

Rolph C of E Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter 5th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children have once again been engaged in a broad curriculum. In celebration worship this week, teachers had many positive reports to make about the children across the school. Some work has been linked to the Census, which is due to take place on 21st March. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) educational resources have prompted Year 5 to raise some interesting questions about how useful the census is. A live lesson by Professor David Olusoga, "Equality, Representation and the Census" is included as part of this topic - how fortunate to be able to have a lesson "in school" by such a great academic.

Please note that Parent Consultation evenings will take place remotely on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th March - appointment letters will be sent to you after half-term.

Some ideas for creating a prayer space at home with your children are being sent out with this newsletter. Having time to reflect and pray can be so beneficial and I hope that you find the ideas helpful. I am looking forward the children sharing their own prayers in the prayer treasure chest at school.

I wish you all a safe weekend,

Ms Bickersteth

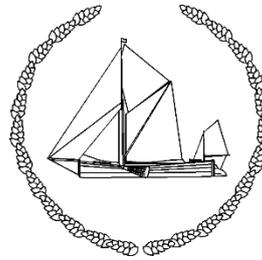
Acting Headteacher



STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception	Logan, Bethy
Year 1	Mason, Millie
Year 2	Josh, Isabella
Year 3	Mia, Annabella
Year 4	Jack, Sophie
Year 5	Laura, Ben
Year 6	Poppy, James



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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Whilst Rolph remains open to children of critical workers and vulnerable children, national lockdown guidance is that parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can.

What to do if your child is displaying coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms.

Anyone who has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, such as a raised temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss of or change to their sense of smell or taste, should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. They should not attend an out-of-school setting. They should follow the guidance for households with possible coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.

The full guidance is available via this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If you have a positive test result but do not have symptoms, stay at home and self-isolate as soon as you receive the results. Your household needs to isolate too.

UK SAFER INTERNET DAY 2021

Safer Internet Day 2021 is being celebrated around the world on Tuesday 9th February 2021. The global theme is 'together for a better internet' and this year the UK are putting the focus on how young people can tell fact from fiction, and work together to create an internet we trust.

Please follow the link below for further advice: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2021/safer-internet-day-2021-top-tips>

WELLBEING: SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES



Children's Mental Health Week - February 2021

To support parents and carers during the coronavirus outbreak, the Anna Freud Centre have hand-picked a selection of quality-assured, free resources to advise on supporting children and young people during the Coronavirus epidemic.

[Download a copy here](#)

The link below takes you to the government's guidance for parents and carers on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing during the Covid 19 outbreak.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Livewell Essex

The Livewell campaign is designed to engage communities, families and individuals with the aim of providing information about all that is on offer in Essex to improve health and wellbeing. You can visit their website for help and advice on numerous topics.

[See their advice on Healthy Relationships - We All Have Arguments - How Do You Solve Yours?](#)

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES

Although we will always do all that we can to keep the school open, occasionally it may be necessary to close the school due to bad weather and if this is the case, we will inform you as soon as possible. The best way of getting this information is via the school website - <https://rolphcofeprimary.co.uk/> This will always be up to date with the latest information. We will also send you a message via Class DoJo or Teachers2Parents. Details of school closures will also be listed on the Essex County Council website. Please do not call or message the school directly with any queries as this delays messages trying to be sent out to you.

REMINDERS

If your child is ill or if you discover, on the morning they are due to attend, that provision is no longer required, please report this to the school office in the normal way.

School dinners can be booked for those attending school via SchoolMoney. Each week's dinners will be available to book from the previous Wednesday. There may be slight changes to the menu each week, so please check the options available for each day.



1 John 4:18 'There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.'

This week in worship we have reflected on how worries and fears can be overcome with love.

Prayer

Rolph prays for members of our school families who are affected by Covid 19.

We pray for their recovery, for the strength that they need and for their loved ones who need resilience and love at this difficult time.

To the medical doctors, nurses and the supporting staff who are in the frontline of the fight against COVID-19, may the Good Lord sustain you and inspire you to render your life-saving services with due care, love and compassion.

We pray that God's healing hand may rest upon all those who have contracted the Coronavirus Disease.

Even in the darkest moments, love gives hope. Love compels us to fight against coronavirus

Love compels us to stand together in prayer with our neighbours near and far.

Love compels us to give and act as one.

As we pray in our individual homes, we are united as one family.

Amen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

9th - Safer Internet Day

12th - Chinese New Year

15th - 19th - Half Term

March

4th - World Book Day

8th - 12th - Let's Count Census Activity

17th & 18th - Parent Consultation Evenings

19th - Red Nose Day

26th - Last Day of the Spring Term

April

12th - First day of the Summer Term

May

3rd May - May Day