



Week Beginning Monday 5th November 2018

Dear Parents,

Autumn is well and truly here now and children in each classroom have been taking part in some wonderful Autumnal art activities.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

This week we look forward to welcoming parents for our Parent-Teacher meetings during the week of Monday 12th November. A reminder to book a time slot for your meeting if you have not done so already.

Parking

Please could we ask parents to park mindfully outside of the school at drop-off and pick-up from nursery school. Please make sure that your child is supervised carefully outside of the school gate and most especially near the road. Unfortunately I have received complaints from our neighbours regarding cars blocking driveways, double parked and leaving engines on whist idle. We ask that you pass this message on to drivers and nannies.

Mini Me Cards

The deadline for Mini Me Card Orders is **Wednesday 15th November 2018**. Please pop any order forms and payment in the labelled tin which is stored in Miss Gill's office.

Staff News

This term we say goodbye to Madame Julie who will be leaving us in December to dedicate more time to her counselling work. A very special thank you to Madame Julie, who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes at Rolfe's and who has taught excellent French lessons to the children here. The offering of French lessons may be replaced with another language from September 2019 (this is currently in review). I am delighted to announce that Miss Juliette will teach French lessons at Rolfe's Nursery School between now and the end of the academic year. These lessons will continue only for children who have already started French lessons.

We also say goodbye to the wonderful Miss Aggie who has worked at Rolfe's Nursery School for many years. She initially trained as a teacher and then reduced her hours to work as a lunchtime helper. Miss Aggie will leave Rolfe's to pursue a dream in cooking and catering. She is famous amongst the staff here for her amazing spring rolls.

On behalf of myself and all at Rolfe's Nursery School we say a huge thank you to both Miss Aggie and Madame Julie.

On an exciting note, we say a huge CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Andrea. Wedding bells are in the air and Miss Andrea is due to marry in December of this year. We wish Miss Andrea a wonderful time leading up the wedding and a very special day.

Charity Support Required – Remembrance Sunday

Ben Uttley, the uncle of a Rolfe's student Ossian Vane Percy, has produced a classical music track called "Remembrance". The single has now been released for download, entirely to raise money for Remembered, the charity behind the "There but Not There" Campaign to help heal those suffering from the hidden wounds of war, while also commemorating the Fallen as the centenary of the WWI Armistice Day approaches on 11 November.

The track was originally composed for the British & Irish Lions 2017 rugby documentary during their remembrance of war veterans in New Zealand, and has been recorded by the City of Prague Philharmonic Orchestra and conducted by the renowned Owain Arwel Hughes CBE.

Now available to download for only 99p, with 100% of the profits of the download sales going to the charity. They have 1 week to raise at least £5k, but they are hoping for more! Please have a listen and download to support this worthy cause.

More info plus the music download link for iTunes and Amazon is here (iTunes take less commission than Amazon!): <https://therebutnottheremusic.com/welcome>

The link to the campaign is here: <https://www.therebutnotthere.org.uk>

Christmas Concert Information

Our Rolfe's Nursery School Nativity concerts will be held on **Monday 10th December**. We will need to close the school early on this day in order to set up the stage and seating for our afternoon nativity performances. All children will attend school as normal in the morning and school will finish at 12 noon for all children.

Our afternoon nativity performances will run from 1.30 - 2pm (Bumble Bee Class) and 2.30 - 3pm (Ladybird Class). Children in the Bumble Bee class need to return to school in their costume at 1.15pm and Ladybird class need to return to school at 2.15pm. If your child is in our younger class, you are welcome to bring them back along to watch one of our performances and join in the singing and festivities. We will be shortly sending out letters to Ladybird and Bumblebee parents with details about the performance and about any costume requirements.

Our 'Sparkle and Songs' Christmas concerts will be held on **Wednesday 5th December** at 11.30am (Snail Class) and **Thursday 6th December** at 11.30am (Caterpillar Class). All parents are warmly invited to join us for singing and celebration. If your child is a Snail or a Caterpillar and does not normally attend Nursery School during these sessions, please feel welcome to bring them along to school to join in the concert at 11.20am. Pick-up will be at the usual time and our afternoon school will run as usual.

Please dress your child for this event in 'something sparkly'.

Charity Collection for the Elderly

Each year we collect and donate Christmas baskets full of treats for the elderly in our community who are ill or isolated. The project is coordinated by Bishop Creighton House.

Please leave any items underneath our Christmas tree in the school foyer on **Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th December**.

Bishop Creighton House would be grateful for donations of:

- Pretty Christmas bags to fill
- Sweets, chocolates and biscuits
- Luxury, non-perishable food items
- Luxury Christmas items
- Soap, toiletries, scarves, socks, gloves
- Christmas Crackers and Christmas decorations

Rolfe's Nursery School families have been so generous in the past. Bishop Creighton House have asked me for [small items for individuals](#) rather than very large boxes of chocolates and biscuits.

Lost Property

Please remember to name your child's belongings, especially lunch boxes and clothes. We have a lost property box situated in the school foyer. Please feel free to check through this box if you have lost anything.

Absence from School

Lastly, a reminder to parents that we need a phone call or email from you, **each day of your child's absence**, please. If we haven't heard from you by 9.30 a.m., we will call you to find out the reason for the absence, but advance warning would be very much appreciated.

With warmest wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victoria O'Brien". The script is cursive and fluid.

Mrs Victoria O'Brien
Headmistress