



**Rolph C of E Primary School and Nursery  
Newsletter  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020**



Dear Parents & Carers,

**A Message from the Headteacher**

Firstly, if I haven't had an opportunity to say it personally, I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

We have certainly 'hit the ground' running this week! I have been very pleased with the way all the children have settled back into the classroom routines so quickly, and I am now looking forward to a busy and rewarding term ahead. There is a real 'buzz' around the school with an overall effective learning environment.

Further to previous correspondence, I can confirm that the initial meeting of the Trust Interim Board took place yesterday, and that the details of the Members of the Board are currently being prepared to go onto the school website. The Board has been put in place in order to help support rapid improvement in all aspects of the school life, and I am looking forward to working with them and seeing the positive outcomes that their recommended actions will bring.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Ashley



**House Points Results**

As highlighted to the children on Tuesday's Worship, the results for House points for last half term are shown below, so congratulations to all those in the Fire Team. This was a trial basis for House points and so we will be resetting all the figures from now. Therefore, this week's figures shown will be the start of the overall totals for this term and the rest of the year, with rewards being given to those teams and individual children with the highest levels of House points over these periods. More details of this will be communicated in the future.

<b>Last Half Term's Totals</b>	
<b>Earth</b>	<b>732</b>
<b>Air</b>	<b>653</b>
<b>Water</b>	<b>669</b>
<b>Fire</b>	<b>740</b>

<b>This Week's Totals</b>	
<b>Earth</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Air</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Water</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Fire</b>	<b>51</b>

## Attendance



The figures below are based on attendance between Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January (8 days). It is unfortunate that no classes were able to attain 95%+ attendance over this period, so no Mr Potato Head pieces have been rewarded today but hopefully this can be made up for next week.

Class	Attendance (%)
R	94.01
1	88.84
2	94.83
3	94.34
4	90.63
5	90.63
6	91.16
Total	92.09

A reminder that the national expectation for school attendance is 96%. Currently our whole school attendance for the year to date is 95.61% which is below the national expectation.

**FIXED OR  
GROWTH  
MINDSET?**

### Growth Mindset

We have introduced the concept of having a 'Growth Mindset' with the children this week and this will be a key word for the coming term. This is the principle of understanding that everyone can become more intelligent by expanding their brain muscle by accepting challenges, acting on feedback, having 'stickability' and being inspired by others' success.

Can we please ask that you help us to launch this further by talking to your child(ren) about what 'Growth Mindset' means to them? You may like to ask them such questions as: "What was the biggest challenge you faced today?", "What could you do tomorrow if you are faced with the same challenges?", etc.

### Parent Workshops.



We are pleased to invite all parents to the following workshops which we hope will be useful for you. There is no need to book, so just feel free to turn up on the day:

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January - How to Help your Child with Reading in KS2 at 2pm

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February - How to Help your Child Learn to Read using Phonics (KS1 focus) at 2pm

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February - How to Keep your Child Safe Online (an update on popular Apps and games, including things parents should be aware of and may not be!) at 2pm



## **Absence and Lateness**

A reminder that we would ask all parents to inform the school of any absences & lateness, preferably by 9.00 am, on each day of absence (and by 9.20 am at the latest) by calling 01255 861317 and choosing option '1'. This should be the only method for informing us of any absence or lateness. We are legally obliged to report reasons for absence and we are finding a lot of office time is being used chasing up missing children, so please help us by making the call.

We have noticed an increase in lateness recently, and whilst we understand that sometimes things can go a little wrong in the mornings, we would like to remind you of the effect that lateness can have both on your child and others in their class. Children often refer to the 'embarrassment' of having to walk into a classroom when all their peers are already settled and working, and they also comment on being interrupted from their work when others come in late. Could we therefore remind you that we are very happy to welcome the children in from 8.35 am, with the gates closing at 8.50 am.

## **Parking / Dropping Off Outside School**



Can we please remind you that the staff car park should not be entered for dropping off at any time, for safety reasons, including breakfast club and when collecting children from after school clubs – we have received complaints that some parents are continuing to enter the car park when there are other children and parents walking through.

Can we please also remind you that the zigzags outside of school restrict both parking and dropping off during the hours of 8.30 – 9.30 am and 3.00 – 4.00 pm. Please ensure if you are dropping children off in the mornings that you please do so safely and away from the zigzag road markings.



## **Music Lessons**

Please let the office know if your child is interested in learning a new instrument, there are currently spaces for piano lessons.

## **Breakfast Club**



A reminder that the school runs a breakfast club from 7.30am each morning, at a cost of just £3 per session. Places are available, so if this is a service you feel you would like to use, please contact the school office.



## **Books for Schools**

The Sun and The Sun on Sunday will have tokens for the 'Books for Schools' offer which can be collected from Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 until Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020. If we collect 3500 tokens, the school could order over 100 new books. Please send any tokens collected into the school office, we would be so grateful!

## **Vacancies**

We currently have the following vacancies, so if you or anyone you know may be interested in any of these, please contact the school:

- Full time Deputy/SENDCo.
- Full time KS1 Teacher.
- Part Time Caretaker (hours to suit).
- Full time Midday Assistant (term time, 5 days a week).

## **RSA News**



RSA are very proud to announce that we are now in store at Tesco in the bags of help boxes. Please remember when shopping to collect your blue tokens which can then be put into our corresponding box. Boxes can be found in the following stores: 2209 Brightlingsea Express CO7 0AB, 2621 Great Bentley Express CO7 8LA 5013 Thorpe le Soken Express CO16 0EA, 5125 Clacton Superstore CO15 4EF 5944 Holland on Sea Express CO15 5UH, 6034 Walton on Naze Express CO14 8BJ and 6206 Clacton on Sea Express CO15 3DP. Please get those tokens in to the boxes in store and help us win the top prize of £2000 for school!

Rolph Recyclers have managed to send off a whopping 14kgs of empty crisp packets this week. Please keep the packets coming and let's see what supplier we can earn for school.

This year's Mother's Day fundraiser will be Keepsake Tea Towels. Look out for the letter coming home next week!

Thorpe Players, the local village Panto group, will be performing The Wizard of Oz at TTC in the February half term. This is a fantastic family event and a great opportunity to see some of our Rolph students both past and present perform!

Rolph school disco will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – a letter will be coming home nearer the time!

The next RSA meeting will be at 9am on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January at the Rose and Crown – we hope to see some new faces again.

## **Reception 2020 Admissions**



A reminder to all parents that admissions for the 2020 Reception intake will close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Full details and the application form are available at [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). Please complete and return to the school office, a completed supplementary information form to support your admission application. Details of our admissions policy and a copy of the supplementary information form can be found on the school website.

## **Dates for your Diary:**



### **January**

28<sup>th</sup> – Parent Workshop - How to Help your Child with Reading in KS2 2pm  
28<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Parent Meeting for Kingswood Residential October 2020 3.15pm

### **February**

4<sup>th</sup> – Parent Workshop - How to Help your Child Learn to Read using Phonics (KS1 focus) 2pm  
7<sup>th</sup> – Parent Meeting 2.30pm  
11<sup>th</sup> – Parent Workshop - How to Keep your Child safe Online 2pm  
17-21/2 – Half Term Holidays

### **March**

4<sup>th</sup> – World Maths Day  
5<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day  
6<sup>th</sup> – Parent Meeting / Forum  
10<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.00pm  
11<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.00 / 5.30 – 7.00pm

### **April**

2<sup>nd</sup> – Headteacher's Awards Assembly  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Last day of term  
6/4 – 17/4 Easter Holidays  
20<sup>th</sup> – Non-Pupil Day

### **May**

8<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday (moved from 4/5)  
w/c 11<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 SATs Week  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Parent Meeting  
25/5 – 29/5 – Half Term Holidays

### **June**

8<sup>th</sup> (3-week window opens) Year 4 Times Tables Check  
8<sup>th</sup> (week of) Phonics Screening Checks  
26<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day

### **July**

3<sup>rd</sup> – Parent Meeting  
11<sup>th</sup> – Tending Show  
20<sup>th</sup> – Headteacher's Awards Assembly  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Non-Pupil Day

**Rolph Church of England Primary**  
**School Lunch Menu**  
**SPRING 2020 – WEEK 2**

<b>School lunch choices</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Option 1 (Main)</b>	Jacket potato with tuna or cheese	Chicken Tikka with rice	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognaise	Roast butcher's chicken breast with Yorkshire pudding	Oven baked crispy fillet of fish in bubble coating (Gluten Free)
<b>Option 2 (Vegetarian)</b>	Fusilli Pasta with Italian style tomato sauce	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn mince Spaghetti Bolognaise	Quorn Fillet with Yorkshire pudding	Quorn Dippers
<b>Option 3</b>	Deli roll filled with cheese and salad	Oven baked jacket potato with cheese and beans	Ham and salad wrap	Oven baked jacket potato with tuna	Deli roll filled with egg mayonnaise
<b>Accompaniments</b>	Carrot sticks Salad	Naan Bread Garden Peas	Garlic bread	Rich gravy, roast potatoes, fresh cauliflower and carrots	Crispy chips Baked beans or Garden peas
<b>Dessert or Pudding</b>	Apple Crumble with custard	Jelly with cream	Fruit Salad	Frozen Yoghurts	Chocolate Sponge
<b>Also available</b>	Muller or Yeo Valley yoghurts Fresh fruit Serve yourself salad bar Fresh water or milk	Muller yoghurts Fresh fruit Serve yourself salad bar Fresh water or milk	Muller or Yeo Valley yoghurts Fresh fruit Serve yourself salad bar Fresh water or milk	Muller or Yeo Valley yoghurts Fresh fruit Serve yourself salad bar Fresh water or milk	Muller or Yeo Valley yoghurts Fresh fruit Serve yourself salad bar Fresh water or milk