



Autumn term | Issue 3 | October 2020

Rokesly Infant and Nursery School newsletter

TAD days (School closed)
There will no longer be an Infant and Junior school TAD day on
Monday 2nd November
Monday 4th January 2021
Monday 7th June 2021
Bank Holidays (in term time)
Monday 3rd May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been quite a half term but with your help, support and enthusiasm, we have made it!

We have been working hard to get things as 'back to normal' as possible for our children and parents. This week, staff have been really busy making calls to you to discuss the progress the children have made. Your positive feedback about what we have been doing has been really welcome. Thank you.

We are working out how to bring more of our usual activities back in a more remote world. Look out for information about class assemblies, performances and parent workshops after the break.

Have a lovely half term holiday.

School priorities

Every year, we choose school priorities to help us focus on particular areas for improvement.

This year, following a summer of disrupted learning, as we recover from the impact of Covid-19 we have decided that our priorities will be:

- 1. Curriculum** – Embed a revised curriculum that effectively recovers learning deficits, minimises disadvantages inspires learners and strengthens a sense of self, community and place in the wider world
 - 2. Essential Skills** – children recognise and practice explicit skills for effective learning and are aware of the skills they need to learn
 - 3. Maths** - Further improve Maths teaching and learning to ensure children have opportunities to develop reasoning skills and achieve GDS
- Joint Priority Action Plan** – Improve outcomes for BAME children at Rokesly schools
- Of course, in addition to these focus areas we will continue to ensure every child has the very best opportunities for learning in all areas.

School Lunches

As you will know, all infant children at Rokesly are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal. If you choose not to take up the offer of a free meal, you must inform the school office.

Please remember that the kitchen orders food weekly in advance and staff plan carefully for pupil numbers, so if your child is having packed lunch, they must do so for the full week. We are not able to offer your child a school meal for one day as this creates shortages.

Thank you.

Look after our neighbours

Because the start and end of the day is particularly busy on Hermiston Avenue, it is very important that we behave respectfully towards other parents, our neighbours, other pedestrians and road users. **Please: BE RESPECTFUL** by staying within the lines, respecting social distance and **please don't queue jump!** **BE IN CONTROL** of your child – do not let them climb on the barrier, fences or walls or play in driveways or gardens belonging to our neighbours. **BE SAFE** please be careful crossing the road at drop-off and pick-up times. **DO NOT PARK** across driveways or the entrance to Mulberry Close. **DO NOT PARK** on zig-zags or double yellow lines on roads around the school – it makes crossing the road more dangerous for pedestrians and it is illegal. Parking Patrols are in force. If you park illegally, **you will get a parking ticket.**



If you are driving, use our 5-minute walking zone map to park safely a short walk from school.

Thanks for your support and patience when dropping off and collecting your children to and from school - especially when the weather is wet (which seems to be every day at 3pm!). See you on the gate!

Our trees

During the Summer break, the tree surgeon carried out a routine survey of our perimeter trees. Most of our trees were planted when the school was originally built, and some have reached an age where they are at the end of their natural life.

Sadly, two trees have become diseased and are dying. You may have noticed that one of the trees has become a host to a rather beautiful, harmless fungus called 'Chicken of the Woods.'



The diseased trees are a potential risk to the health and safety of the children and need to be removed. This work will take place in the half term break

The school is working with the Rokesly PSA to raise funds to replace the removed trees with new mature trees that will help us maintain our green margin around the school.

Lost property

At this time, we are unable to store lost property communally, or allow parents into school to search for lost items. Please help us and make sure you put **YOUR CHILD'S NAME** in any clothes they wear to school. Please make sure they have everything they need at the start of school and please remind them to take home everything they need at home time.

After school clubs

We are so happy to be able to offer after school clubs this half term and will continue to do so after the break.

Wesley will be running the Fit for School programme every Wednesday from 4th November.

Lingotots will continue to offer Year 1 French on Tuesdays, Year 2 French on Wednesdays and Year 1 Spanish on Thursdays from 3rd November.

Kickabout will also continue with their various sports clubs.

Look out for email details.

Bright Day – BE SEEN



With the clocks going back this weekend and the days getting shorter, it will soon be darker on your journeys to and from school.

When we return from half term we will be talking to the children about road safety and how important it is to **BE SEEN** when you are walking to school.

To raise awareness, each year we celebrate **Bright Day**. This year on Friday 6th November we are encouraging the children to wear their brightest clothes. We expect to see reflectors, high viz, dayglow and bright colours all around the school.

Don't forget to get involved and make sure your child can really **BE SEEN** on Bright Day.



TERM DATES 2020 – 2021

Autumn 1 2020 **Monday 7th September – Friday 23rd October**

Autumn Half Term Break – Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Autumn 2 2020 **Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December**

Christmas 2020 Break – Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January 2021

Spring 1 2021 **Tuesday 5th January – Friday 14th February**

Spring Half Term Break – Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

Spring 2 2021 **Monday 22nd February – Thursday 1st April**

Easter 2021 Break – Friday 2nd April – Friday 16th April 2021

Summer 1 2021 **Monday 19th April – Friday 28th May**

Summer Half Term Break – Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

Summer 2 2021 **Tuesday 8th June – Wednesday 21st July**

Summer 2021 Break – Thursday 22nd July – Sept 2021 (TBC)

Remaining TAD days (School closed) 2020-21

Monday 4th January 2021 Monday 7th June 2021

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For a **full school calendar** visit: <https://www.rokesly-inf.haringey.sch.uk/calendar/>

Reminders

Sports Ambassadors

Our Sports Coach Kye has been busy this half term. Despite restrictions on activities, Kye has reintroduced the 'Thumbs Up' award for being a great sportsperson, and he has also chosen a Sports Ambassador from each class who will work together to choose activities, encourage teamwork and improve active play at playtimes.

This year's Sports Ambassadors are:

Blue Class – Ida

Red Class – Eva

Purple Class – Niall

Green Class – Zahra

Orange Class – Noah

Rainbow Class – Jacob

Yellow Class – Sammy

Gold Class – Massimo

Silver Class – Marlowe

Well done everyone. I look forward to hearing your sporty ideas



YMCA clubs are open

YMCA Breakfast Club is now open to **all year groups** from Monday 5th October 2020.

YMCA After-School Club is now open to all **Reception children, all year 3 and all year 4 children**.

Parents need to book at least 2 weeks in advance to guarantee a space.

If you are already a member. Your membership has been frozen during lock down and will be reactivated for YR, Y3 and Y4 from October.

To apply for membership, please download, complete and submit the form from:

<https://www.ymcanorthlondon.org.uk/what-we-do/childcare/after-school-club/>

Bookings for the YMCA Half-term activities at the Haringey Club are also available for Rokesly parents.

Apply for a Reception or Junior school place for September 2021

Don't forget that the admissions portal for next September is open now and closes on **15th January 2021**. **All Nursery parents** must apply for a Rokesly reception place and **all Year 2 parents** **MUST** apply for a Rokesly Junior School place by the deadline. 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>

Rokesly Nursery Instagram

Helen and the Nursery team have been busy creating an Instagram showcase for the fantastic work the children have been doing at Rokesly Nursery. You can see the Instagram page here: <https://www.instagram.com/rokeslynursery/>

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

Re: Newsletter No 3 23 / 10 / 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).