



**THE ROOKERIES  
CARLETON**

JUNIOR, INFANT  
& NURSERY SCHOOL

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am pleased to report that attendance has significantly improved over the last few weeks. The school is on track to achieve its target of 97%. Thank you for your help and support with this. Your child's attendance is vitally important in ensuring they are successful at school.

KS1 and UKS2 parents and carers have been invited in this week to share in their class celebrations. It was great to see so many people engaged in the events and sharing in their children's learning. Make sure you check out the school Twitter feed for photographs of the events.

This week has also seen the launch of our new student planners. These have been purposefully designed to further help and support pupils with their learning and will replace the existing reading records. In the first instance, each pupil has been provided with a planner at the expense of the school and each year pupils will be given new planners. However, we do not have the funds to keep replacing planner, so in the case of lost or damaged planners, these will need to be replaced at a small cost to parents / carers.

I am delighted to announce the return of Miss Dyas after half term. She will now be joining Year 4 as they prepare for Mrs Holdroyd's maternity leave after the Easter holidays. Miss Dyas will be working alongside Mrs Holdroyd to ensure there is a strong transition and handover for Year 4.

I hope you all enjoy the half term break and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 28 February.

Kind regards

**Richard Grogan**  
**Headteacher**



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	Bella Rose
Reception – Julia Donaldson	Eliza D
Class 1 – Oliver Jeffers	Alyssia
Class 1/2 – Rachel Bright	Bentley L
Class 2 – Anthony Browne	Lauren F
Class 3 – David Walliams	Leo R
Class 3/4 -Cressida Cowell	Kiyah B
Class 4 – Valerie Bloom	Curtis T
Class 5 – Charlie Mackesy	Kacy L
Class 6 – Maya Angelou	Lily W
Deaf Resource	Oliver D

## Attendance

Class	Attendance This Week
Nursery	76.5%
Reception	98.6%
Year 1	96%
Year 1/2	96.7%
Year 2	96.6%
Year 3	99.6%
Year 3/4	93.9%
Year 4	97.9%
Year 5	98.9%
Year 6	96.5%

**Attendance this week  
overall – 95.12%**



If your child is absent, please let us know as soon as possible. You can call us on 01977 600368 (select option 1), send a note, or come in to school and explain in person.

We operate a first-day response to absence, so if we have not heard from you and your child(ren) is not at school we will usually make telephone contact at about 9.30am on the first day.

## ROBLOX

Roblox is played by lots of children but as with any on-line game comes with its concerns.

We will be putting some guides and links to support parents on dojo and sending out via MCAS, to ensure your child is safe on-line.

**ROBLOX**  
Powering Imagination

According to the Roblox website, 'Roblox is the world's largest interactive social platform for play. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the game, it is a multi-player online gaming platform which allows children to play and create a variety of games in a 3D world. Roblox is free to play and available on all modern smartphones, tablets, desktops, Xbox One, Oculus Rift, and HTC Vive.'

**AGE RESTRICTION**  
13+

### What parents need to know about ROBLOX

**ROBLOX STUDIO**  
The Roblox Studio allows users to create their own games and 'worlds' for others to play on the platform. As the games are user generated, it gives users the freedom to potentially include things you do not want your child to be exposed to, for example, weapons, violence and even pornographic content. There are no age restrictions on the games created in the Roblox Studio and to remove games from the platform Roblox relies on people reporting negative/violent content.

**CHATTING & FRIEND REQUESTS**  
Whilst the games in Roblox are aimed at 8 to 18-year-olds, there are currently no age restrictions for signing up. This means that both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other and send friend requests through the platform. Once a friend request is accepted, this means that they can communicate with each other outside of gameplay.

**ROBUX ONLINE PAYMENTS**  
When a user creates a game, they earn something called 'Robux', which works as a currency within the platform and enables the purchase of upgrades and memberships. If the created game is of good quality and attracts multiple players and in-game adverts, children have the ability to earn a lot of 'Robux'. Once a user has earned a certain amount of Robux, they can convert this to real cash and withdraw it to a PayPal account. To withdraw money, users need to be over 13, have a PayPal account and have paid for the Roblox premium subscription.

**ALERT!**  
Tell your children to be careful and to think twice before they click any random advert or pop-up. There is a lot of phishing scams that advertise free Robux etc. with the intent of stealing your child's personal information.

### Top Tips for Parents

**UNLIST SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS**  
Make sure your child's social media accounts are not listed in the settings/account information. If they are, advise them to set them to private or remove them from their account. This will ensure that nobody will be able to find and contact them on their social media platforms outside of Roblox.

**CHECK SHARED INFORMATION**  
In the account settings, check that your child is not giving away any personal information in their bio/profile. For example, their full name, phone number or snapchat name. If you see that they have, explain why this is potentially dangerous and remove immediately.

**2-STEP VERIFICATION**  
Roblox has a great two-step verification security feature which we recommend you enable to add an extra layer of security to your child's account.

**HAVE A CHAT ABOUT 'GRIEFING'**  
Griefing is when someone purposely upsets another player in a game. This can be done by setting traps, damaging or stealing something from another player, intentionally killing them and generally doing something in the game to spoil their gameplay. Essentially, 'griefing' is a form of cyberbullying and can be extremely frustrating and upsetting for players.

**RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS**  
Roblox is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional in-game purchases. If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to restrict spending, we suggest using a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will enable you to restrict how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

**DISABLE IN-GAME CHAT**  
Roblox is great for children to play together and chat to each other. However, if you want to completely turn off in-game chat for your child (meaning they cannot contact anyone, including their friends) you can do so by following these steps: When logged in, go to the Account Settings page by clicking on the gear icon at the top right corner of the page, then click Settings. Next, click on the Privacy tab and under 'Who can chat with me in game?' select 'No one' and this will disable in-game chat.

**IS YOUR CHILD UNDER 13?**  
Unfortunately, there are hundreds of YouTube videos showing children how to change their age settings on Roblox, so firstly, you should talk to your child to set up some rules/an agreement. There are additional safety features for children under 13, for example having their posts and chats filtered for inappropriate content and behaviour, so it is worth checking that your child has set up their account with the correct age. You can find this in their account settings.

**NOS National Online Safety**

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This is not a definitive guide. Please always check with the latest support information to use it.  
Any Roblox company names are trademarks.

[www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com)

Copy and paste this link into your browser for a useful guide to settings on Roblox

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWzhE8fUi7E>

## Pontefract Food Bank

In the light of what's happening with increased fuel prices, increased food prices etc, here is the contact number and email address for Pontefract food bank. If any parents are struggling or begin to struggle

contact the foodbank to see if you meet the criteria to obtain a food voucher using the contacts below.

Contact no. [07935530583](tel:07935530583)

Email :[info@pontefract.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@pontefract.foodbank.org.uk)



If you're in immediate danger call 999, or call 101 if you'd like to make a report.

For advice, help and support WDDAS are here to help. Please call **0800 915 1561**  
Please note this line is open **8:30am – 5pm Monday – Thursday and 8:30am - 4:30pm Friday.**

### #SilentSolution

If you're in immediate danger and need to call the police but feel as though it's not safe for you to speak, you can use the **#SilentSolution**.

Call **999** as usual and after you've heard the automated message which starts with 'you are through to the police' press **55**.

The police will then know it is not safe for you to speak, and will ask you questions which you can answer through your key pad.



## Office Updates

### Breakfast Club – Places must be booked beforehand

Breakfast club is extremely popular this year. 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.

We also ask that **if you are aware your child will not be attending a breakfast club session once you have booked, please let us know beforehand where possible so we can cancel the booking.** This enables us to offer the place to another child and the money is then credited back to your account

As always, we appreciate your cooperation.



### Red Nose Day

We will be selling red noses in school in the build up to Red Nose Day. These are £1.50 each. We will send out a message when these are available to buy.

### School Car Park

The school car park is for staff only, disabled access, children who have school transport and taxis. Parents must not use the car park for pick up and drop offs as this is preventing access for those who require use of the car park.

### Name the Rook

#### Fundraising Event



We are fundraising for a Buddy Bench for the playground. The children have the opportunity to name the Rook in our logo. They need to choose a name for the Rook and explain why they have chosen this name. Entries are £1.

The entry forms have been sent home with children. We do have some spare in the office if you would like more than one entry or if forms are misplaced.

Please return the form and £1 to the class teacher or office.

Our school council will look through applications and decide during next half term.

### Music Lesson Timetable

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

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

Music Tuition is now available to pay on MCAS. This can be found under Products > Music Lessons. There is an option to pay in instalments if you wish to do so. If your child takes part in the above music lessons, please ensure the full amount is paid before Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

## After School Clubs – February – April

Club	Phase	Day
Football (Girls)	KS2 Girls	Wednesday 3.20 – 4.15
Archery <b>FULLY BOOKED</b>	<b>KS2</b>	<b>Thursday 3.20 – 4.15</b>
Art Club	KS2	Thursday 3.20 – 4.15
Young Voices	KS2	Thursday 3.20 – 4.15
Creative Writing	KS1	Thursday 3.20 – 4.15
Yoga	KS1	Thursday 3.20 – 4.15
Football	KS1	Thursday 3.20 – 4.15
Multi Skills	KS1 and EYFS	Thursday 3.20 – 4.15

We are delighted to announce that After School Clubs will re-open when we return to school; the first club starting on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Places must be booked via the MCAS app and can be found under the club's section. Please note that places are booked on a first come first served basis.

### World Book Day 2022 – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day by focusing on the Book 'Rain Before Rainbows'. This is an uplifting story about finding optimism in the darkest of places. We will be considering the positive message this story tells and we are therefore asking each class to dress in a colour of the rainbow as detailed below so we can make our own Rookeries Rainbow on the day.

#### EYFS

Class 1

Class 1-2

Class 2

Class 3

Class 3-4

Class 4

Class 5

Class 6

#### Rainbow colours

Red

Orange

Yellow

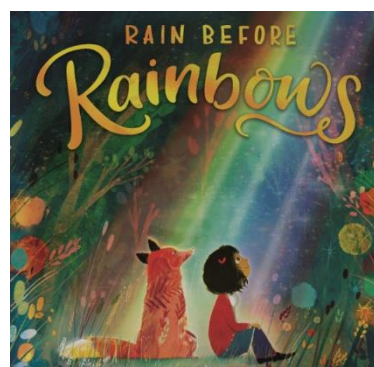
Green

Blue

Purple

Pink

Red



We will also be running a book swap. In the week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> February children can bring in any books they have read / no longer want and then they will be able to choose a new book on World Book day.

Your child has also been given a World Book Day £1 token today which they can swap for a special World Book Day book or use to get £1 off any book at participating retailer.

# SEND Parents'



*Rookeries*

*Wednesday March 2nd*

*9.00am till 10.30am*

*Are you a parent of a child at The Rookeries with SEND needs? We would like to welcome you to our first coffee morning.*

*The Rookeries prides itself on supporting all children, by identifying any additional needs and providing all our children with the provision to succeed.*

*We will welcome Hollie Riley, one of Wakefield's Educational Psychologists and Helen Roberts from WISENDSS (Wakefield Inclusion Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Support Service) who will be there to answer any questions or queries you may have in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.*

*Please notify our admin team or Miss Marsh if you wish to attend on this date (for numbers) If you are unsure if this event is for you—please do not hesitate to ask.*

*Miss Marsh—SENCO*

## Dinner Menu:

Week 2

When we return to school next weeks the dinner menu is Week 2

'Green Earth Monday'	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wholemeal Margherita Pizza with Herby Diced Potatoes	Pork Sausage & Mash With a Rich Gravy	Roast of the Day Gammon with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	<p><u>The Gruffalo Menu</u> See menu below for choices</p>	Crispy Breaded Fish Fingers (Pollock) & Chips
Veggie shepherds pie	Veg Sausage & Mash With a Rich Gravy	Roast Veggie Balls with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy		Veggie Hot Dog with Onions & Chips
Sweetcorn & Peppers Garden Peas	Green Beans Cauliflower	Carrots Savoy Cabbage		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

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Special menu to celebrate world book day.

### The Gruffalo Menu

**Red** - Cheese and Tomato Toadstool Pizza

**Blue** - Turned out Toes – Mini Chicken Burger

*Served with Cheesy Beans and Baked Potato Owls and Rainbow Coleslaw*

**Knobbly Knees Chocolate Cornflake Cake**

Or

**Gruffalo Crumble – Apple and Custard**

There will also be our usual jacket potato and sandwiches served.



## Dates for your diary

<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	SEND Parents Coffee Morning 9 - 10.30am
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Introduction to Rackets at Pontefract Squash Club for selected children year 3 and 4
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	After School Clubs - KS2 Girls A1 Football Factory
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	After School Clubs – All other clubs recommence
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	World Book Day
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Classroom Kitchen – Year 5 and 6 visits in school
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Red Nose Day
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Ministry of Chocolate visit to school (year 3 and 4)
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Marrick Priory Year 6 Residential
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Celebration and Easter egg competition ( <i>more details to follow</i> )
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Last day of school before April Half Term

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>

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](http://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](http://www.betterandbrightschoolwear.co.uk)

Alternatively, you may purchase items by calling 07486 140776 or 07837 078981

**Thank you for your continued cooperation and support**