



Friday 1st October 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

I am delighted to announce that after school clubs will be commencing from next Thursday! More information about the different types of clubs that are going to run this term will be coming out on Monday and you will be able to book places onto these using MCAS. There will be limited availability, but we will be offering a different range of clubs every half term that will vary throughout the year.

This week has seen the first swimming session for year 4. I had the pleasure of accompanying the class on their first visit to Featherstone Community Pool, where the staff were incredibly complimentary about the behaviour and politeness of our pupils. They were a credit to the school and our expectations. Over the course of the year, all year 4 pupils will get the opportunity to go swimming.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who submitted feedback from the Meet the teacher event last week. Of the 83 replies we had back, 100% of people said they found the event very helpful/ helpful. We value your thoughts and opinions.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to welcoming you back in school on Monday.

Kind regards

Richard Grogan
Headteacher

PAT Games

Selected year 5 and 6 boys took part in first tournament on Tuesday. It was an excellent performance and they were great representatives for the school.

There will be more events to come...

We are supporting Pontefract Food Bank again. We will be accepting food donations in class. More information to follow!

We are delighted to announce that we are supporting the Prince of Wales hospice again this year. There will be some exciting events taking place such as fill a bag and reindeer run all to raise funds for this amazing charity. More information about these to come.



Follow us on twitter to see what the children are up to on a daily basis!

Pupil of the Week



Class	Pupil of the week
Nursery	Lexie B
Reception	William S
Class 1	Evelyn
Class 1/2	Molly
Class 2	Isla C and Oreofeoluwa
Class 3	Sofia M
Class ¾	Laurie
Class 4	Rory
Class 5	Charlie C
Class 6	Ruby R
Deaf Resource	Cody

Attendance

Class	Attendance This Week	Attendance This half term so far
Nursery	96.7%	93.8%
Reception	87.02%	95.1%
Year 1	87.3%	87.74%
Year 1/2	96.4%	97.9%
Year 2	98.5%	98.2%
Year 3	85.6%	94.2%
Year 3/4	96.1%	98.2%
Year 4	99.5%	97.3%
Year 5	99.1%	98.1%
Year 6	90.8%	95.32%

Attendance this week
overall – 95.3%

Attendance this year
overall – 96.5%

Your child's attendance is vital for their attainment and education. Every day or half day lost through absence, holidays, medical/dental appointments, has a great impact on your child's education. Please help your child by making sure they attend school every day possible.

Holiday's

Holidays will not be authorised during term time and will result in a penalty notice being issued by the Education Welfare Service.

Government guidance

Please note Government guidance on self-isolation for under 18 year old's has changed:

From 16 August, you will not be required to self-isolate if you are notified you have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 and any of the following apply:

You are below the age of 18 years 6 months

Children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who have been identified as a close contact should continue to attend the setting as normal. They do not need to wear a face covering within the setting, but it is expected and recommended that these are worn when travelling on public or dedicated transport.

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test result should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible and inform school. School will then need proof of your result, either positive or negative.

The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Office Updates

Breakfast Club – MCAS booking

Breakfast club is extremely popular this year. We are only allowed to have a **limited number** of children.

Places **must therefore be booked through the MCAS app** – this can be done through the “wraparound care” option. **We can only allow children to attend if places are booked.**

Music Lessons

Music Lessons have now resumed for the children that had them last year. If your child no longer wishes to do lessons please contact the school.

Please make sure you send your child with their instrument on the below days:

Strings – Tuesday
Guitar - Wednesday
Keyboard - Wednesday
Brass - Wednesday
Woodwind – Wednesday

Parents Evening

Parents evening will be on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th October from 3.30 pm until 6.00 pm.

The evening will be held via the Schoolcloud this term. To book an appointment please use the link below:

<https://rookeries.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

The meetings themselves are then held via Schoolcloud on a video link. Each appointment will last 10 minutes and the appointment will automatically end after this time.

If you have problems accessing the link please call the office on 01977 600368, email admin@rookeries.org.uk or you can contact your Class Teacher via Class Dojo.

Next Week's Dinner Menu....

'Green Earth Monday'	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wholemeal Margherita Pizza with Herby Diced Potatoes	Chicken and vegetable paella	Roast of the Day Gammon with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatball Sub with Arrabiata Sauce & Baked Wedges	Crispy Breaded Fish Fingers (Pollock) & Chips
Veggie shepherds pie	Chinese Vegetable Curry & Mixed Rice & Naan	Roast Veggie Balls with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Creamy Baked Macaroni Cheese	Veggie Hot Dog with Onions & Chips
Sweetcorn & Peppers Garden Peas	Green Beans Cauliflower	Carrots Savoy Cabbage	Broccoli Roasted Winter Vegetables	Baked Beans Garden Peas
Freshly Baked Jacket Potato with your Choice of Toppings: Tuna & Mayonnaise, Grated Cheese or Baked Beans				
Sandwich: Ham, cheese or tuna	Sandwich: Ham, cheese or tuna	Sandwich: Ham, cheese or tuna	Sandwich: Ham, cheese or tuna	Sandwich: Ham, cheese or tuna
Oaty Raisin Cookies with Watermelon Slice	Cinnamon Pear Upside Down Cake with Chocolate Drizzle	Jam Tart & Custard	Lemon & Blueberry Yoghurt Cake	(Hidden) Beetroot Brownie

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 5 th October	Flu Immunisations
Tuesday 5 th October	Parents Evening - 3.30-6
Wednesday 6 th October	Parents Evening - 3.30-6
Thursday 7 th October	Open Evening at The Kings School
Monday 11 th October	Phonics meeting for EYFS and KS1 parents at 5pm
Wednesday 20 th October	KS1 Library Trip – <i>more details to follow</i>
Tuesday 2 nd November	Tempest Photography School Photographs
Wednesday 10 th November	Class cinema trip – class 3 and 3/4 - <i>more details to follow</i>
Thursday 11 th November	Class cinema trip – class 4 - <i>more details to follow</i>



THE KING'S
SCHOOL

You Are Invited To Our

OPEN EVENING

Join us for our open evening and learn why
The King's School is the option for you.

Thursday 7th October

Doors open at 5pm - Headteacher talk at 5.30pm and 6.30pm - Doors close at 7.30pm

The King's School, Mill Hill Lane, Pontefract, West Yorkshire, WF8 4JF (Sat Nav WF8 4EU)

Tel: 01977 601701 | Email: admin@kings.patrust.org.uk

Twitter: [@kingspontefract](https://twitter.com/kingspontefract) | Web: kings.patrust.org.uk

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 \(www.gov.uk\)](https://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>

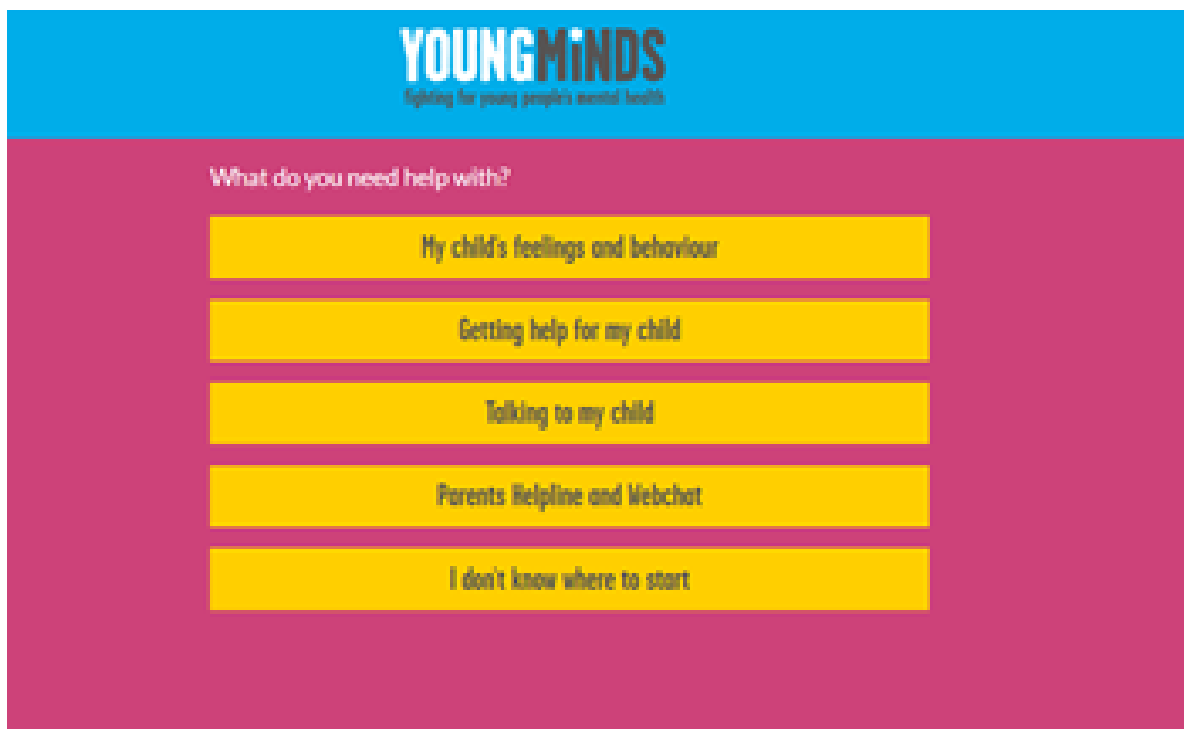
Childline has an advice and support section with British Sign Language and ways to contact childline. Deaf zone | Childline

Young Minds

Young minds offer a lot of support for both children and also for parents to help their children.

Please visit the Young Minds Parent page on the website to find out more.

[Parents Mental Health Support](#) | [Advice for Your Child](#) | [YoungMinds](#)



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