



Autumn term | **Issue 8** | January 2022

# Rokesly Infant and Nursery School

## bulletin

**Spring term begins**  
Tuesday 4th January 2022  
**Summer term begins**  
Tuesday 19th April 2022  
**Bank Holidays (in term time)**  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022  
**TAD days (School closed)**  
Monday 6th June 2022

Happy New Year everyone

We have been really glad to welcome everyone back for a new term at Rokesly. This term we have also welcomed new children starting in the nursery. It has been lovely to see you all back, rested and ready to learn.

- **Hazel**

I'm really sad to have to tell you that during the Christmas break, Hazel was taken very ill and admitted to hospital. Following emergency surgery, Hazel was moved from ICU to start recovery. Hazel's family have let me know that she is receiving top class care and is fighting to come back, but her recovery will take time. Things have been made even more difficult with restrictions stopping any family members or friends from visiting.

Tracy and the Year 2 team have been fantastic in supporting the children and making sure they have had a secure start to the new year in Blue class.

In school we will be sending messages from the children for Hazel. This week, the choir, Junior choir and each infant year group are recording Hazel's favourite songs to be played to her in hospital. Parents, carers and children who would like to send a card or personal message are very welcome to bring them in. We will be collecting cards to send to Hazel next Thursday.

- **Early Explorers Stay and Play**

Stay and Play continues to be popular with Rokesly parents – and our wider community. Parents with under 3s are welcome to join us every Friday from 9.30-10.30am at Rokesly Nursery

- **Covid-19**

Cases of covid-19 have significantly increased in Primary schools with staff and children being affected. Anyone who has symptoms must still have a PCR test. From today, 11<sup>th</sup> January, you no longer have to take a confirmatory PCR test if you have a positive result from a lateral flow test. Anyone who receives a positive LFD test result should self-isolate immediately.

- **Restrictions at Rokesly**

Some restrictions are still in place this term. Adults will continue to wear masks in communal areas and we will limit large numbers of people gathering indoors by continuing with staggered assemblies. Across both schools we have made the decision to postpone any trips using public transport for the moment, but will continue with our local trips and will invite in experts where we can, so the children can still have exciting and fascinating learning opportunities.

- **Changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19**

The 10-day self-isolation period for people who receive a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

- Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 may now take lateral flow tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period.
- Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation.
- The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart.
- If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to the education or childcare setting from day 7
- If you test positive, you can test again on the following day. Two consecutive negative tests are required prior to release.
- Individuals should not take any more lateral flow tests after the 10th day of your isolation period and may stop self-isolating after this day. This is because they are unlikely to be infectious after 10th day of the isolation period

- **Confirmed cases and close contacts**

The government have announced that schools no longer need to conduct contact tracing, and this will be done by NHS test and trace. But we will continue to write to parents in classes in which there are outbreaks.

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time. If we have confirmed cases in school, we will follow the latest guidance:

- Infants: 2 or more cases: whole class lateral flow test on days 1 and 4
- Infants: 5 or more cases or 10% of the class – whole class lateral flow tests for 7 days.
- Reception and Nursery: Children aged under 5 who live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 should take a PCR test as soon as possible and limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness. They can continue to attend an education or childcare setting while waiting for the PCR result.

- **British Science Week**

This Spring Term we are celebrating British Science Week in March. This year's theme is GROWTH and Yael has already contacted providers of science maths workshops to create some exciting opportunities for the children.

- **School Council**

Our Infant School Council reps have chosen their BIG QUESTION for the year and it is 'WHERE CAN WE GROW?' The children want to focus their work on the wildlife garden and growing areas this year and they will be aiming to raise funds to build raised beds in the school garden and planters for outside the classrooms. They will be asking the children what fruit, vegetables and flowers they want to grow.

Because their question is also about growing skills and learning, they will need some adult help to choose the best plants (and to help them get the areas ready for growing) and to look after them as they grow. Any green-fingered parents, carers or relatives would be very welcome to come in and share their skills with our keen gardeners in school.

School Council will be writing their own letter to parents soon.

- **School Tours of the Nursery, Infant and Junior schools.**

The deadline for applying to start at Rokesly in September 2022 is 15<sup>th</sup> January

Further into the future, parents and carers looking for a Nursery place, or a school place for their child in 2023 are very welcome to join us on a school tour. School tours will resume from February 1<sup>st</sup>. 2022 We think it is really important that parents get to see the whole journey at Rokesly so tours take in the Nursery, Infants and Juniors. If you have friends or relatives with children starting school next year, please share our information with them.

## Rokesly Infant and Rokesly Junior School admissions 2022

Don't forget that the admissions portal for next September is open now and closes on **15th January 2022**. New parents can book a tour with the office.

The Online applications portal and Haringey admissions handbook can be found at:  
<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/school-admissions/starting-primary-school>

### Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	GOLD Class Trip to the library
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	SILVER Class Trip to the library
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	YELLOW Class Trip to the library
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Deadline to apply for a primary school place for September 2022 at Rokesly
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Assembly - Martin Luther King day
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am Phonics meeting for Year 1 parents – zoom link to follow
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Assembly - Chinese New Year
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	4 -7pm Parents Evening
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	3.40- 6pm Parents evening
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	NSPCC Number Day – more information to follow Break up for Half Term PSA Cake Sale
14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> February – SCHOOL CLOSED for HALF TERM	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	8.55am Spring 2 begins
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	9.10am Year 1 writing workshop – Orange Class
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	9.10am Year 1 writing workshop – Green Class
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	9.10am Year 1 writing workshop – Rainbow Class
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week – STEM activities in all classes

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