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'Excellence and happiness for all'

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NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 21 September 2017

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Thurs 21 Sept	PTA Meeting TONIGHT at 7.45pm – Timeline Hall (Entrance via main office).
Mon 25 Sept - Fri 29 Sept.	Y6 - East Barnby Residential Visit.
Tue 26 Sept	Life Long Ago Workshop – Y2 in school.
Fri 29 Sept	Rossett Nature Reserve Pond Dipping Event – 5.45-6.45pm – details attached
Thurs 5 Oct	Individual Pupil Photos.
Fri 6 Oct	Y6 – Police Visit - Internet Safety Talk.
Thurs 12 Oct	EYFS Information Evening 6pm
Fri 13 Oct	Y6 - Sif The Viking Lady Visit.
Sun 15 Oct	Steph Simmons Photo Session
Mon 16 Oct	Years 1-6 - Harvest Festival at St Mark’s Church (Leave from school 9.15am).
Tue 17 Oct	Open Day for prospective parents.
Tue 17 Oct	Parent’s Evening for EY – Year 6. 4-7pm 10 minute appointments – Details to follow.
Thurs 19 Oct	Parent’s Evening for EY – Year 6. 4-7pm 10 minute appointments – Details to follow.
Fri 20 Oct	EY & Year 1 – Fire Service Visit.
Fri 20 Oct	School closes for half term 3.30pm. Casual Day Bring £1. Cake bake.
Mon 30 Oct	School opens 8.50am.
Wed 8 Nov	Y5 – Planetarium visit – Details to follow.
Thurs 9 Nov	Open Day for prospective parents.
Mon 20 Nov	Book Fair Week – Dates to be confirmed.
Thurs 14 Dec	Christmas Dinner – Whole school – details to follow.



This week I have seen some lovely work being produced around school on my visits to classrooms. I have seen some super descriptive writing in several year groups and watched many children thinking very hard to solve some tricky maths. The lunch buddies have continued to support our Early Years children wonderfully on the playground and I have been very proud of the way children are lining up in the hall at lunchtime. Well done Rossett Acre children.

EAST BARNBY

On Monday, our Year 6 children will be heading off to East Barnby on their residential visit. I know that they are very excited about this and that some are a little nervous too. East Barnby really is a wonderful experience for the children where they learn to be a little more independent and take part in many exciting, adventurous activities. This year, Mrs Salisbury, Mr Marshall, Mrs Williams, Mrs Nunns, Mrs Lang, Mrs Hannam and Mr Latty will be going to East Barnby with the children. Over the weekend, Year 6 will need to pack their bags ready for their adventure. Please remember that the children will be travelling on a coach that has limited space for baggage, so please don't over pack. East Barnby has wellies and waterproof jackets and trousers, so children do not need to bring their own unless they really want to. When I stayed at East Barnby, I took my own waterproofs but found that I didn't use them as East Barnby's were far more robust; also if they accidentally get ripped/dirty etc while participating in an activity, then you are not ruining your own clothing.

Year 6 children will need to remember to bring any medication they may need for the week with them on Monday morning to be signed in by Mrs Hannam or Mrs Lang. Thank you.

I look forward to hearing all about their adventures on their return.

KS2 WRITING ASSEMBLY

The KS2 staff shared some of the writing their children have been producing since returning in September. We heard alien descriptions from Year 3 and character descriptions from Years 4-6. The quality of the writing shared from all classes was astounding, using very thoughtful word choices and varied sentence openers. Listening to other children's work has proved inspirational to others as Miss Dodgson's class magpied James M's interesting phrase 'as darkness descended' whilst children in Mrs Cook's class magpied Oscars W's use of 'foreboding'. It's great to share writing and learn from each other.

MORNING READING CLUB

Morning Reading Club will not be running on Monday 25th September and Friday 29th September as staff are on the Year 6 Residential at East Barnby. Apologies for any inconvenience. We look forward to seeing you when we return!

TRIM TRAIL NEWS

At last, the Trim Trail has been fixed – Hurrah! This means that the children will be able to use it again at break and lunchtimes when it is dry. I know that they will be delighted. Please can I remind parents/carers and children that the Trim Trail should not be used before and after school, nor should it be used by younger/older siblings. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS - ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to all the children who received certificates in last week's assembly: William B (SN), Tabitha (CS/EJ), Liam (CR/JJ), Maya (AI), Sohrab (EB/CW), Izzy (MR), Hannah, Lexie (RJ/LS), Amelie (JM), Nathan (MW), Ben W (SC), Leon (CD), (TM).

Headteacher's Award: Coll (Y5, MW)

OPEN DAYS

We have two Open Day's planned on Tuesday 17th October and Thursday 9th November. These are an opportunity for prospective parents to come and visit our super school on a normal working day and get a feel for our school. If you know anyone who has a child who will be of school age in September 2018 and would be interested to come along, please ask them to contact the school office for an appointment.

Thank you.

NAME ALL ITEMS

Please can I remind you to name all your children's property, particularly lunchboxes, jumpers and coats. We still have a large amount of items being put into lost property because they haven't been named. Thank you.

ROSSETT LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

We would like to invite children and their parents to Rossett Nature Reserve for a spot of pond dipping on Friday 29th September. All equipment is provided, just wrap up in warm clothing. Please complete the slip attached and return to the office if you would like to take part. Mrs Reddish will be attending, along with several members of the Nature Reserve. We have caught all sorts of creatures in the past. We wonder what you will find!

PTA NEWS

Yesterday you will have received an email from Lesley Stott and Andrea Brennan our current PTA Co-Chairs informing you that they will be stepping down from their roles, as will Sam Marshall who is the PTA secretary. All three parents have done a fantastic job of arranging and holding PTA events across the year. Their most recent purchase for school is some Ipads to use in class with the children, which we are very excited about.

Both myself, the governors and the rest of the staff would like to offer a huge THANK YOU to Lesley, Andrea and Sam for all their hard work. They have dedicated hundreds of hours to arranging and holding events for many years now and have been extremely successful in raising a huge amount of money for Rossett Acre through their fundraising prowess, which benefits all the children here.

Lesley has informed me that although they are stepping down, they are still happy to support the PTA and be involved in fundraising in the future, however the time has come to pass the baton on to a new Chair.

There is a PTA meeting tonight at 7.45pm in the Timeline Hall where wine and cheese refreshments will be on offer. Please do come along and support the PTA. They will be looking for a new chair but also are looking for groups of parents to come forward and run individual events. Without your support, events which we have all become accustomed too will not run.

The Christmas Fair is currently at risk of not going ahead unless a group of super parents step forward to organise and hold it. Please don't let the children or Santa down! Is there anyone out there who can help?

If you can, please attend the PTA meeting tonight or contact Lesley Stott pta@rossettacre.n-yorks.sch.uk We have our fingers crossed some of you can help.

PARKING ARTHURS AVENUE

Please could all parents/carers ensure that they do not park on the zig-zags on Richmond Ave, or block residents' driveways. We would also appreciate you parking responsibly on Arthurs Ave too. The same goes for Rossett's Car Park, where some parents are choosing to park on the yellow lines obstructing other vehicles from manoeuvring in and out of spaces.

The roads and car parks around school are always very busy in the morning and at pick up and if you live nearby, it is usually much better to walk to school and avoid the traffic chaos. If you can help alleviate the traffic problem by walking it would really be appreciated. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dance-A-Thon

Please find attached a poster advertising a Dance-A-Thon on Saturday 14 October. The event is taking place to raise money for Felix Williams, a local boy, who needs specialist therapy treatment.

Harrogate School Sports Partnership

If your child is in Years 3-6 and would like to take part in a Cross Country Event being held at Harrogate High School, please enter by visiting <http://www.harrogatessp.com/cross-country-2017-competition/>

Full details have already been emailed to parents this week. Any queries please email DSpeed@harrogatehighschool.co.uk

St Robert's Church Family Fun Day

St Robert's Church in Pannal are holding their Beer Festival and Family Fun Day on Saturday 23 September 2-5pm. Free entry.

SUGGESTIONS

It's always good to hear from you as parents/carers and members of the local community, about your opinions and suggestions regarding any aspect of school life. Please use the red suggestion box in the main office or e-mail your suggestions to suggestions@rossettacre.n-yorks.sch.uk

Have a super weekend.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Penhale', is written on a light pink rectangular background.

Corrine Penhale
Headteacher