



# Rolph C of E Primary School and Nursery Family Newsletter



**Friday 24th February 2023**

## Dates for your Diary

### **W/C 27th February**

Literacy Week

### **Thursday 2nd March**

World Book Day

### **Wednesday 8th March**

Colchester Zoo Trip —Year 2

Animal Encounter Day —Year 1

### **Friday 10th March**

Planetarium Experience — Year 5

### **W/C 13th March**

Science Week

### **Tuesday 21st March**

IWM Duxford Trip —Year 6

### **Tuesday 28th March**

Parent's Evening

### **Thursday 30th March**

Parent's Evening

## **Dinner Menu—w/c 27th February**

Week 2 of the Winter Menu

## Marvelous Me Badges

Hufflepuff — 56

Slytherin — 55

Gryffindor — 52

Ravenclaw — 55

Congratulations to Hufflepuff for being the winning house this week.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely this week hearing the children in Year 5 having their whole class music tuition. It appears we have some very talented flutists in our midst!

The children in Years 5 and 6 also started their swimming lessons this week and we are very much looking forward to seeing how they progress. Swimming has been missing from our curriculum for a while due to Covid, so we are pleased that this is available again as part of the children's PE learning.

Next week, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. Details of our plans at Rolph for the day have been shared via Weduc and are detailed below. They include: an author visit; shared reading sessions across the school and getting creative with a wooden spoon or a shoebox! If you need any further information about World Book Day, please see Miss Gray.

Finally, it has been wonderful to share our SIAMS inspection outcome with our wider community. There has been some incredible feedback locally, from the Vine Trust, as well as a wonderful letter congratulating us all from Archdeacon of Stansted and from The Diocese of Chelmsford.

I hope you have a great weekend!

Mrs Jones

## Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, in collective worship, Father Justin talked to us about Ash Wednesday. The children enjoyed learning about Ash Wednesday and participated in having an ash cross on their forehead. They learnt about the meaning of Ash Wednesday and that it marks the start of Lent.



## Pancakes in Forest School

In Forest School this week, the children in Years 4 and 6 made pancakes. They used gluten free flour, baking powder, eggs, milk and sugar. There was a choice of maple syrup or lemon juice as a topping. We were very impressed with the results and the children thought they tasted yummy!



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### World Book Day

Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day and we can not wait to celebrate our love of reading! To mark the day this year, we would like to take a more creative approach in the activities we participate in. Instead of dressing up, we will be asking all EYFS and Key Stage One children to bring in a wooden spoon and all Key Stage Two children to bring in a shoe box or other similar sized cardboard box. These items will be used to create puppets and setting dioramas to bring the children's favourite books to life!

In addition to this, we are very fortunate to have a real-life author visiting us! Leanne Herring will be sharing her book, 'The Busy Bugs' with each class in EYFS and KS1 and the children will participate in themed activities related to the book in the woodland area. Leanne is happy to sign copies of her book, if your child would like to bring it on the day.



### Loom Band Plea

The children have loved using loom bands at lunch time to create friendship bracelets and other things. If you have any at home that you are able to donate, we would be very grateful. If you are able to donate any, please bring them to the school office.



Thank you in advance.

### RSA News

**Mother's Day Tea Towels** - a letter will be sent home next week.

**Hasty's Family Day** - Sunday 26th March - 11am until 3pm. Come and join us for a fun family day out. To book, please complete the form and return it, along with the entrance fee, in a sealed envelope, to the RSA box in the school office. The forms will be sent home next week and should be returned no later than Monday 20th March.

**Easter Raffle** - Monday 27th March - Look out for a letter and tickets coming home at the beginning of March. We are collecting donations of Easter Eggs for prizes in the Easter raffle. If you would like to donate an egg, please drop these into the collection box, at the school office. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Disco** - 19th May - further details to follow.

**Bag2School** - 12/13th June - more details to follow.

**Inflatable Afternoon** - 15th June - further information to follow.

**Look out for surprises for the King's Coronation and the End of Term.**

**Library Bus** - Thank you to Tendring Signs and The Rotary Club of Clacton Jubilee for the new signs on the bus, they look great! To brighten the inside of the bus, we are planning to put up bunting which has been designed by the children. To do this, we need to source plain material which can be cut into triangles, ready to be drawn on. If you have any white/natural material which you no longer need, please drop this into the RSA box at the school box. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

**Fundraising** - Please continue to use Easy Fundraising (**searching for Rolph School Association**) when purchasing everyday items to help raise funds for the RSA: [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk)

**Next Meeting** - Our next meeting is on Thursday 23rd March - 9.15am at the Rose and Crown, Thorpe. We look forward to seeing you all there!

### Celebration Certificates

Congratulations to the following children who received certificates this week for demonstrating excellence in the curriculum or our school values.

#### **Nursery**

Sophia and Max

#### **Reception**

Sean and Maxwell

#### **Year 1**

Emily O. and Ronnie

#### **Year 2**

Henry and Ezmae

#### **Year 3**

Millie and William

#### **Year 4**

Albert and Poppy

#### **Year 5**

Mia and Lincoln

#### **Year 6**

Katherine and Thomas

Well done everyone for your hard work this week!

### Street Tag

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Following surges from Walton Primary and Kirby Primary, we have slipped to third place in the leader board. In order to climb back up that leader board, we need all street taggers, old and new, to start collecting tags and converting steps into points. This could be as simple as having the app open on your phone when you walk to and from school each day. Tags are available along the high street and the school tag is worth 300 points, which you could collect twice a day. This could be trebled to 900 points once a day, if you set your power hour. It would be so good if we could maintain our winning streak but to do that, we need more families engaging with the initiative.

Good luck everyone!



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