



**THE ROOKERIES
CARLETON**

JUNIOR, INFANT
& NURSERY SCHOOL

Friday 18th March 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am delighted to announce that the Rookeries are once again Sumdog champions! This is the third maths competition the Trust has hosted and the third competition we have won! Over 1000 pupils in 58 classes across Pontefract entered the competition, so could I extend a special thank you to everyone who took part and worked so incredibly hard.

This week we also welcomed back into school our reading patron, Conrad Burdekin. Conrad came in specially to work with children on creating poems. I know the children enjoyed writing their poems just as much as they enjoyed listening to Conrad's rather amusing poems!

On Wednesday, year 5 and 6 pupils listened to a drugs awareness talk from a police officer, on behalf of The Children Charity. This is an incredibly important aspect of our school curriculum (Science & PSHE) where we fulfil our responsibility to inform the children of how to stay safe and make the correct decisions. The children listened intently throughout and were a credit to our school.

Year 5 and 6 pupils also took part in a 'Classroom Kitchen' cooking demonstration on nutrition. This experience is linked to the 50 things and provides a purpose for the upcoming work they will be completing in English when they start to compose a newspaper report.

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

Kind regards

Richard Grogan
Headteacher



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to see what the
children are up to on
a daily basis.

Pupil of the Week



Class	Pupil of the week
Nursery	Zain
Reception – Julia Donaldson	Harry G
Class 1 – Oliver Jeffers	Harper
Class 1/2 – Rachel Bright	Summer
Class 2 – Anthony Browne	Poppy S
Class 3 – David Walliams	Mazie-Rae
Class 3/4 -Cressida Cowell	Zarina
Class 4 – Valerie Bloom	Eve C
Class 5 – Charlie Mackesy	Taragh
Class 6 – Maya Angelou	Elizabeth T

Attendance

Class	Attendance This Week	Attendance This year so far
Nursery	73.9%	86.2 %
Reception	89.1%	94.6%
Year 1	93.3%	93.4%
Year 1/2	92.2%	96.1%
Year 2	91.6%	96.5%
Year 3	94.6%	96.0%
Year 3/4	98.1%	96.4%
Year 4	91.4%	96.4%
Year 5	98.9%	97.2%
Year 6	96.1%	93.9%

Attendance this week
overall – 94.7%

Attendance this year
overall – 95.8%



A poor week this week attendance wise. Rookeries strives on achieving the best for all its pupils but only together can they flourish and achieve.

Please ensure your child attends school whenever possible.



World Sleep day

As well as red nose day. Today is world sleep day. We all need a good night's sleep. The sleep charity has lots of useful information to help adults, teenagers and children sleep better.

sleepcharity.org.uk

Drug Awareness Talk



Years 5 and 6 had a drug awareness talk from John Hay. John is a police officer who works for The Children Charity, educating children. The talk empowers children to make positive and informed choices regarding drugs, alcohol & social behaviour, as well as achieving their life long goals. Prevention is better than cure. Providing drug education to older primary school children prior to them moving up to secondary school, hopefully **BEFORE** they come into contact with drugs, helps raise awareness of the dangers and give them the information to be able to stay safe and say NO!

Wordle Game



Wordle is a new, very simple game which has grown to extraordinary levels of popularity over the last few months. In the main it is a very safe game but with the rise in popularity it's important to be aware as there are a couple of concerns.

Things to watch out for

While the original Wordle is currently ad-free and web-based, there are many imitators that are not. These copycats are regularly removed from app stores but more continue popping up. While they look and work like Wordle, they tend to collect data and information in a way that the original does not.

Wordle saves users' game progress through cookies. Once cookies are deleted, all progress is lost. However, many of the game's clones collect and retain data especially for targeted ads. If a child plays one of the copycats, they run the risk of sharing unnecessary information or clicking ads for third-party content. These apps don't have parental controls in place to limit what kinds of ads they might see.

More adult spinoffs of the Wordle game also exist, which includes vocabulary unsuitable for those under 18.

To ensure your child is enjoying Wordle and staying safe, check they are using the original web-based game

Office Updates



Uniform Bank Appeal

We are in a process of setting up a school uniform bank and are appealing to our parents for your support.

We are looking for donations of any school uniform that your child may have outgrown that is clean and in good condition.

Please bring these to your class teacher as soon as possible.

This would be greatly appreciated.

More details to follow when we have a good stock of uniform.



Breakfast Club

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.

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.



After School Clubs February – April

Places can still be booked via the MCAS app under the club's section. Please note places are booked on a first come first served basis.

Club	Phase	Day
Football	KS2 Girls	Wednesday
Archery	KS2	Thursday
Art Club	KS2	Thursday
Young Voices	KS2	Thursday
Creative Writing	KS1	Thursday
Yoga	KS1	Thursday
Football	KS1	Thursday
Multi Skills	KS1/EYFS	Thursday

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 8th April 2022.**



Photographs from this week

Classroom Kitchen



Red Nose Day



Well done to Molly who was lucky enough to purchase one of the rare rainbow comic relief noses.

Dinner Menu:

Week 1

'Green Earth Monday'	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wholemeal Margherita Pizza Slice with Jacket Wedges	Classic Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Roast of the Day Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy	BBQ Pulled Pork Bun with Wedges	Crispy Breaded Fish Fingers (Pollock) & Chips
Thai green vegetable curry with mixed rice and naan	Veggie Mince Spaghetti Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Quorn Roast with Stuffing & Gravy	Sticky Barbecue Vegetables & Noodles	Crispy Veggie Burger with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Green Beans Sweetcorn	Broccoli Roasted Summer Vegetables	Cauliflower Seasonal Greens	Wok Bashed Vegetables Carrots/Mixed Salad	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
Orange & Banana Traybake	Apple Flapjack	Oaty Raisin Cookies with Watermelon Slice	Watermelon & Pineapple Slices	Chocolate Cookie

Week 2

Next weeks 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	Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatball Sub with Arrabiata Sauce & Baked Wedges	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	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				
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Oaty Raisin Cookies with Watermelon Slice	Cinnamon Pear Upside Down Cake with Chocolate Drizzle	Jam Tart & Custard	Lemon & Blueberry Yoghurt Cake	(Hidden) Beetroot Brownie

Week 3

'Green Earth Monday'	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Veggie Meatballs with a Mediterranean Tomato Sauce & Fluffy Cous Cous	Traditional Toad in the Hole with Gravy	Roast of the Day Turkey with Stuffing & Gravy	Rich & Rustic Lamb & Root Vegetable Hotpot	Classic Friday Fish & Chips with Tomato Sauce
Wholemeal Margherita Pizza with a half portion of Baby Baked Potatoes	Autumn Vegetable & Wholewheat Tortilla 'Lasagne'	Quorn Roast with Stuffing, & Gravy	Creamy baked macaroni cheese	Mozzarella & Fresh Tomato Melt with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Mixed Vegetables Garden Salad	Green Beans Cauliflower	Wok Bashed Vegetables Carrots	Broccoli Sweetcorn	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
Chocolate Shortbread with Apple Smiles	Carrot Cake Cookie	Peach Shortcake Bar & Custard	Watermelon & Pineapple Slices	Lemon & Courgette Slice

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 23rd March	Lego Robotics Workshop – KS1 (contributions to be made via MCAS)
Thursday 31st March	Ministry of Chocolate visit to school (year 3 and 4) - (contributions to be made via MCAS)
Monday 4th – Wednesday 6th April	Marrick Priory Year 6 Residential
Wednesday 6th April	Zoolab visit to EYFS (contributions to be made via MCAS)
Friday 8th April	Easter Celebration and Easter egg competition
Friday 8th April	Last day of school before April Half Term

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>

The screenshot shows the Childline website interface. At the top, the 'childline' logo is on the left, and 'Call 0800 1111' and 'About us' are on the right. Below the logo, it says 'ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME'. A navigation bar contains 'Info and advice', 'Get support', 'Toolbox', and 'Get involved'. A 'Your locker' button with a 'Sign in' link is also present. A breadcrumb trail reads: 'You are here / Home / Info and advice / Bullying, abuse, safety and the law / Deaf Zone'. A search bar is labeled 'Search Childline...'. The main content area has a red background with the heading 'DEAF ZONE'. Below this, 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 signing. On the far right, there are vertical buttons: 'HIDE PAGE', 'SAVE PAGE', and a circular icon.

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.

The screenshot shows the Young Minds website. The header is blue with the 'YOUNGMINDS' logo and the tagline 'fighting for young people's mental health'. The main content area has a pink background. It starts with the question 'What do you need help with?'. Below this are five yellow buttons with the following text: 'My child's feelings and behaviour', 'Getting help for my child', 'Talking to my child', 'Parents Helpline and Webchat', and 'I don't know where to start'.

[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