



**Rolph C of E Primary School and Nursery  
Newsletter  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020**



***Our vision: 'We are a nurturing Christian family, where everyone aspires to achieve their own unique potential'.***

Dear Parents & Carers,

**A Message from the Headteacher**

It was a somewhat different end to the half term than I had expected, and I want to thank everyone again for your understanding of the difficult decision to close the school on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. I do hope that this has meant that a number of the children and staff have managed to avoid the sickness, and hope that those who did have an illness had a speedy recovery and were able to enjoy the half term holiday. I am pleased to be able to confirm that the school has received a thorough 'deep clean' and hopefully we are now bug-free.

The communications appeared to work well, although a number of parents said that they did not receive a message, and so this newsletter is being sent both electronically and by paper in order that we can ensure it reaches everyone. **Please contact the school office if you did not receive this electronically so we can check your contact details.** This newsletter has a number of pieces of important information, which I would ask you to take time to read through:

Firstly, after a couple of complaints from parents about 'near misses' in the car park towards the end of last half term, can I please remind you that the staff car park should not be used at any time by parents. It would appear that this request is being ignored by some, and this is affecting the safety of the children. I thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Can I also please remind all parents that it is imperative that the school office is notified if children are not at school for any reason. Should we not hear from a parent/carer about a missing child, we are obliged to make contact and this can be very time consuming for the office staff. Should we then not be able to make contact, we may have to report the attendance as a Safeguarding concern. Therefore, please help us to keep your children safe by notifying us of non-attendance.

I would like to thank all those parents that were able to make it to the recent phonics, reading and e-safety workshops, and we hope you found these useful. I know from having run the e-safety workshop that there were number of 'surprises' linked to what the children are doing online, and what parents may be aware of. With this in mind, I would refer you to the separate communication about the FREE e-safety evening coming up at the Princes Theatre in Clacton on the evening of Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March and would urge you to please attend – it is frightening that we have children in our school who are regularly accessing social media and online games, often with age restrictions well above their actual age, and sometimes without their parents' knowledge. This event will be used to bring you up to date with the latest apps and how you can help your child to stay safe online.

The next half term is going to be another busy one as we continue to make improvements across the school in order to ensure your child receives the best experiences here at Rolph. We are currently in the process of overhauling reading across the school, with the re-arrangement of phonics-based books in KS1 and the introduction of 'Accelerated Reader' in KS2 - a separate letter will be sent out giving further details of these changes and asking for parent volunteers to help us to prepare. Other plans include the preparation of a woodland area in order that we can enhance the outdoor learning experiences for all the children; World Book and Maths Days (further details below); Parents evenings and further sporting and learning activities for the children to take part in.

Finally, thank you to all those parents who have already taken the time to give feedback on Ofsted's Parentview. Can I please ask that as many parents as possible complete this questionnaire in order that I can get a true reflection of what is working well and where further improvements can be made – it should take a maximum of ten minutes. The survey can be found at: [parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk). Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that if you have any concerns in the meantime, that these please be raised as early as possible, in order that we can be aware of them and hopefully deal with them before they become a bigger issue.

Mr Ashley



### House Points Results

This Week's Totals	
Earth	99
Air	112
Water	91
Fire	91

Congratulations to Air who were the winners before half term.

### Attendance



In celebration worship today, classes were awarded their Mr Potato Head pieces for their attendance covering the period Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February - see the table below for your child's class.

Class	Attendance (%)
R	90.83
1	93.93
2	95.52
3	96.56
4	88.71
5	89.09
6	90.66
Total	92.36

A reminder that the national expectation for school attendance is 96%. Currently our whole school attendance for the year to date is 95.18% which is below the national expectation.



## World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March and we would like the children to dress up as their favourite book characters. With lots of activities to encourage a love of reading happening throughout the school, it should make for a really exciting day!



## World Maths Day

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March is World Maths Day and we will be completing a range of mathematical activities around the school within our House Teams. In order to help celebrate, we would like the children to design and wear a 'Maths Hat' for the day. This is an opportunity for the children to get creative at home.



## Rolph Sport

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of February, some of Year 6 went to TTC Frinton Campus to compete in Sports Hall Athletics. Xanthus, Clara, Arlo, Cayden, Alex, Megan, Luis, Daisy, George H, Jazmine, Noah, Evie, Ben, Isabella, Takiyah, Freya, Scarlett and Joseph went. First, we did field events which were; chest push, standing long jump, triple jump, vertical jump, soft javelin and speed bounce. Then we took part in some track events which were; obstacle relay, 1+1 lap relay, 2+2 lap relay, 6 lap-run, over-under relay and 4x1 relay. In the end we came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 6 schools but we would love to do it again.

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, Rolph boys football team played Tendring Primary away. We battled hard but with a different squad and losing a key player through injury early on. At half time we were losing 3-2 and Tendring pushed on to win 4-2. The players were; George H, Lewis H, Cayden, Noah & Joe (Year 6), Freddie, Oscar H & Toby (Year 5) and Lewis P & Lewis H (Year 4).



## Dates for your Diary:

### February

- 24<sup>th</sup> – Girls Lunchtime Football Club with Colchester United begins
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Gardening for Reception begins
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Home Safety Talk for Year 3
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Cyber Safety Talk for Year 6
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Trip to Colchester Zoo

### March

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Walk Online Roadshow for Year 5
- 4<sup>th</sup> – World Maths Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> – FREE e-safety evening at Princes Theatre, Clacton
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.00pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.00 / 5.30 – 7.00pm

16<sup>th</sup> – Kurling sessions for every class  
17<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Mock SATs week  
27<sup>th</sup> – Parent Meeting at 2.30pm

### **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**

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Bikeability sessions  
8<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday (moved from 4/5)  
11<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 SATs week  
19<sup>th</sup> – Skateboarding and Scooter sessions for every class  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Parent Meeting  
25/5 – 29/5 – Half Term Holidays

### **June**

4<sup>th</sup> – Archery sessions for every class  
8<sup>th</sup> (3-week window opens) Year 4 Times Tables Check  
8<sup>th</sup> (week of) Phonics Screening Checks  
16<sup>th</sup> – Class and team photos  
26<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day

### **July**

3<sup>rd</sup> – Parent Meeting  
6<sup>th</sup> – Quidditch sessions for every class  
11<sup>th</sup> – Tending Show  
20<sup>th</sup> – Headteacher’s Awards Assembly  
21<sup>st</sup> – Last day of term  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Non-Pupil Day

**Rolph Church of England Primary  
School Lunch Menu  
SPRING 2020 – WEEK 1**

<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>	Chicken Tikka with rice	<u>CHILDREN'S CHOICE</u> Local Butcher's Beef Burger in a soft white bap	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese	Local Butcher's Chicken Breast with Yorkshire pudding	Birds Eye chunky fish finger
<b>Option 2 (Vegetarian)</b>	Quorn Tikka with rice	Vegetarian Burger in a soft white bap	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Fillet	Cheese Omelette
<b>Option 3</b>	Oven baked jacket potato with cheddar cheese or tuna mayo	Deli roll filled with egg	Oven baked jacket potato with beans	Deli roll filled with ham & salad	Oven baked jacket potato with beans
<b>Accompaniments</b>	Fresh Salad	Baked Beans Sweetcorn Potato Wedges	Garlic Bread	Rich gravy, roast potatoes, fresh carrots and broccoli florets	Crispy Chips Garden Peas
<b>Dessert or Pudding</b>	Peaches with Ice Cream	Iced Sponge Cake	Eton Mess	Fruit Smoothie	Pancakes with Squirry Cream
<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