

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I have been headteacher at Rokesly Junior School for many years now. I am still here because I love our school. It is an amazing place to be and I am still excited by the endless possibilities that each day can bring. This year we have achieved one of my long-term goals, see paragraph about year 5 below, but there is much still to achieve.

One of the things that I like most about the school is its diversity. It is a school that reflects the world beyond our gates.

Our first school rule is respect and we work hard to achieve this in all aspects of school life. This can only be fully embedded in the culture of our school through partnership with you.

We have spent much of the term focussing on kindness and ways in which we can support each other as part of the Rokesly community. Please support us by discussing kindness and respect with your child so that they are able to fully understand and then demonstrate these values in their interactions with others.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Bola Soneye-Thomas
Headteacher

Term Dates 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022

01/09/2022 – 16/12/2022

Half Term 2022

24/10/22 – 28/10/2022

Spring Term 2023

03/01/2023 – 31/03/2023

Half Term 2023

13/02/2023 – 17/02/2023

Summer Term 2023

17/04/2023 – 21/07/2023

Half Term 2023

29/05/2023 – 02/06/2023

Tad Days

Thursday	01/09/2022
Friday	02/09/2022
Monday	31/10/2022
Tuesday	03/01/2023
Monday	05/06/2023

**Bank Holiday for the
Coronation 08/05/2023.**

School Meals Costs

Autumn Term	
1 st half	£87.50
2 nd half	£85.00
Total	£ 172.50

Spring Term	
1 st half	£70.00
2 nd half	£75.00
Total	£145.00

Summer Term	
1 st half	£72.50
2 nd half	£85.00
Total	£157.50

Visits and Visitors

Anthony Maxim from Kokura came into school to do some bread making with year 3 this was linked to their Stone Age topic. Every child made their own loaf of bread. Every loaf looked very appetising.

Trip to Lille, France

Year 5 were the first ever cohort of Rokesly children to go on a day trip by Eurostar to Lille in France. They had a fantastic time on the trip, visiting two French schools and a Christmas market. They had an opportunity to practise their French when speaking to the French children and when shopping at the Christmas market. It was a long day, but it was definitely a memorable and enjoyable one. Thank you to the year 5 children for being so well behaved and to Madame Doa and all the staff members that gave up their time to accompany them. Thank you also to the office team for their administrative support and to Katherine, Shelley and Career Legal whose donation helped the school to subsidise the trip and to meet some of the additional expenses associated with it.

WCIT (Whole class instrumental teaching) Concerts

We have had a fantastic week of music with each of the year 4 classes and some years 5 and 6 pupils performing for us in their concerts. Thank you and well done to them all.

Choir

The choir has been busy, singing at the Festive Fair and at Alexandra Palace. Please follow us on Instagram to see some snippets of their performances. Thank you to Ms Mullaney, Ms Griffin, Ms Ahmet and Ms Cheibas

Christmas Lunch

This will be on Wednesday 14th December. Some children have said they would like to wear Christmas jumpers this is optional as we do not want people to feel under pressure to purchase a jumper. Instead, the school council

has suggested that we have a Rokesly Colourful Christmas Day where everyone wears colours associated with the festive season.

Carols Around the Tree

The festive season is rapidly approaching and we look forward to you joining us in the Round Hall for our annual **Carols around the Tree on Thursday 15th December from 3.20pm.**

PSA

A huge thank you to the PSA and to everyone that was involved with the Festive Fair. It was a resounding success.

Reminders

The last day of term is Friday 16th December. Please ensure that your child continues to attend school every day until then, unless they are unwell. There has been a significant amount of illness (not Covid) in the school recently, both pupils and staff. Thank you to those of you that have kept your children at home when they have been unwell as this has helped to prevent it from spreading even further.

