

Newsletter

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Dear parents/Carers,

A huge thank you to the Parent, Staff Association (PSA) committee and everyone that was involved in the cinema event on Friday. Despite the rain it was well attended and a good time was had by all.

In the four weeks that we have been back at school, the PSA have recruited class reps for each class, held a class rep and school senior leadership team meeting and a very well attended coffee morning. A very positive start to the year. Over the next few weeks, we shall email you all the contact details of your class rep and their photograph so that you know who they are. Thank you to all of you that have volunteered to be a class rep. I look forward to getting to know you.

Each class rep sets up a WhatsApp group that they have agreed to use solely to communicate factual school related news, to coordinate fund raising events and to organise class parent social events. It is a way of being involved in the school community so I hope that all of you will join the group even if you are not able to attend some of the events. If you do not use WhatsApp and would like to be involved, please email your class rep directly so that alternative forms of communication can be organised between you.

Ruth is the chair of the PSA and she can be contacted by email at: rokeslypsachair@gmail.com Thank you to Ruth, for all she has done so far.

The role of the PSA is to support the school by raising funds through a range of events. These funds can then be used to help the school in delivering the curriculum and providing opportunities that enrich every child's time at Rokesly.

Examples of support given by the PSA are, funding of the blue sail in the playground, which provides much needed shade in the summer months, an annual contribution towards the cost of whole class instrumental teaching in year 4, support for the annual Art week, wet break games for each class etc. We are truly grateful and we look forward to all the fun events the PSA have planned for the year ahead.

Please do support the school through the PSA, by helping to organise and run the events, attending the events or making a donation.

Yours faithfully,

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

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

School Meals Costs

Autumn Term

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| 1 st half | £87.50 |
| 2 nd half | £85.00 |
| Total | £ 172.50 |

Spring Term

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| 1 st half | £70.00 |
| 2 nd half | £75.00 |
| Total | £145.00 |

Summer Term

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| 1 st half | £72.50 |
| 2 nd half | £85.00 |
| Total | £157.50 |

Visits and Visitors

This term all of the children in year 3 will have an opportunity to learn to ride a bicycle or if they can already ride, they will have an opportunity to further develop their cycling skills through the Bikeability programme. The first set of lessons took place last week.

Black History Month

October is Black History Month nationally and as a school we participate. However, the curriculum delivered all year round is increasingly taking into account the diversity of our school community and we try to ensure a wide perspective in what is taught. During Black History Month we invite visitors into school to further support the units being taught. If you have any ideas, skills or knowledge that you would like to share as part of our Black History Month learning please contact the school via email and we shall be in touch. Thank you.

Parents Evening

In our most recent parent survey, we asked if parents would like to continue with virtual parents' consultation evenings or if the preference would be for face-to-face consultations. The majority of you said you prefer online consultations. Therefore, our parents' consultation evenings on Wednesday 19th October and Thursday 20th October will be held online. However, we feel that it is important for you to have an opportunity to see your child's work and to be able to discuss it with your child.

For that reason, there will be an open evening for you to come in and look at your child's work. Year 6 will be on Friday 21st October from 3.30pm – 4.30pm and years 3, 4 and 5 will be at the same time on Thursday 3rd November. Please just come along to your child's classroom at the end of the day.

Sports Update

Well done to the years 5 and 6 boys and girls football teams who took part in tournaments last week.

The boy's team tournament took place at Powerleague Friern Barnet, where they played 5 matches. They were successful in getting through to the semi-finals where they just missed out, finishing 5th overall.

The girl's tournament took place at St Thomas More Catholic School where they won all 5 matches in their set and got through to the Semi-finals. They finished 5th overall.

Both teams did Rokesly proud! Not only did they play extremely well, they were supportive of each other and cheered on the other teams, displaying great sportsmanship!

Governor News

The school governors are:

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| Katy Derbyshire | Parent governor |
| Vanessa Naidoo | Parent governor |
| Karen Peacock | Parent governor |
| Nigel Leskin | Local authority governor |
| Kerree Ahern | Co-opted governor |
| Daniel Cain-Reed | Co-opted governor |
| Fadie Georgiou | Co-opted governor |
| Medina Howard | Co-opted governor |
| Lorna Walker (Chair of governors) | Co-opted governor |
| Joanna Neilson | Staff governor |
| Bola Soneye-Thomas | Staff governor |

Please see the school website for more information about each of them.

Covid

We have had two confirmed cases of Covid in staff so far this year resulting in them being unwell and absent for a week. Please do not send your child to school if they have a fever or they are showing signs of being unwell.

Lost property

Our lost property box is starting to grow already. Please clearly label all items including bicycles and scooters with your child's details. Last week one of the younger children in the school mistakenly took home a scooter that was exactly the same as his. The scooter was returned to school as soon as his family realised what had happened.

Book Fair

Don't forget the book fair will be visiting the school this week. It will be held in the corridor outside the Year 3 classrooms from Tuesday to Friday from 3.15 – 3.40.

Walk to School

Please remember to walk, scoot or cycle to school if possible and if you have to drive, please park about 5 minutes away and walk the rest of the way.

Donations

Some of you have asked if there is a facility to make an extra contribution when paying for school trips via Scopay. Please note, we have added a donation tab to the Scopay page so you are now able to do so - thank you.

Rokesly social media

Follow us on Instagram [@Rokeslyjunior](https://www.instagram.com/Rokeslyjunior) for a regular insight into life at Rokesly Juniors.

