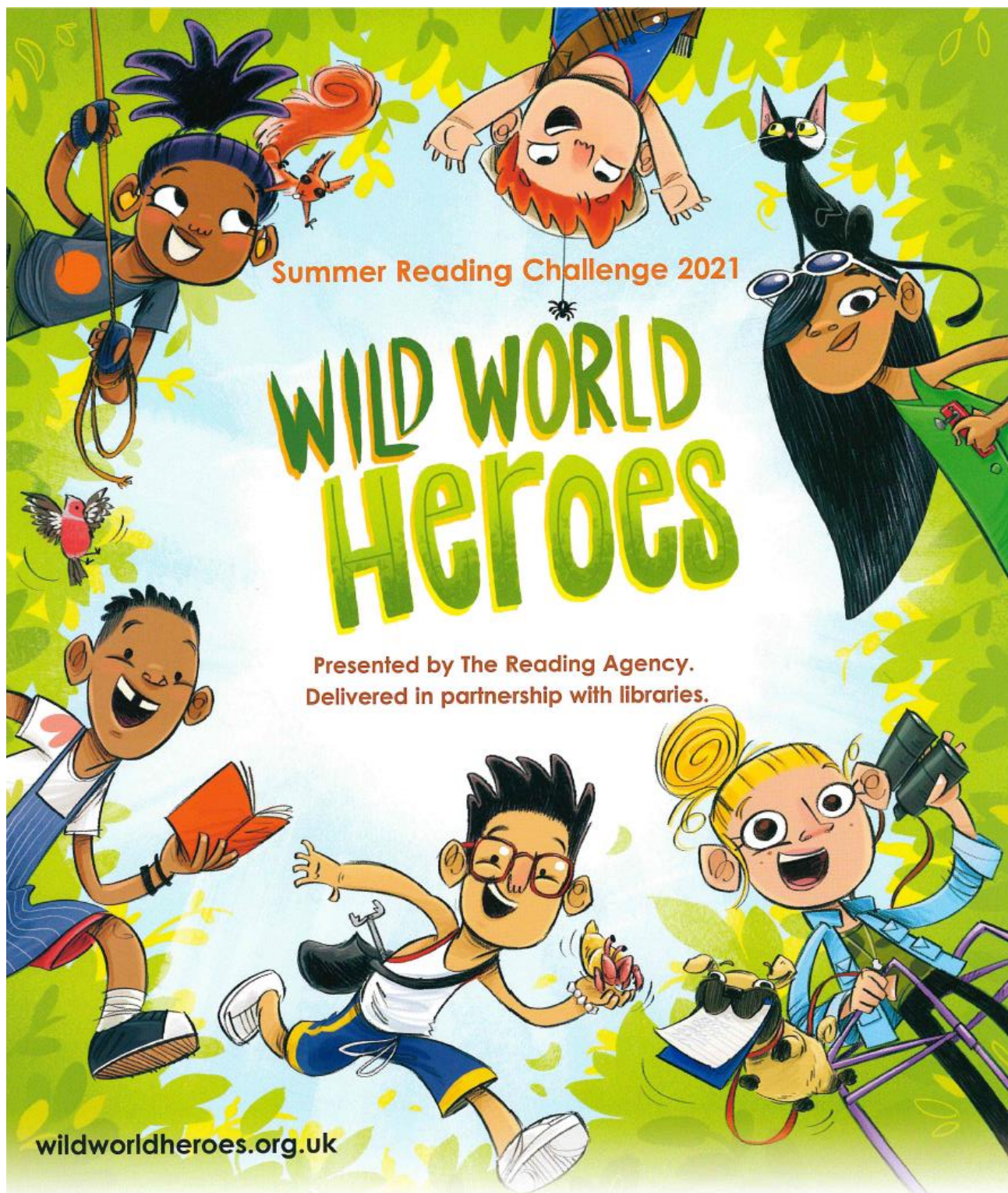


The Rookeries School has signed up to Wakefield's love exploring school competition. A fun way to keep the kids active during the summer break. A leaflet will be coming home in the near future with further details and information on where to explore in the Wakefield area.



Lunch Menu for Week Commencing 19th July

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>	Pasta Bolognese ** <i>A classic Italian beef Bolognese in a yummy tomato and beef sauce</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)	Veggie Sausage and Mash with Gravy (V) <i>Fluffy mash with veggie sausages and rich gravy</i>	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	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Peas Baked Beans
Desserts	Chocolate Slice*	Cheese & Biscuits	Strawberry Ice Cream	Chocolate Cake	Oatie Biscuit with Fruit Slices*
Cool Water, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt available daily <i>*Fruit Based **Wholegrain ***Oily Fish (V) Vegetarian</i>					



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West Yorkshire Branch's **Art for MND Exhibiton**

24th July - 3rd October 2021

The exhibition will include artworks by two West Yorkshire artists, Matthew Evans & Mary Johnson Green. You can buy their work or simply browse in the wonderful setting of the Manor House. The winning pieces from the Art in the Manor House Art Competition will also be on display. There will be information providing an opportunity to learn more about Motor Neurone Disease, a devastating life-limiting disease.

For more information visit Art in the Manor House on Facebook or visit the West Yorkshire Branch web page
www.mndassociation.org/support-and-information/local-support/branches/west-yorkshire-branch/



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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" section. The top navigation bar is blue with the Childline logo, the text "ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME", and links for "Call 0800 1111", "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 in a white shirt. On the far right, there is a vertical sidebar with buttons for "HIDE PAGE", "SAVE PAGE", and a circular 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