



**Rolph C of E Primary School and Nursery  
Newsletter  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020**



Dear Parents & Carers,

**A Message from the Headteacher**

Items that have appeared in the newsletter for some time now have been in regard to attendance, from the point of view of our diminishing overall attendance, lateness and the procedures for notifying us of non-attendance. This is becoming a concern for the Leadership and Board of the school, and I shall be sending out a further communication on this shortly. However, a few reminders in the meantime please: (1) For Safeguarding reasons, you must inform us if your child is not going to be in school and the reason for this – a great deal of the office staff time is currently being taken up on chasing ‘missing’ children. (2) The gates are open from 8.35am to 8.50am – whilst I appreciate occasionally things go a little wrong at home in the mornings, please try to arrive during these times in order to avoid disruption to your and the other children’s learning by arriving late. (3) Term time holidays will not be authorised – in fact, we have lost 66 school days in the first three weeks of this term due to this!

On a lighter note, thank you to those parents who came for the KS2 Reading Workshop on Tuesday – I hope you found it useful and have some good ideas of how you can help us further develop your child’s reading ability. For those unable to make the meeting we have put the resources on the school website (this can be found in the About Us, Curriculum section), so please do take time to have a look at them. A reminder that there will be a KS1 Reading / Phonics workshop next Tuesday – I know many parents have been asking for this, so please do come along and see how we teach Early Reading and how you can support this at home.

Finally, it was lovely to hear the ‘buzz’ around the school on Tuesday as many classes undertook sessions in Fencing. All the children I talked to said how fantastic it was, so this was great to hear. I’m looking forward to the next additional sports session, which is Kids Kurling, next half term.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Ashley





## House Points Results

This Week's Totals	
Earth	107
Air	112
Water	98
Fire	124

Congratulations to Fire 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 24<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January - see the table below for your child's class.

Class	Attendance (%)
R	96.23
1	97.86
2	100
3	98.75
4	95.31
5	95.45
6	93.45
Total	96.78

Congratulations to Year 2 who achieved 100% attendance this week and received three pieces for their Mr Potato Head.

A reminder that the national expectation for school attendance is 96%. Currently our whole school attendance for the year to date is 95.44% which is below the national expectation.



## Rolph Sport

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, Rolph football team played Frinton Primary School. Unfortunately, we lost 3-0 but it could have been worse considering they are one of the best teams in the league, however we kept persevering. The players were: Joe (Y4), Toby, Oscar, Freddie, Cayden, George, Joe (Y6), Noah and Lewis (our goalie).

by Toby

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January, Rolph netball team (Clara, Nara, Evie, Isabella, Jazmine, Takiyah, Joe, Freya, and Arlo) played away match against Engaines Primary Schol. Both teams played well but Engaines had a 9-4 victory. It was great fun and both teams showed great sportsmanship.

By Arlo



## **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 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.



## **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.



## **RSA News**

Rolph School Disco will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, please book by 7<sup>th</sup> February.

Bag2School bags have also been sent home, please bring in donations on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Additional bags are available at the school office.

Don't forget to order your Keepsake Tea Towel. Please fill in your order form and return to RSA box with payment, by 14<sup>th</sup> February, if you would like to purchase one.

## **Dates for your Diary:**



### **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 / Forum 2.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Parent Workshop - How to Keep Your Child Safe Online 2pm
- 17-21/2 – Half Term Holidays
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Trip to Colchester Zoo

### **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**

School lunch choices	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Option 1 (Main)</b>	Jacket potato with cheese	Local Butcher's Pork Sausages with Mash Potato	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognaise	Local Butcher's Beef 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 Nachos	Oven baked jacket potato with cheese and beans	Ham and salad wrap with Nachos	Oven baked jacket potato with tuna	Deli roll filled with egg mayonnaise
<b>Accompaniments</b>	Rice Salad Fresh Salad	Green beans and rich gravy Bread	Garlic bread	Rich gravy, roast potatoes, fresh cauliflower and carrots	Crispy Chips 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