



**THE ROOKERIES
CARLETON**

JUNIOR, INFANT
& NURSERY SCHOOL

Friday 3rd December 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

The tree is up! As we enter the festive period, rehearsals for nativities and performances are well underway and we are all looking forward to hosting all these events in the coming weeks. In order that these performances can go ahead safely in line with the current guidance, I would ask you to refer to my letter this week encouraging all parents and carers, who are planning to attend to take a rapid lateral flow test the day before and to wear a face covering while in school.

Elsewhere in school, we continue to roll out our 50 things experience. Children in EYFS have been visited by birds of prey, while all of KS1 enjoyed a trip to the theatre to watch a special signed performance of Beauty and the Beast. The children thoroughly enjoyed the trip and were impeccably behaved throughout. They were a credit to the school. We also had a special visit for Class 5 and 6 today from the Wonderdome where the children were fascinated with the facts about space.

I hope you and your families continue to stay safe and I look forward to seeing you on Monday morning.

Kind regards

Richard Grogan
Headteacher



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

Mrs Holdroyd's exciting announcement:

"I have some very exciting news to share with you all. In early May next year, I am due to give birth to my first child. Both me and my husband are very excited. I have only been at The Rookeries for a short period of time but I have loved every second of it. I thoroughly enjoy teaching my class and I feel so proud of them for all they have achieved so far. The support I have received from all the staff and parents has been incredible - I can't thank you all enough for that. The Rookeries truly is a fantastic school and I am extremely proud to be a part of your team".

Pupil of the Week



Class	Pupil of the week
Nursery	Mabel
Reception – Julia Donaldson	Charlotte R
Class 1 – Oliver Jeffers	Amelia C
Class 1/2 – Rachel Bright	Rosie S
Class 2 – Anthony Browne	Heidi D
Class 3 – David Walliams	Molly B
Class 3/4 -Cressida Cowell	Oliver J
Class 4 – Valerie Bloom	Teddy
Class 5 – Charlie Mackesy	Seth H
Class 6 – Maya Angelou	Leon P

Attendance

Class	Attendance This Week	Attendance This year so far
Nursery	82.8%	88.8%
Reception	87.6%	90.3%
Year 1	91.3%	93.9%
Year 1/2	92.9%	96%
Year 2	95.2%	96.5%
Year 3	97%	95.8%
Year 3/4	97%	96.5%
Year 4	97.3%	97.9%
Year 5	97%	96.3%
Year 6	94.6%	93.5%



Overall attendance
this week - 95%

Overall attendance
this year - 95.8%

How does attendance affect learning?

Children who **attend school regularly**, have been shown to achieve at higher levels than children who do not have regular attendance. This impact happens from an early age. Your child's attendance needs to be 97% and above for them to achieve the best that they possibly can.

WF- I Can

This week our year 4,5 and 6 children will learn about WF-I-Can. The online resource for children and young people in Wakefield, with support on friendships, healthy lifestyle, managing feelings and lots of other support to help children cope with modern life.



COVID Reminder:

If your child has any on of the following symptoms a PCR test needs to be done and the result forwarded to our admin email address: admin@rookeries.patrust.org.uk

The main symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) are a high temperature, a new continuous cough and a loss or change to your sense of smell and taste.

The main symptoms:

- High Temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- A new continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If you have any of these symptoms, please get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if you have coronavirus and stay at home until you get your result, even if the symptoms are mild.

Office Updates

Christmas Nativity & Carol Performances

13th December 2pm and 6pm – KS2 Carol Concert – Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

14th December 2pm and 6pm – KS1 Nativity – Year 1 and 2

15th December 2pm and 5pm - EYFS Nativity

A message has been sent out via **Class Dojo** to parents in KS1 and KS2 to book tickets by Admin. Teachers have no access to book these so please ensure you only reply to Laura Askew.

Unfortunately, we are limited to space in the hall so this is a ticket only event and parents must decide which performance they would like to attend. **Each child can have a maximum of 2 tickets**, these can be split between performances, 1 ticket for 2pm and 1 ticket for 6pm or you may choose to have 2 tickets for 1 performance of your choice. We regret that **siblings cannot attend unless they have one of the two tickets.**

Please note tickets are booked on a **first come first served basis.**

Tickets will be distributed to classes and sent home with children. Please keep these safe as they will be asked for on entry.



Reindeer Run – Friday 10th December

There will be a whole school event to raise money for the Prince Of Wales Hospice. Sponsor Forms have been sent home with children today. Donations can be made via the MCAS app under Products > Charitable Donations.

Music Lesson - Timetable

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

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

Breakfast Club – Places must be booked beforehand

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

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.**

To enable registration places must be booked before 4pm the previous day, and for Mondays places must be booked before 4pm on the Friday beforehand.

As always, we appreciate your cooperation.

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

Wednesday 8th December	Year 5 Visit to Carleton High School – Christmas Carol Performance
Friday 10th December	Reindeer Run – Whole School Event for Prince Of Wales Hospice
Monday 13th December	Reception – Wakefield Theatre Trip
Monday 13th December	KS2 Carol Concert – 2pm & 6pm
Tuesday 14th December	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 14th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 14th December	KS1 – Nativity Performance 2pm & 6pm
Wednesday 15th December	EYFS Christmas Nativity 2pm & 5pm
Thursday 16th December	Christmas Jumper Day – Fundraising for MND
Thursday 16th December	School finishes for Christmas break
Friday 17th December	Inset Day – School Closed
Tuesday 4th January	School Opens

School Events 2021-22

Week	Whole School Event	EYFS	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Week 1 1.11.21	Tempest School Photographs				
Week 2 8.11.21	Remembrance Day	Food bank visit		Visit the Cinema (50 Things)	Visit the Cinema (50 Things) Pete Mata'utia motivational talk
Week 3 15.11.21	Anti-Bullying Week Children in Need	Make a Trail (50 Things)			
Week 4 22.11.21	Future in Mind Coffee Morning	Maths Parent Workshop		Maths Parent Workshop	Maths Parent Workshop
Week 5 29.11.21	A Christmas Carol Performance	Local Library visit	Pantomime Visit - signed performance (50 Things)		Planetarium visit
Week 6 6.12.21	Reindeer fun run (Prince of Wales fundraiser)	Pantomime visit	Nativity performance	Christmas performance	KS2 carol concert
Week 7 13.12.21	Christmas Jumper Day Class Christmas Parties School Christmas Dinner	Nativity performance Class Celebrations	Class Celebrations	Class Celebrations	Class Celebrations

Netflix offers a massive variety of TV shows and movies. Users can stream old favourites or watch brand new original content.

If this is your streaming platform of choice, check out our step by step instructions for setting up parental controls below.

Follow these instructions to set maturity levels on separate profiles:

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- From your web browser, go to your **Account** profile.
- Select **Profile & Parental Controls** for the profile you want to manage.
- Select **Viewing Restriction** and change the setting.
- Enter your Netflix password.
- Set the maturity level for the TV shows and movies you want to allow in that profile.
- Don't forget to hit **Save**.

Learn how to create a profile for younger children:

- Go to **Manage Profile**.
- Select **Add Profile**.
- Make sure to name your profile & select **Kids** to use the 'Kids Experience'.
- Select **Continue**.



Add a PIN code to a viewing account by following these instructions

- From your web browser, go to your **Account** profile.
- Select **Profile & Parental Controls** for the profile you want to lock.
- Change the **Profile Lock** setting.
- Enter your Netflix password.
- Select the option **Require a PIN**.
- Enter your four digit PIN code to create your profile lock.
- Select **Submit**.



Turn off Auto-Play on your Netflix Account

- From your web browser, go to your **Account** profile.
- Select **Profile & Parental Controls** for the profile you want to manage.
- Select the **Playback Settings**.
- Make sure you deselect **Autoplay next episode in a series on all devices**.



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>

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DEAF ZONE

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)

Deaf Zone BSL Video

Deaf Zone

How can we help? First of all, have a look at the videos.

HIDE PAGE SAVE PAGE

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](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