



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



Firstly, let me say how much we have enjoyed having your children back at school this term. Here at Rolph, we have tried to make this Christmas as festive as possible in school. Some of the highlights of this final week of term have included:

- *Christmas lunches, with thanks to Mrs Thompson, Mrs Wegg and all the lunchtime and other staff for making it such a success. Thank you to the Lifehouse Spa & Hotel for providing Christmas crackers for everyone.*
- *Letters from Father Christmas were delivered to Nursery, Reception and Year 1.*
- *Celebrated the children's achievements as part of our whole school celebration and worship. This has included so many positive rewards, ranging from the Headteacher's Awards; Bikeability certificates; Reading awards; Christian Values awards, Housepoints and Attendance Achievements.*
- *"Cinderella", Mercury Theatre's pantomime, was watched. Thank you to the RSA for providing this for Rolph.*
- *Christingle kits were taken home by every child and they enjoyed watching a video about the Christingle, created by Mandy Pratt from St Michael's Church.*
- *Each class filmed a special Christmas message, which will be shared on their Class Pages on the school website; please follow the link to the website <https://rolphcofeprimary.co.uk/>*
- *Christmas craft day and the making of class Christmas wreaths.*
- *Thank you to the RSA for their gift of a bag of sweet treats for each child.*

I would like to thank you all for your continued support of Rolph and your patience with the current precautions due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Thank you for all that you are doing to help keep everyone safe.

There are many positives to celebrate at Rolph: the children are engaged with their learning, attendance is above the current national average; the children's reading progress has benefited immensely from the Accelerated Reader Scheme in Key Stage 2; children have been able to take part in a varied range of outdoor sports activities this term and teachers are delivering a curriculum which has been improved to ensure a progression in skills.

With regard to staffing, we now bid farewell to Mr Clohony and Miss Croucher, who are moving on to pastures new and we wish them all the best for the future. As you already know, in January, we will be welcoming the new class teachers,

Miss Turnbull in Year 1 and Mr Mulcahy in Year 5. They are both very much looking forward to joining Rolph. Mrs Emrich will be joining Rolph as Deputy Headteacher and SENCo, and will be teaching in Year 6 on a Friday.

*I know that everyone is ready for a well-deserved break and I wish you and your families a peaceful and safe Christmas. We will welcome you all back to school on the first day of term, **Monday 4th January**.*

*Ms. Bickersteth
Acting Headteacher*



SCHOOL WORSHIP

Advent Week 3: Joy and Peace

Matthew 2:10-11: "When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."

ROLPH SCHOOL VALUES

The recipients of a certificate for showing the value of Love are Scarlett (R), Tilly-Lou (Y1), Amelie (Y2), Jessica (Y3), Euan and Vincent (Y4), James K. (Y5) and Ella (Y6).

HOUSE POINTS RESULTS

This Week's Totals	
Earth	110
Air	90
Water	108
Fire	83

Congratulations to Earth who were the winners this week.

This Term's Totals	
Earth	1495
Air	1480
Water	1446
Fire	1457

Congratulations to Earth who are also overall winners this term.

ACCELERATED READER

AR Leader Board	
1st	Year 4
2nd	Year 3
3rd	Year 6
4th	Year 5

Congratulations to Year 4 who are the winners of our AR leaderboard for this half term! Every child who passes their quiz and achieves 100% each week, will receive a certificate to celebrate this.

TRACKING AND TRACING DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAY

A letter has been sent home to you this week which details the guidance from the DFE and PHE on tracking and tracing arrangements, during school holidays, after the last day of the school term. Please ensure that you have read this guidance. As schools are being asked to remain contactable for 6 days following the last day of term to assist with contact tracing where necessary, Rolph will be assisting with this from 19/12/20 to 24/12/20.

ATTENDANCE

The figures below are based on attendance between Friday 11th December and Thursday 17th December. The weekly national average for attendance is 84.6 %.

Class	Attendance (%)
R	95.58
1	97.96
2	97.2
3	97.42
4	97.43
5	90.57
6	85.54
Total	94.63

Currently our whole school attendance for the year to date is 94.57%.

SHARING OUR LEARNING

Year 6 – World War 2 Experience Day

Year 6 took part in a World War 2 experience day on Monday. They came to school dressed in amazing costumes and took part in activities including making gas mask boxes, building Anderson Shelters and re-enacting the Christmas Truce. They also had to be prepared all day for an Air Raid. All in all, it was a great day's learning.



CHRISTINGLE

The children were given a Christingle bag on Wednesday which was kindly organised and donated by St Michael's Church and the Bishops of Colchester, Chelmsford and Richborough. There is a service at St Michael's Church on Sunday 20th December at 10am to which everyone is invited (face masks must be worn and social distancing applies). The Christingle Candles can be filled with your donations for The Children's Society and handed in at the church after the service at 11am or returned to school.



CHRISTMAS CRAFTS



CLASS CHRISTMAS WREATHS



PE TIMETABLE SPRING 2021

Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		Year 2 - 4/1/2021, 11/1/2021 and every Monday from 8/3/2021
Tuesday		Year 3 Year 1 every Tuesday from 22/1/2021
Wednesday	Colchester United – All year groups	Colchester United – All year groups
Thursday		Year 5
Friday	Reception Year 1 - 8/1/2021 & 15/1/2021 Year 2 - every Friday between 22/1/2021 – 5/3/2021	Year 6 Year 4

WELLBEING



Online Safety

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

Thinkuknow website has many useful resources to help you support online safety:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

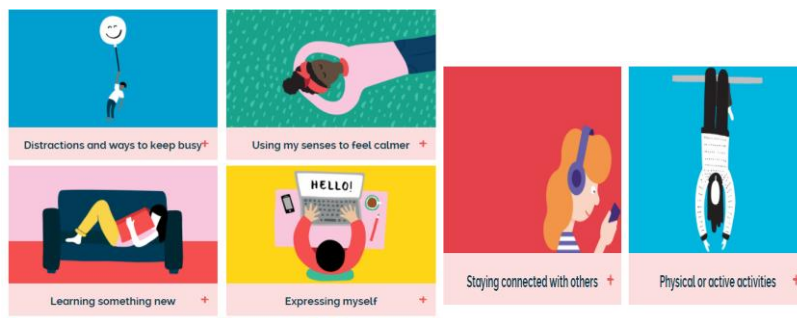
Activities for children and families:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/>

Mental Health and Wellbeing

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/> Tips, advice and where to get support for your child's mental health during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/coping-kit/> When you're feeling low or overwhelmed, it can be hard to know how to cope. But distracting yourself or doing something positive can really help. Even doing just one positive thing every day can help to improve your mood. Not sure what you want to do today? Use our tool to help.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

December

21st – 31st – Christmas Break

January

1st – Bank Holiday

4th – First day of the Spring Term

15th – Closing date for Reception places for September 2021

27th – Holocaust Memorial Day

February

9th – Safer Internet Day

15th – 19th – Half Term

24th – Year 3 Home Safety Session & Year 6 Cyber Safety Session

March

4th – World Book Day

Rolph Church of England Primary School and Nursery
Lunch Menu
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