

**Rolph C of E Primary School and Nursery  
Newsletter  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020**



Dear Parents & Carers,

**A Message from the Headteacher**

Another exciting week here at Rolph is coming to a close, and I think the children will agree that the highlights were the Rocksteady worship and the start of the golf lessons for some classes (with others to follow over the coming weeks). Thank you to all those involved in arranging and running these activities.

You may have seen reports in the press about last year's results. My response was that there have been significant changes across the school since September, both in leadership and teaching within classes, and that I have been working with governors, staff, parents and pupils to address and resolve all areas of concern. I feel that we have already made significant positive changes, and I hope that you are able to see these in practice. Going by comments received and the recent parent questionnaires, I believe that this is the case, but as always, please do not hesitate to talk to me if you have any concerns – I repeat that 'I can't do anything about it, unless I know about it'.

We have now formally put in place the Marking and Feedback Policy that was trialled last term, and this should now be embedded across the school. The policy can be found on the website for your information. In addition, we are currently developing a 'Presentation Policy' in order to ensure consistency across the school, and again this will be trialled over the next few weeks, with a view to getting it formally adopted at the next Trust Interim Board meeting. I will also arrange for this to be available in draft form on the website, and any comments that you may have will be gratefully received.

Finally, I am pleased to be able to confirm the five non-pupil days for the next academic year. These will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> September and 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020, and then 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> July 2021. These dates have been agreed in order to allow staff training to take place at the start of the year, and to then align with the end of year at Tendring Technology College, and which I hope will be helpful for parents to potentially be able to take holidays a little earlier than when other schools will break up. I'm hoping that this will remove the need for families to be taking holidays during term time. The full academic calendar will be available on the website next week.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Ashley



## House Points Results

This Week's Totals	
Earth	68
Air	76
Water	68
Fire	66

Congratulations to Air who were the winners this week.

## Attendance



In celebration worship today, classes were awarded their Mr Potato Head pieces for their attendance covering the period Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January - see the table below for your child's class.

Class	Attendance (%)
R	94.17
1	91.43
2	96.21
3	96.87
4	91.88
5	94.55
6	89.66
Total	93.52

A reminder that the national expectation for school attendance is 96%. Currently our whole school attendance for the year to date is 95.48% which is below the national expectation.

Congratulations to Year 3 who have completed another Mr Potato Head today.



**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.

## **Breakfast Club**



A reminder that the school runs a breakfast club from 7.30am each morning, at a cost of just £3.00 per session. Places are available, so if this is a service you feel you would like to use, please contact the school office.



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

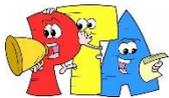
Can we please remind you that the staff car park should not be entered for dropping off at any time, for safety reasons, including breakfast club and when collecting children from after school clubs – we have received complaints that some parents are continuing to enter the car park when there are other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



## **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!



## **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 School Disco will now be held on Thursday 13th February. Letters have been sent home this week.

Bag2School bags have also been sent home this week, please bring in donations on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

Letters for this year's Mother's Day promotion letters have been sent out. To order your Keepsake Tea Towel, please fill in your order form and return to RSA box with payment, if you would like to purchase one.

Rolph Recyclers managed to turn your old empty crisp packets into £31 pounds of funding, please keep collecting and donating the flattened bags for us!

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!

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.

## **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).

## **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 3**

School lunch choices	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Option 1 (Main)</b>	Tuna and Sweetcorn Pizza	Spaghetti Bolognese	Chicken Tikka Wrap	Local butchers chicken breast with Yorkshire pudding	Young's Omega 3 fish fingers
<b>Option 2 (Vegetarian)</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Spaghetti Napolitaine	Quorn Tikka Wrap	Cheese Omelette with potato cubes	Vegetable Nuggets
<b>Option 3</b>	Oven baked jacket potato with tuna & beans	Deli roll filled with ham	Oven baked jacket potato with cheese	Cheese and salad wrap	Oven baked jacket potato with beans
<b>Accompaniments</b>	Coleslaw Baked beans	Garlic bread	Potato wedges	Rich gravy, roast potatoes, fresh carrots and peas	Crispy chips Baked beans Sweetcorn
<b>Dessert or Pudding</b>	Jam Sponge with custard	Fruit Lolly	Pancakes with squirty cream	Peaches and ice cream	Fruit Smoothie
<b>Also available</b>	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	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