



Rokesly Infant and Nursery School

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Spring term ends
Friday 1st April 2022
Summer term begins
Tuesday 19th April 2022
Bank Holidays (in term time)
Monday 2nd May 2022
Friday 22nd July 2022
TAD days (School closed)
Monday 6th June 2022

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Hello everyone

Thank you all for the support you have given us over the past few challenging weeks.

- **Covid-19 update**

We have been heavily impacted this week with staff absence due to Covid. This has meant that we have had to be resourceful in allocating staff to cover lunchtimes, classes and to provide key support for children. I am grateful for the flexibility and enthusiasm of all the staff in school. They are doing an amazing job and thanks to them, the children's learning has not been compromised and we have avoided returning classes to remote learning! We send our very best wishes to all families and staff who have been unwell with Covid, and hope for a speedy recovery for you all.

- **Please keep testing**

Thank you all for helping us out by testing your children. At this time, it is vitally important that all children of affected classes continue to test regularly and that parents do not send children with symptoms in to school. Please also report any positive results to Track and Trace. We report cases in school to Haringey Public health, but unreported cases give a false impression of the real situation in our area.

- **Hazel**

Hazel's family have asked me to share their thanks for the messages, cards and letters they have received from children and parents. Hazel enjoyed listening to the cd the children made of her favourite school songs.

- **Restrictions at Rokesly**

Because of the significant increase in pupil and staff cases, we will need to have restrictions in place for a little while longer. Volunteers and other adults will not be allowed in school for the time being. Sadly, our parents' evenings will be on zoom. Adults will continue to wear masks in communal areas and we will continue to limit large numbers of people gathering indoors with staggered lunchtimes and zoom assemblies.

- **Celebrating diversity at Rokesly**

Last week, our school governors took part in excellent training on Unconscious Bias and Racial Identity. The whole Infant staff team attended this training last term as part of our work on celebrating our community, ensuring representation of all our children in the curriculum and improving outcomes for everyone. Last term, parents joined our Black Heritage workshop to help staff plan changes and improvements to the Spring term curriculum and we felt it was such a success that we plan to repeat the workshop for the Summer term. We will be meeting after drop-off at 9.10am on Friday 4th March and would like to invite you to join us. Please contact Grant or Jill on the gate or through the office if you would like to join us.

- **British Science Week – 14th – 18th March 2022**

As we start to enjoy the first signs of Spring, we are planning this term's Science Week to celebrate GROWTH. School staff are busy organising workshops and activities for every class. We would welcome any contributions from parents, carers and families working in the fields of science to come and be our experts during the week. Please contact your class teacher if you are able to get involved. We really want this to be a memorable week for the children.

- **School Council**

To fit in with Science Week and School Council's BIG QUESTION for the year '**WHERE CAN WE GROW?**' we have asked the school gardeners to help us plan changes to the growing areas in the school garden. Once we have the site prepared and ready for growing, we will be asking for green-fingered adult volunteers to help us dig and plant during Science Week. School Council will be fundraising for seeds, plants and other things, so look out for their letter to parents soon.

- **NSPCC charity fundraising - Number Day**

The infant children are taking part in NSPCC Number Day on 4 February 2022. They will participate in challenges, quizzes and fun activities while raising awareness and raising money for the NSPCC. This is our first charity fundraiser of the year and we are asking for a donation from all parents to help us smash our target, We are asking children to bring in £1 to give to their class teacher on the day. Of course, larger donations are very welcome!

The money you raise could support Childline, the confidential helpline for children, whatever difficulty they're facing. Or it could support the NSPCC to reach more schools with the Speak out. Stay safe. programme – giving children the knowledge and confidence to speak out about anything that's worrying them, including abuse, so they can get the help they need.

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

Our school tours begin again after half term and we are also planning to hold open events after school for prospective parents in the coming months. New tour dates will be posted to the school website. If you have friends or relatives with children starting school next year, please share our information with them.

- **Food Bank Donations**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the food bank this term. Items needed currently are:

Nappies size 6&7
 Pasta / spaghetti, Rice
 Long life milk, Herbal tea
 Tinned fruit, Tinned veg, Vegetarian soup
 Shower gel, Liquid Soap, Shampoo
 Cooking oil

Your donations will be collected to be shared with local families and children in need next week.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 9 th February	4 -7pm Parents Evening
Thursday 10 th February	3.40- 6pm Parents evening
Friday 11 th February	NSPCC Number Day – RIS charity fundraiser – bring in £1 donation Break up for Half Term 3.20 Rokesly PSA Cake Sale
14th – 18th February – SCHOOL CLOSED for HALF TERM	
Monday 21 st February	8.55am Spring 2 begins 9.10 Jumpin Joinin Assembly – be an active participator!
Tuesday 1 st March	9.10am Year 1 writing workshop – Orange Class
Wednesday 2 nd March	9.10am Year 1 writing workshop – Green Class
Thursday 3 rd March	9.10am Year 1 writing workshop – Rainbow Class
Friday 4 th March	9.10 Rokesly Diversity working group
Sunday 6 th March	Rokesly PSA Fun Run
Monday 14 th March	British Science Week – STEM activities for all classes
Wednesday 16 th March	Dental Health assemblies – Keeping growing teeth strong and healthy
Saturday 19 th March	10am Rokesly PSA Car Boot Sale
Wednesday 23 rd March	9.10 Year 2 SATs meeting for parents
Friday 1 st April	Break up for Easter break 3.20 Rokesly PSA Cake sale
4th – 18th April – SCHOOL CLOSED for EASTER BREAK	
Tuesday 19 th April	8.55am Summer term begins 9.10 St George assembly

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