



**Rolph C of E Primary School and Nursery
Newsletter
Friday 11th September 2020**



Dear Parents & Carers,

A Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to the first weekly newsletter for the 2020/21 academic year and indeed the first newsletter since March! I will continue to send Class Dojo urgent messages to you during each week, but otherwise we will go back to the newsletter being our main form of communication.

May I say a huge thank you to everyone for their help and support in following the expectations of the Risk Assessment and Action Plan, and this particularly relates to the arrival and departure procedures. These now seem to be becoming embedded as the 'new normal' and I thank parents and carers for arriving within their allotted timeslots, as requested. I would also like to thank those parents who have siblings with different start and end times for their patience whilst waiting.

The children have settled into their new classes very well, and it has been wonderful to see the school getting back to having full classrooms after a very strange previous six months. I have been delighted to see the very positive behaviour being demonstrated across the school, and the children's willingness to pick up their learning again. It has been wonderful to see our school Vision and Values truly being demonstrated, and we will of course continue to nurture everyone as part of our school family and ensure they reach their full potential.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Ashley



House Points Results

This Week's Totals	
Earth	52
Air	51
Water	48
Fire	46

Attendance



We have started with Mr Potato Head pieces again this week, whereby classes receive one piece of Mr Potato Head for 95%+ attendance, two pieces for 97%+ and 3 pieces for 100%. The figures below are based on attendance between Friday 4th and Thursday 10th September.

Class	Attendance (%)
R	n/a - transition
1	99.13
2	93.29
3	98.7
4	96.88
5	90.97
6	90.76
Total	94.95

A reminder that the national expectation for school attendance is 96%. Currently our whole school attendance for the year to date is 95% which is **below** the national expectation.

Holidays During Term Time

We would like to remind you that there is no entitlement in law for pupils to take time off during term time to go on holiday. Please familiarise yourself with our Attendance Policy which can be found on the School's Website.

A message from Dr Mike Gogarty, Director of Wellbeing, Public Health and Communities, Essex County Council:

'Education settings have been able to return to full-time opening for all students this term, due in large to a reduction in COVID-19 cases in the community. This reduction is thanks to the sacrifices every member of the community made earlier this year, by staying at home, not seeing friends and relatives in person, and maintaining social distancing measures. However, as restrictions have been eased and schools and colleges are now returning full time, we must all remain alert.

Schools and colleges have measures in place for pupils attending in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19. They are asking pupils to wash their hands more regularly, restricting time spent in communal areas and, importantly, keeping pupils in class or year group-sized bubbles. This limits the number of people each pupil and staff member comes into contact with in their setting.

When travelling to and from settings, we know groups of pupils and parents must arrive at the same time. Schools have put measures in place to aid the safe entry and exit of pupils. These may include queueing systems, one way systems or monitors to oversee arrivals and departures. It is crucial that pupils and parents maintain a two metre distance from others at the school gate. The whole school population, whether on school grounds or off it, must remain vigilant and observe social distancing measures. It is vital we all play our part if we're to avoid a spike in the community and the reintroduction of lockdown measures.

I thank you for your support. '



Updating Pupil Data

Today your child has been sent home with a pack containing forms for updating the data we hold at school for your child/ren. Nursery children will receive them on the day that they attend next week.

Your pack contains:

1. Pupil Data Collection Sheet – please check the information listed is still correct, filling in any blank areas, alter anything details which have changed and sign.
2. Image Form 2020/21 – please mark preferences clearly and sign.
3. Visit Form 2020/21 – please complete and sign.
4. Tapestry Online Learning Journal (Nursery only) – please complete and sign.
5. Walk Home Alone Form (Years 5 & 6 only) – please complete and sign if you wish your child to walk home alone.
6. Free School Meal Application Form – please complete if you meet the criteria set out in the covering letter.

If we hold data regarding a medical condition or allergy for your child, a Health Care Plan (HCP) has been added to your pack. Please complete an HCP for each medical condition or allergy and provide as much detail as possible in each section. If there is longer a need for this information to be held by the school, please contact the school office.

Please return your completed pack to school, as soon as possible, and place in the boxes which will be situated at each entrance gate from Monday morning.

Medication

At the end of March, the medication we had in school for your child was returned home. If you require the school to continue to administer prescribed medication and have not yet supplied it, please return in its original packaging, showing the prescription label and complete a new parental agreement for the school to administer medication form, at the outside office area.

PE Kits

It was lovely to see the children wearing their individual PE house colours, it certainly brightened up the playground and field. All Parents should now be aware of their children's PE days and we would like to remind you that children should come into school wearing their kit on these days. Please be advised that should your child come into school not wearing their kit, we will not be in a position to accept kits being dropped off.

**FIXED OR
GROWTH
MINDSET?**

Growth Mindset

We have continued to embed the concept of having a 'Growth Mindset' with the children this week. A reminder that 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 embed 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.



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.

It is very important under the present circumstances that you please give a full reason for any absence and particularly if this is Covid related, as we may have to take further actions within the class bubbles.



Dates for your Diary:

September

24th – Skateboarding for Years 2 – 6

W/C 28th – British Nutrition Foundation Healthy Eating Week

30th – Individual Photographs

October

2nd – Non-pupil Day

26th - 30th – Half term

November

2nd – Pupils return to school

December

2nd – Flu Immunisations – date to be confirmed

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

School lunch choices	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1 (Main)	Jacket potato with cheese	Local Butcher's Pork Sausages with Mash Potato	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese	Local Butcher's Beef with Yorkshire pudding	Oven baked crispy fillet of fish in bubble coating (Gluten Free)
Option 2 (Vegetarian)	Fusilli Pasta with Italian style tomato sauce	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn mince Spaghetti Bolognese	Quorn Fillet with Yorkshire pudding	Quorn Dippers
Option 3	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
Accompaniments	Rice Salad Fresh Salad	Green beans and rich gravy Bread	Garlic bread	Rich gravy, roast potatoes, fresh cauliflower and carrots	Crispy Chips Garden peas
Dessert or Pudding	Apple Crumble with custard	Jelly with cream	Fruit Salad	Frozen Yoghurts	Chocolate Sponge
Also available	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