

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. Despite the weather it has been a calmer start in terms of absence due to sickness.

As you know restrictions have now been lifted and it is no longer compulsory to self-isolate when testing positive for COVID.

The expectation is that all children attend school every day on time. Attendance will be tracked closely in the way that it was before the pandemic struck. Absences during term time for anything other than sickness will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

However, we would welcome your support in limiting disruption to school life by keeping your child at home when they are unwell.

We shall continue to keep classrooms well ventilated and we shall continue to stagger the lunchtime, so that we have less children in the playground for part of the break. The lunchtime timings are years 3 and 4 12.00 -1.00pm and years 5 and 6 12.15 - 1.15pm.

We are well aware that COVID is still present, but it is beginning to feel that the worst time has now passed.

Thank you to you all for your support and understanding during these challenging, unprecedented times.

The constant uncertainty, last minute changes and adapting to be able to continue to deliver the curriculum was tricky, but with your help it was achieved.

None of us know what lies ahead, but we are optimistic and we now know that whatever comes our way, together we can work through it.

Thank you from me personally and from the staff team as a whole.

We are proud of all the children, including those that left in July 2020 and July 2021 and our current pupils.

Best wishes,

Bola Soneye-Thomas  
Headteacher

## Term Dates 2021-2022

### Autumn Term 2021

01/09/2021 – 17/12/2021

### Half Term 2021

25/10/21 – 29/10/2021

### Spring Term 2022

04/01/2022 – 01/04/2022

### Half Term 2022

14/02/2022 – 18/02/2022

### Summer Term 2022

19/04/2022 – 21/07/2022

### Half Term 2022

30/05/2022 – 03/06/2022

### Tad Days

Wednesday	01/09/2021
Thursday	02/09/2021
Friday	03/09/2021
Monday	01/11/2021
Monday	06/06/2022

### School Meals Costs

#### Autumn Term

1 <sup>st</sup> half	£85.75
2 <sup>nd</sup> half	£83.30
Total	£ 169.05

#### Spring Term

1 <sup>st</sup> half	£71.05
2 <sup>nd</sup> half	£73.50
Total	£144.55

#### Summer Term

1 <sup>st</sup> half	£68.60
2 <sup>nd</sup> half	£83.30
Total	£151.90

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### Staff Changes

We welcome Mr Richard Mathewson to our school as the teacher of class Trinidad and Tobago in year 6.

### Visits and Visitors

This term, Portugal class in year 5, will be visiting Grieg City Academy once a week for maths lessons supported by older students. Last term, it was Czech Republic class that went and they found the sessions both helpful and fun.

Year 5 have been busy learning about earthquakes this term. As part of this unit of work, the class have been communicating with children (via email and Zoom) at a Japanese school to understand what life is like in Japan. They have been finding out about the impact of earthquakes on building design and how this affects their everyday lives.

Years 3,5 and 6 took part in a digital workshop called Letters for London. The aim of the workshop was to inspire children to write directly to London to share their views and ideas on what matters to them as Londoners. All the letters will then be forwarded to City Hall.

This term, links with Ecole Villemurlin (our partner school in France), have been further developed through fortnightly Zoom meetings that enable our pupils to practise their spoken French and to learn more about life in France through conversations with their French Peers.

Thank you to all of you that were able to attend the improvement session on Thursday morning and also to those of you that attended the SATs information meeting for year 6 parents on Thursday evening. If you were unable to attend the meeting, you can access the SATs information slides via the link below.

<https://www.rokesly-jun.haringey.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/SATS-information-for-parents-2022.pdf>

### World Book Day

We are looking forward to our World Book Day assembly on Friday. We have been discussing book characters and the dressing up assembly in school. We want the children to be creative and we encourage them to adapt clothes that they already have.

### Easter Egg Competition

Keep a look out for further information on the annual Easter Egg competition

### Clubs

Please see the attached current clubs timetable. The clubs will change again in the summer term.

### PSA

Thank you to the PSA for organising a very successful cake sale at the end of last half term.

Next Event coming up is Rokesly Spring Market and Car Boot Sale on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

### Governing Body

The premises committee met for their termly meeting last week. They oversee premises related health and safety issues and anything relating to the school site both infants and juniors.

The full governing body will be meeting on Thursday 3rd March.

Thank you to Matt Butler who served as a parent governor for nearly two years. We are very grateful for his contributions as a governor.

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