

Rolvenden

Parents' Edition

Monday 12th December 2022

Shows and Clubs

It has been wonderful to see the children putting together their Christmas productions this year. Both 'Santa's on Strike' and 'It's a Baby' are excellent ways to launch the festive season and I am indebted to the children, staff and parents for all of the hard work which goes into these productions. I would also like to say a big thank you to FORS who have purchased additional adult chairs for use in the CREATE theatre as it is now known!



Overleaf, you will find the clubs list for Terms 3 and 4. The list will go live on Wednesday at 6pm on the Clubs Hub which can be located under 'Key Information' on the website. All of these clubs are provided voluntarily by staff, so when signing up please do treat it as a commitment to attend regularly.

Next week's learning.

<p>Hazel</p>	<p>Maths - Unit 5 - Alive in 5 - zero, composition of 5, and equal and unequal groups English - Innovation - To Santa Phonics - Phonemes /igh/, /oa/, /oo/, and /oo/ Create - Light and Dark - Shadows and shadow puppets Music - Appraisal and singing Christmas songs</p>
<p>Oak</p>	<p>Maths - Consolidation week English - Independent week Phonics - alternate phonemes for /o/ and /oo/ Spellings - alternate spellings for /ow/ and /oi/ Create - Identifying similarities between Kenya and Rolvenden. Art - Painting our clay creations</p>
<p>Willow</p>	<p>Maths - Yr3- 4 and 8 times-table. Yr4- consolidation. English- Innovation/Independent week- Instructions. Spelling - vowel suffixes -er and -est (higher, taller, helper, loudest, oldest). D&T - Evaluating our apple crumble. Science - Kahoot quiz on Magnets</p>
<p>Holly</p>	<p>Maths - Y5 - revision of T1/2 learning; Y6 - Calculations with metric measures; understanding imperial measures. English - Independent Task - 'Who was to blame for the confusion in Nativity?' Spellings - Revision of T1/2 conventions. Science - Irreversible changes D&T - Evaluating our cushions Create - Comparing national parks</p>

Strep A

We are aware of reports in the media regarding outbreaks of Strep A which can lead to Scarlet Fever. Since Covid, we pride ourselves on our hygienic practices including regular hand washing and encouraging children to cover their mouths when coughing. If we were to get any cases, we would alert you (ensuring confidentiality) and advise you of any additional precautions being taken - a further information sheet is attached to this newsletter.

Attendance w/c 5th November

Hazel - 98.75%
 Oak - 91.67%
 Willow - 95.93%
 Holly - 98.7%

WELL DONE!
 Hazel Class for having the highest attendance this week.

Books of Brilliance



Well done to all of this week's nominees for Teamwork!

What's coming up?

Next week's value is **Enjoyment**

- Oak, Willow, Holly Christmas Performances (Friday 9th - 1:30 and 6pm; Monday 12th/Tuesday 13th - 6pm)
- Hazel Class Nativity Performance - (Wednesday 14th December - 2pm)
- School Christmas Dinner and Parties (Thursday 15th December)
- FORS Children Present Day (Thursday 15th December)
- CREATE Assembly - 9:00 (Friday 16th December)
- Start of Term 3 (Tuesday 3rd January 2023)



Clubs list - Terms 3 and 4

We are delighted to be able to announce the Clubs List for Terms 3 and 4. There is a huge range of clubs available and there is something for all children on virtually every night. Sign up is from **Wednesday 14th December at 6pm** and will be via the Clubs Hub page of the website which can be found under 'Key Information'.

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dodgeball and Gymnastics (Team Theme) - Hazel and Oak 	Throughout Term 3 and 4, Team Theme will be delivering dodgeball and gymnastics sessions in the hall. Come along and learn how to play dodgeball and participate in a series of gymnastic activities - not at the same time of course!
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roald Dahl (Mrs Gregory) - Willow and Holly 	Come and enter the magical world of Roald Dahl. Explore the books and films through acting and creative activities.
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coding Club (Mrs Antrum) - Oak, Willow and Holly 	Come and join us for Coding Club. First launched in September, children will learn how to code games and other interactive programmes. This club can be signed up for via Innovation Pod - https://www.innovationpod.co.uk/signup
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lego Club (Mrs Charlton) - Oak Willow and Holly 	Our popular Lego Club returns for 2023! Come along and face challenges with those lovely plastic bricks and even have the chance to vote for 'Creation of the Week'. This club can be signed up for via the Kids with Bricks website - https://www.kidswithbricks.com/
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science Club (Mr Heath) - ALL 	Have fun with Science! Mr Heath is our Science co-ordinator and he will arrange fun and engaging experiments and investigations for children to take part in and learn from.
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Club (Miss Whitlock) - Willow and Holly 	This club, for our older children, will see Miss Whitlock (our art supremo!) teaching the children lots of different artistic skills which they will then put to use in their own creations.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mindfulness Colouring (Miss Diamond) - ALL 	Returning for 2023 is Miss Diamond's mindfulness colouring group. Come along and relax to music as you decorate lots of different mindful drawings!
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dodgeball and Gymnastics (Team Theme) - Willow and Holly 	Throughout Term 3 and 4, Team Theme will be delivering dodgeball and gymnastics sessions in the hall. Friday's session is for the older children - we promise it won't get too rough!
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club U.F.O. - Ultimate Friday Orchestra (Mrs Thomas) - Hazel, Oak, Willow 	Every Friday, we will have a different selection of instruments to play along with a classic pop or rock song. We will also learn the lyrics and maybe even some of the dance moves!

STOP PRESS! We are also delighted to announce that we will be trialing a **breakfast club** for Term 3 and 4. This will be available on Wednesdays and Fridays and will be run by Mrs Kaczmarek from 8am until 8:30am. Children can be dropped off at 8am and there will be lots of activities on offer. We will also provide a breakfast of cereals and toast for them to enjoy. This can be signed up for via the Clubs Hub. Please note, each session costs £2 for which you will be billed a half term in advance.

Rolvenden Gift Wrap Reminder

This is just a reminder about the FORS Gift Wrap which is happening on Thursday 15th December. FORS want to give the children the opportunity to choose a present for a special person in their lives, all by themselves! On Thursday 15th December, during the school day, each child will be able to choose up to 2 gifts, which will be wrapped up straight away by the FORS elves and can be taken home and put under the tree.

FORS need your help in collecting donations of gifts that the children can choose. We realise it's a busy time of year for donations so please don't feel pressured but if you are able to we are looking for gifts such as toiletries, chocolates, photo frames, accessories etc. (FORS can't accept alcohol though on this occasion!). Any donated gifts can be handed to FORS or into reception by Wednesday.

On the day each child will pay £1 per gift (two gifts max) and get to surprise their chosen adult.

This is less of a fundraising event and more of a chance to let the children have some fun and enjoy the exciting time of year. If anyone has any concerns about providing a child with the money on the day please contact Mr Vincer directly to ask about the Helping Hands Fund.



Fact sheet for schools and parents about Group A Streptococcus (GAS)/Scarlet Fever.

What is Group A Streptococcus?

Group A Streptococcus or *Streptococcus pyogenes* is a bacterium that can be found in the throat and on the skin. People may carry it and have no symptoms of illness or may develop infection.

How is it spread?

Group A Streptococcus survives in throats and on skin for long enough to allow easy spread between people through sneezing and skin contact. People who are currently carrying the bacteria in the throat or on the skin may have symptoms of illness or they may have no symptoms and feel fine. In both cases, these bacteria can be passed on to others.

What kinds of illnesses are caused by Group A Streptococcus?

Most Group A Streptococcus illnesses are relatively mild, with symptoms including a sore throat ("strep throat"), scarlet fever or a skin infection such as impetigo. However, on rare occasions, these bacteria can cause other severe and sometimes life-threatening diseases.

Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, it should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of complications and reduce the spread to others.

The **symptoms** of scarlet fever include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly-pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it will still feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth.

Children who have had **chickenpox** or **influenza ('flu')** recently are more likely to develop more serious infection during an outbreak of scarlet fever and so parents should remain vigilant for symptoms such as a persistent high fever, cellulitis (skin infection) and arthritis (joint pain and swelling). If you are concerned for any reason please seek medical assistance immediately.

What is invasive Group A Streptococcal (iGAS) disease?

Although rare, invasive Group A Streptococcus disease may occur when bacteria get into parts of the body where bacteria are not usually found. These infections are called invasive Group A Streptococcal disease and can be very serious and even life-threatening.

What are the symptoms of invasive Group A Streptococcal disease?

The most important thing to be aware of are the early signs and symptoms of invasive Group A Streptococcal disease. These are:

- High Fever
- Severe muscle aches
- Localised muscle tenderness
- Redness at the site of a wound

What should I do if my child becomes unwell?

If your child becomes unwell contact your GP practice. Alternatively, you can call NHS111 and you should also call NHS111 if your surgery is closed.

If my child is unwell, should they stay off school?

If your child becomes unwell with these symptoms you should contact your GP practice or call NHS111 (which operates a 24/7 service) to seek advice. If your child is unwell they should stay off school until they are better.

What else can I do to prevent my child from becoming unwell?

Because Group A Streptococcal disease is spread through coughing, sneezing and skin contact, it's important to have good hand hygiene and catch coughs and sneezes in tissues and throw these away. If you are unwell, stay at home and seek medical advice. This will all help limit the spread of other infections, which are common this time of year.