



Spring term | Issue 7 | February 2020

Rokesly Infant and Nursery School newsletter

TAD days (School closed)
Monday 1st June 2020
Monday 20th July 2020
Tues 1st and Weds 2nd
September 2020
Bank Holidays (in term time)
Friday 8th May 2020 – VE day

At Rokesly Every Child Matters In Every Way

Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who took the time last term to respond to our annual survey. Since we changed the format of the survey to capture more of your comments, we have been working hard to analyse your responses. The full document and more information about how we will be making improvements is available from the school website. Here is a short summary:

I feel welcome at the school

All positive responses. We are glad that you feel our staff are welcoming and approachable

I enjoy meeting and talking to different parents and carers at drop-off and after school

Responses are really positive, but it's clear from comments that some parents who work often don't have opportunities to stop and chat.

The school promotes and celebrates a range of cultures including my own

This year both the Infant and Junior schools share a school improvement priority to improve outcomes for our BME children. It's good that your responses already recognise the work we are doing to celebrate and represent everyone from our school community.

I feel welcome at all school events and activities

It's great to see the overwhelmingly positive response to school events. We have been working with the PSA to create a range of fundraising and social events for parents during the school year to ensure everyone feels included.

The curriculum reflects the diversity within the school community

In the infants we are revising our school curriculum to ensure that the work we do and the resources we use reflect our diverse community and we are glad to see that work recognised in your responses.

I feel I am able to support my child with their learning at home

It's great to see a positive response to this question. Our workshops are always really well attended and it's clear that you are actively engaged in your child's learning with us.

Visit the **website** for the full survey report

STEM week 9th-13th March

The theme for STEM week 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.



World Book Day 5th March



Don't forget - for World Book Day this year, we are inviting children to come in dressed as a favourite story character.

Even more importantly, because the theme is SHARE A STORY, we want children to be sharing their stories with others. Please make sure your child brings a book to share. Staff will also be sharing their favourite story books with different classes throughout the day.

Also don't forget to spend your £1 book token – if you haven't already. You can buy a special World Book Day book or put the £1 towards a new book from participating local bookshops.

KEY DATES

- **Friday 28th February**
9.10 Society Company samples
Readathon Launch – to end of term
- **Monday 2nd March**
pm Blue class TRIP to Stationers park
- **Tuesday 3rd March**
9.10 School tour for new parents
9.10 Rainbow class Parent workshop – IMPACT writing
Silver class TRIP to British Museum
- **Wednesday 4th March**
9.10 Orange class Parent workshop – IMPACT writing
Yellow class TRIP to British Museum
am Red class TRIP to Stationers park
pm Purple TRIP to Stationers park
- **Thursday 5th March**
WORLD BOOK DAY
- **Friday 6th March**
9.10 Green class Parent workshop – IMPACT writing
Gold class TRIP to British Museum
- **Sunday 8th March**
10am Gardening morning – please sign up with Grant, Caroline or Yael
- **Monday 9th March**
STEM Week begins
- **Wednesday 11th March**
9.10 School tour for new parents
7.30pm PSA mtg
- **Thursday 12th March**
9.10 School tour for new parents
- **Monday 16th March**
9.10 St Patrick's Day assembly
- **Tuesday 24th March**
9.10 School tour for new parents
- **Wednesday 25th March**
9.10 Year 2 parents meeting – End of KS1 assessments
New nursery children visit
- **Friday 27th March**
New nursery children visit
- **Sunday 29th March**
Rokesly PSA Car Boot sale
Rokesly Fun Run
- **Monday 30th March**
9.30 Reception concert for parents
- **Wednesday 1st April**
PSA cake sale – 3.15pm
- **Thursday 2nd April**
9.30 Reception concert for parents
- **Friday 3rd April**
3.20pm Break up for Easter Holiday
EASTER BREAK 6th– 17th April
- **Monday 20th April**
8.55am Summer Term begins
9.10 St George Assembly
- **Wednesday 29th April**
9.10 Silver Class assembly

Rokesly Essential Skills Family

We have a new member joining our Rokesly Essential Skills Family this half term: Active Participator. Being an Active Participator at school means you like to join in, be involved, try new things and make suggestions. We will also be teaching the children that getting something wrong helps them to learn, too. School Council will be opening the competition to name our new character this week, and you can help come up with a name, too.



Sustainable shopping

Rokesly Nursery, Infant and Junior schools have agreed to work with a new company called SoCo to help our community become more sustainable.

SoCo (The Society Company) helps people reduce the amount of single-use plastic they use and live more sustainably. They offer household essentials such as food, toiletries and cleaning products as sustainably as possible whilst keeping prices low. Products come in reusable bottles that are collected, cleaned and refilled. Food comes in low impact, easily recyclable packaging.

Customers pay a £25 monthly subscription for a choice of 14 products that will be delivered to Rokesly ready for collection on a set day each month.

As well as helping teach the children about sustainability, recycling and helping protect the environment, Rokesly will also receive 15% of the value of all orders placed by Rokesly parents and carers.

There will be a table at school during drop-off and pick-up times on Friday 28th Feb with a sample order on display. To find out more, visit <https://www.weareso.co/>

TERM DATES 2020

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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Monday 1st June 2020 Monday 20th July 2020

Tuesday 1st September 2020 Wednesday 2nd September 2020
Monday November 1st 2020 Monday January 4th 2021

Reminders

Gardening Day

The recent storms meant we could not go ahead with our last gardening morning, but our next one is on **Sunday 8th March** and you are very welcome to join us as we prepare our outdoor areas for Spring. We will spend the morning digging, weeding, planting and making improvements to the outside areas.

We be digging out and relining the pond so it can be a welcoming environment for creatures and plants.

See **Grant** or **Yael** if you can help on the day and want to get involved.



Reception playground

We are working with the PSA to help fund improvements to the outdoor environment for our reception and nursery children. We want to make it more active and natural, with zones for building, gardening, big games, bikes and role play. The team will need some help to start to make improvements during the gardening day, so please see **Caroline** if you are able to help.

Spare clothes

We are running out of spare clothes in school that the children need when they get wet or muddy, and the poor weather has increased demand! If you have any spare jogging bottoms or tops in sizes from 5 up, we desperately need them.

If your child has borrowed any of our spare clothes recently, please can you wash and return them to school so they can be made available for other children. Thank you

Coronavirus

As you will have read in my letter yesterday, there is no cause for concern at school, but we are asking the children to take precautions by:

- Washing hands often – with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Covering coughs or sneezes with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin

Because Coronavirus and some other winter viruses can survive on surfaces and are also asking that every child has their own labelled water bottle in class.

If you become unwell and are worried about your symptoms, call NHS 111 – don't go to your GP or A&E

Please keep yourselves updated with latest information from the department health and social care:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

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

Re: Newsletter No 7 27 / 2 / 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).