



Spring term | Issue 6 | March 2021

Rokesly Infant and Nursery School newsletter

TAD days (School closed)
Monday 7th June 2021
Bank Holidays (in term time)
Monday 3rd May 2021
Last day of Spring Term
Thursday 1st April 2021
Last day of Summer Term
Wednesday 21st July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school. It has been so great to welcome all of our Rokesly families back after a long and difficult winter lockdown. It has been lovely to chat on the gate to so many of you and to hear how you have managed over the past three months. The children have got straight back into routines and have been eager to get on with their learning. There have been some small changes to get used to, but I am pleased to say that everyone has settled in really well and we have been delighted to have a school full of children again.

As we start the term, teachers and support staff will be assessing the children to identify gaps in learning and organise support for children who may have missed out important concepts during their time away from school. You will hear more about this and ways to help support your child at home when we hold our parents' evenings by zoom in the last week of term.

Book the date! Parents evenings will be held on: **Tuesday 30th March 4-7pm and Wednesday 31st March 3.40-6pm**

Once again, I want to thank you all for the incredible support we received during this very challenging time. Thank you for, and for all your positive comments. It is important to say that you have been amazing teachers during lockdown and have really supported the children well. With your support we will continue to give your children all they need for the next stage of their learning at Rokesly.

Goodbye Jamie

We are very sad to announce that Silver class teacher Jamie Lee will be leaving us at Easter. Jamie has been a valued member of the Rokesly team since 2018, working in Year 2 and Reception classes. Jamie will be leaving us to move out of London with her family and after Easter will start a new job in Surrey, teaching in the same school she went to as a child!

Although we are really sad to say goodbye, we are happy for Jamie and I'm sure you will join us in wishing her the very best for the future.

During the Summer term, Yael and Anita will work together to teach Silver class during the week.



While you were away

Just before the children returned, the **Year 1 toilet blocks** got a well overdue refurbishment. The toilets are now bright, fresh and colourful. They have been transformed!



Thanks to **PSA fundraising** and the generous donations and participation of Rokesly parents, we have able to replace more of our old projector smart boards with new smart screens. Over the last few days, new screen have been installed in Green, Orange and Purple classes. They will be a great resource for learning for the children, and also for our zoom assemblies and celebrations

Red Nose day 2021

We will be celebrating **Red Nose Day** on **Friday 19th March** by wearing something red, sharing jokes and raising money for Comic Relief.



All you need to do is bring in £1 and remember to wear something **RED**. It could be a red top, red tights or red shoes. You might even have a red wig, or go all the way and wear everything red! **Don't forget to wear your red nose if you have one.**



Home testing kits for families

The home testing kits are available to those who either live with a student that attends school/college, or those who live with someone who works in a school/college. To be eligible to take part in the home testing programme, people need to be 18 years or older and must not have any COVID-19 symptoms. The tests can be collected from the test centres on this map: <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/> or by placing an order via this link: www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

The **Kickabout** Team are back from today for a short course of after-school sports, places are almost full up from previous attendees but if you are interested in any of the following sessions then please contact Riaan **07971 649 988** or email riaan@kickaboutfc.com for any spaces now and also potential to be included for the summer term slots

Mondays - Yr1 Dodgeball/Football mix
Tuesdays - Yr2 Dodgeball
Wednesdays* - Yr2 Girls Group
Dodgeball/Football (back to Thursdays after Easter)

Wesley's **Fit for School** programme will start again on 21st April with circuits and fitness every Wednesday until 7th July. The full 11-week programme costs £77 in total and can be booked using the details below

Before that, Wesley is running a **Football Camp** at Grieg city Academy during the **Easter holidays**. It will run from Tues 6th April - Friday 9th April 1 - 4pm and is open for all children aged 6-11 Years

Costs are £20 Per Day - £65 Full Week
Payments can be made via IB.
HSBC - SC: 400336
AN: 11368419

To book contact Wesley on **07715902287** or email sportinghabits@gmail.com

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 – 1 Sept 2021

Remaining TAD days (School closed) 2020-21

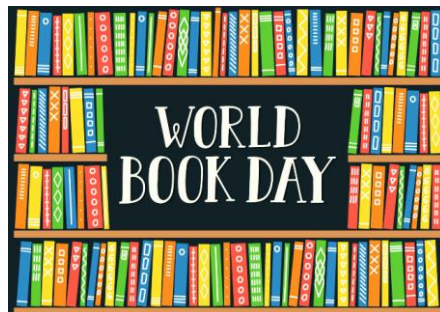
Monday 7th June 2021

TADs for the school year 2021 - 22 have not yet been confirmed.

Other news

World Book Day

Thanks to everyone who took part in this year's virtual **World Book Day**. It really was fantastic to see your usual brilliant levels of enthusiasm and effort! We saw some amazing costumes and were thrilled to hear the children sharing their favourite stories.



Your World Book Day vouchers will be sent home for you to use this week.

YMCA Breakfast and After School club

Parents and carers have been asking when the wraparound provision at Rokesly will begin again.

We are in talks with the YMCA who provide our breakfast and after school clubs and they hope to open the clubs soon. These will continue to be limited to the year groups where there is the most demand for places until restrictions relax. Unfortunately at this time, the YMCA has a shortage of staff and are in the process of recruiting. This does mean that the clubs are unlikely to open before the Easter break, but Andre and Paul at the YMCA are working hard to ensure that this vital service for working parents is up and running as soon as possible.

Coronavirus reminder Any child experiencing any of the following:

- High temperature
- New continuous cough (this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours)
- Loss / change in smell or taste

Will be sent home immediately, asked to get tested, and start their 10-day self-isolation. Household members should also start isolating for 10 days - this is because it can take time for symptoms of the virus to appear. The household should only stop self-isolating if the child having symptoms, has had a negative test. If a child does not get tested, we would still expect them to self-isolate for 10 days if they have been symptomatic. If the child does receive a test, and it is negative, the child and household can stop self-isolation and the child can return to school immediately.

At this time, we are trying to keep all illnesses in school to a minimum to ensure that staff and children are well enough to be in school. **Please do not send your child in to school if they are unwell.**

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

Re: Newsletter No 6 15 / 3 / 21

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).