



Autumn term | Issue 6 | January 2020

Rokesly Infant and Nursery School

newsletter

TAD days (School closed)
 Monday 1st June 2020
 Monday 20th July 2020

Bank Holidays (in term time)
 Friday 8th May 2020 – VE day

Chicks!



On Thursday we said a sad goodbye to the lovely chicks who have made their home in our Reception classes. The children received 30 eggs just over a week ago and every day they have had the amazing experience of watching the chicks break out of their shells, hatch and grow. Having this wonderful opportunity for the children to look after the chicks in school is possible through the fundraising activities of Rokesly PSA. Thank you everyone who has helped organise PSA events and all you who contribute to making exciting and memorable events like this happen.



Chinese New Year 恭喜

Gung Hay Fat Choy! means happiness and prosperity in Cantonese. Next week we will be celebrating Chinese New Year at Rokesly. The children will find out all about the festival, make decorations and taste celebration food.



2020 is the year of the RAT. The Rat is the first of all the zodiac animals. Rats are clever and quick thinkers, successful but content with living quiet and peaceful lives.

Volunteers

As you can see by our Key dates diary, we have trips planned for our classes this term. To ensure that the children are safe when we are out and about, we rely on parent volunteers so if you can help, please contact your child's teacher.

This term we especially need volunteers who can give a short amount of time every morning to hear children read. Just 10 minutes after drop-off every day could have a huge impact on a child's reading ability.

If you are able to spare some time during the school day and help us make a big difference for our fantastic learners, please see Jill or Grant.



Booking and payments

Parents' Evenings

Your online booking for our Parent Consultation evenings on 12th and 13th February will go live at **7pm on Monday 27th January 2020.**

10-minute consultation slots will be available for you to book until **8am on Friday 7th February 2020.**

Scopay

Please make sure you have activated your Scopay account. At Rokesly you will need to use the Scopay system for your child's school trips, booking all appointments for parents evening and other school events.

New Reception parents will have been given their log-ins at admission. If you need a log-in reminder, please ask at the office.

KEY DATES

- **Monday 27th January**
9.10 Chinese New Year assembly
7pm Scopay Parents Evening online sign-up opens
- **Tuesday 28th January**
Orange class TRIP to London Transport Museum
- **Tuesday 4th February**
Reception height and weight check
- **Thursday 6th February**
9.10 am School tour
- **Friday 7th February**
8am Scopay Parents Evening online sign-up closes
- **Sunday 9th February**
10am Gardening Morning
- **Monday 10th February**
Y2 TRIP to the Cutty Sark
- **Wednesday 12th February**
Rainbow Class assembly
4-7pm Parents' Evening
Scopay bookings available
- **Thursday 13th February**
3.40-6pm Parents Evening
Scopay bookings available
- **Friday 14th February**
3.20pm Break up for Half Term
HALF TERM BREAK
17th– 21st February 2020
- **Friday 28th February**
Readathon Launch
- **Monday 3rd March**
9.10 Rainbow class Parent workshop – IMPACT writing
- **Tuesday 4th March**
9.10 Orange class Parent workshop – IMPACT writing
- **Friday 6th March**
9.10 Green class Parent workshop – IMPACT writing
- **Monday 9th March**
STEM Week begins
- **Wednesday 11th March**
7.30pm PSA mtg
- **Monday 16th March**
9.10 St Patrick's Day assembly
- **Sunday 29th March**
Rokesly PSA Car Boot sale
Rokesly Fun Run
- **Friday 3rd April**
Last day of Readathon
3.20pm Break up for Easter Holiday
EASTER BREAK
6th– 17th April 2020
- **Monday 20th April**
Summer Term begins
9.10 St George Assembly
- **Wednesday 29th April**
9.10 Silver Class assembly

Every term, we hold a special focus week in school to enhance our curriculum with activities, visits and workshops. This term we have chosen to focus on STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

The theme for STEM this year is 'Our Diverse Planet' and our special theme will see children in every class taking part in trips and workshops in line with British Science Week 2020.

To help us celebrate, we are asking for volunteers who have a background or a job that involves STEM skills to come in and talk to the children. Please contact your child's class teacher and let them know if you are available to be a **STEM** expert for the morning.



Easy Fundraising

The easiest way to raise money for school is through **easyfundraising**. It costs you nothing at all and is completely hassle free. Every time you, a family member or friend shops online, orders a takeaway or books a holiday, money is donated to Rokesly.

Since it was set up, our account has raised an incredible **£6088**.

If you Refer-a-Friend you can earn a £5 bonus donation every time someone joins and raises £5 as a supporter through our unique link:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/2Z04VV/>

Spring 1 2020 **Monday 6th January** – **Friday 14th February**
Spring Half Term Break – Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February
 Spring 2 2020 **Monday 24th February** – **Friday 3rd April**
Easter 2020 Break – Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April 2020

Summer 1 2020 **Monday 20th April** – **Friday 22nd May**
Summer Half Term Break – Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May
 Summer 2 2020 **Tuesday 2nd June** – **Friday 17th July 2020**
Summer 2020 Break – Tuesday 20th July – Tuesday 1st Sept 2020

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Outdoor Environments

Gardening Day

All parents and carers are welcome to join us on **Sunday 9th February** as we prepare our outdoor areas for Spring. We will spend the morning digging, weeding, planting and making improvements to the outside areas in the February sunshine.

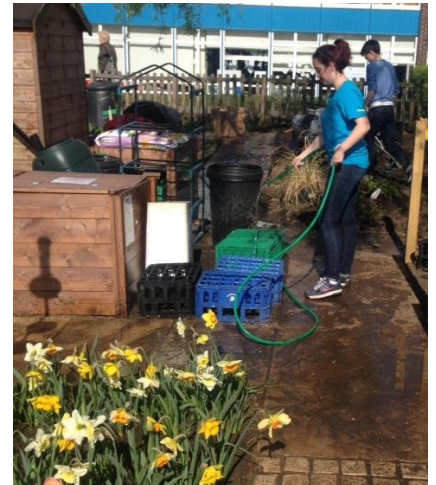
We also need to empty and reline the pond so it can be a welcoming environment to water creatures and plants.

KS1 planters

We are also looking for a keen carpenter or handy DIYers to help us build some café-style moveable planters for our outside areas. These will help temporarily divide the outdoor space and give the children the opportunity to grow plants, flowers and fruit. We have some designs and materials; we just need your skills!

Reception playground

A big area this year for improvement and fundraising is our Reception playground. We want to make it more active and natural, with zones for building, gardening, big games, bikes and role play. Look out for further details in the near future.



Return slip. **We always welcome your views/comments:**

Re: Newsletter No 6 24 / 1 / 20

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

(I have received the newsletter and I have the following comments/queries. Please note, if you do not have any comments you do not need to return this slip).