

# Rolph C of E Primary School and Nursery

## Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021

It has been my first official week at Rolph and what a positive week it has been. The children have returned from the break refreshed and raring to go (as have the staff!) and we are looking forward to a positive future with lots of exciting plans ahead.

It has been wonderful to welcome our families back onto the school site at drop off and collection times. I would like to thank you all for your consideration towards each other and adhering to social distancing. The weather has been extremely warm this week and I would like to thank you again for preserving and wearing your masks where possible on site. I completely understand how hot and uncomfortable this can be at times - thank you for bearing with us.

I have slightly adjusted the arrival times for Nursery children. Although their session does not start until 8:50, parents and carers will be able to bring their children in on a rolling entry from 8:40am from Monday. Hopefully this will reduce queuing and enable those handover conversations that are so important with our youngest children.

Some of our classes are beginning to experience their first school trips in over 18 months. It has been rather emotional to see their excitement and the enrichment that learning outside of the classroom and school environment brings - this has been missed.

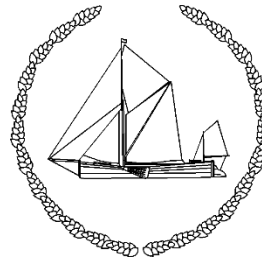
I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs Jones*

## ROLPH SCHOOL VALUES

Congratulations to all the recipients of a certificate for showing the value of Fellowship:

Nursery	Grayson and Dylan
Reception	Cooper and Bethy
Year 1	Harry and Sophie
Year 2	Poppy and Joe
Year 3	Alec and Cody
Year 4	Safia and Jack
Year 5	Harrison and George
Year 6	Toby and Oscar H.



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## HOUSE POINTS RESULTS

Totals	
Earth	221
Air	224
Water	217
Fire	171

Congratulations to Air who are winners this week.

## CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Class photographs are being taken on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Children must be in full school uniform for these. Year 1 and Year 3, who have PE on Tuesdays, should bring their PE kit to change into after their photo has been taken. Nursery children who do not attend on this day are able to come in first thing for their photo to be taken with their class.

## DONATIONS NEEDED...

Mr Weaver has made some beautiful planters that we would like to put up around the outside of school to brighten up the exterior. If anyone is able to donate any plants, seeds and earth so that we can get these in place before the end of the term, we would be very grateful. Please speak to the school office if you can help.

## YEAR 6 JUNIOR AMBASSADOR

This week, as part of the Junior Ambassador project, Year 6 learnt how to Bollywood Dance. They all enjoyed learning about the history and how different dances are popular in different parts of India. Following on from this, the children worked with the author, Anita Belli, to write Bollywood inspired poems. Below is a poem written by Oscar H.



Determinedly, I managed to remember the different, dizzy of dance moves.  
Amazingly, I maintain my energetic energy and carry on moving around the room.  
Naturally, my amazing ankle bells jangled in time with the beautiful, nostalgic of music.  
Curiously, Carefully, and cleverly, gave my gaze looking up at a bright light.  
Energetically, I gracefully glided in and out of the excitedly joyful crowd as they cheered in energy.

## RSA NEWS

**Octopus Ahoy** - The Octopus Ahoy trail is now available. Download the app and try to find the Rolph School octopus called **Gertrude** at [www.octopusahoy.co.uk](http://www.octopusahoy.co.uk)

**Big PTA Summer Raffle 2021** - We are excited to join The Big PTA Summer Raffle 2021. It has been a really tough year for everyone and this is an opportunity to have some fun and raise money for our school. For every ticket purchased you will have 12 chances to win up to £5,000! At the same time we will raise 50% from every ticket sold supporting our PTA. It is a fantastic way to bring parents, carers, teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our PTA, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide extra resources for the children to help improve the school environment as well as support extracurricular activities. Please share with your family, friends, colleagues, anyone can buy a ticket and we would like to raise as much money as we can for the children. Follow the link below to purchase tickets: <https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/rolph-ce-school-co16>

**Bag2School** - Will be collecting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Please your bag or bags to school on Tuesday morning and leave them by the front blue gates, on the pallets provided.

[RSA Bag2School JUNE 2021.pdf](#)

**Meeting** - The next RSA meeting will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 9:15am, at the Rose and Crown. We look forward to seeing you there!

## PARKING AT ST MICHAELS

Unfortunately we have received a complaint from residents near the church about parents parking on the church grounds. Please be advised that parking is for people visiting the church and churchyard. There have been reports of people parking on the grass around the church and are damaging the grounds. I know that parking in the village is an ongoing issue but we need to be respectful of our neighbours and the lovely spaces that we have locally.

## BIRTHDAYS

If your child has a birthday this half term and would like to bring in sweets/cakes to share with the class - this is now allowed. Please ensure that items are shop bought and individually wrapped. Your child will then be able to give these out to their friends at the end of the day.

## REMINDERS

If your child will not be attending school for any reason including illness, please call the school office on 01255 861317 and leave a message on option 1.

Breakfast Club places are available to book via SchoolMoney. These must be booked in advance so the necessary preparations can be made in line with the school's risk assessment.

Dinners can also be booked via SchoolMoney. The 3-week menu can be found on the school website, <https://rolphcofeprimary.co.uk/key-information/lunch-menu/>. If a dinner has not been booked, please ensure your child is sent in with a packed lunch.

As we have children in school with severe nut allergies, please avoid sending your child to school with any items which may contain nuts.

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



### 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.

Households of school pupils can order home testing kits. Information about the Lateral Flow Device testing can be found on the school website using the link below:

<https://rolphcofeprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/ECC-Home-Testing-for-Households-March-21.pdf>

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **May**

31<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> June - Half term holiday

### **June**

7<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 Road Safety Session

8<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 Walk Around Thorpe le Soken Afternoon

15<sup>th</sup> - Class Photographs

18<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Trip to Walton on the Naze

29<sup>th</sup> - RSA Bag2School Collection

30<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Trip to Alton Water

### **July**

8<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day - details to be confirmed

13<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day (reserve day)

16<sup>th</sup> - Last day of the Summer term