



**Rolph C of E Primary School and Nursery
Newsletter
Friday 18th September 2020**



Dear Parents & Carers,

A Message from the Deputy Headteacher

As we reach the end of our second full week of school, I would like to thank everyone in our school community for the many ways in which they have helped build such a positive community spirit in the face of the changed environment in which we find ourselves.

I would like to thank all the staff for the fantastic way in which they have welcomed the children back. The children are adapting to the new school routines well and settling into their learning with enthusiasm. It has been great to see the new Reception class starting their first full days this week, in such a calm and settled way already.

This term the whole school is uniting in celebrating and investigating the history behind our school's 150th anniversary, as the school was opened in October 1870. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to explore local history, take part in creative cross-curricular activities and to develop their understanding of changes in society across time. I know that there are many of you who will be able to contribute to this topic; in order to help build up information and learning experiences to share, there is a school email address which is specifically for you to send in any 150th anniversary related information to 150.rolph@dcvst.org.

I would like to thank all of you for your continued co-operation with the dropping off and collection arrangements, which have been running smoothly. As we all continue to do our utmost to follow the expectations of the school's Risk Assessment and Action Plan, as well as the government guidelines relating to Covid 19, you will by now have received a reminder of the flow chart for dealing with any symptoms of the coronavirus to help ensure that everyone knows what to do.

Finally, I would also like to say how pleased I am to have joined Rolph Primary School and Nursery as Deputy Headteacher and look forward to working for the whole school community.

I wish you all a safe and peaceful weekend,

Ms Bickersteth



School Worship

Theme: Building Community Bible Reading: Matthew chapter 18 verses 15-20

This week our school worship has been about dealing with disagreements and praying together. It has reinforced the strength that is to be found in co-operation.

House Points Results



This Week's Totals	
Earth	81
Air	76
Water	74
Fire	81

Congratulations to Earth and Fire who were joint winners this week.



Attendance

The figures below are based on attendance between Friday 11th and Thursday 18th September.

Class	Attendance (%)
R	n/a - transition
1	94.78
2	98
3	97.71
4	93.67
5	85.02
6	85.45
Total	93.13

A reminder that the national expectation for school attendance is 96%. Currently our whole school attendance for the year to date is 94.4% 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.

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.



Updating Pupil Data

Thank you to everyone for sending back the completed pack which was sent home last Friday. If you have not yet returned your information, please could you do this by Monday 21st September.

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 no longer a need for this information to be held by the school, please contact the school office.

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 including asthma pumps 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.

**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.



Dates for your Diary:

September

24th – Skateboarding for Years 2 – 6

28th – RSA Bag2School Collection

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

26th – Quidditch for all year groups

December

2nd – Flu Immunisations – date to be confirmed

Rolph Church of England Primary
School Lunch Menu
AUTUMN 2020 – WEEK 3

School lunch choices	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1 (Main)	Tuna and Sweetcorn Pizza	Spaghetti Bolognese	Chicken Tikka Wrap	Local Butcher's Gammon Ham with Yorkshire pudding	Young's Omega 3 fish fingers
Option 2 (Vegetarian)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Spaghetti Napolitaine	Quorn Tikka Wrap	Cheese Omelette with potato cubes	Vegetable Nuggets
Option 3	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
Accompaniments	Baked Beans	Garlic Bread	Potato Wedges	Rich gravy, roast potatoes, fresh carrots and peas	Crispy chips Baked beans Sweetcorn
Dessert or Pudding	Jam Sponge with Custard	Jelly with Squirry Cream	Pancakes with Maple Syrup	Peaches and Ice Cream	Fruit Smoothie
Also available	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