**NEwsletter for Rossett Acre – 8 March 2018**

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<td>Weds 28 March</td>
<td>KS1 and EYFS Easter Bonnet parade 2.30pm outside.</td>
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<td>PTA Second Hand Uniform sale - 2.20-2.50pm Top playground.</td>
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It's seems a long time since writing the newsletter, despite it only being a fortnight. Apologies for the lack of newsletters due to a range of circumstances in school.

Well, the snow certainly caught us out this morning! I’m sorry for the confusion as to whether the school was open or not. Initially, I made the early call to open but the snow then worsened – I was stuck in Otley in stationary traffic with cars getting stuck and a number of accidents happening all around me. We were hit badly by the weather in Leeds. Mr Wilson was battling with the snow clearing in school and several staff were unable to travel into work at the time. In addition to this, all but one of our catering staff, who are based in Leeds, were struggling to make it in. On this basis, with the information I had, I made the decision to close the school. However due to the fabulous effort and flexibility of the staff, we managed to secure enough staff in school to supervise the children safely shortly after this. As we do try to open on snow days whenever possible, we were able to open after all. Well done and thank you to all the staff, parents and children who managed to make it into school. I’m sure the children have been excited by the snow today but I am looking forward to Spring coming! Again apologies for any inconvenience caused this morning.

A photo of Mrs Wilson and Mrs Fitzgerald in the kitchen helping to make dinners this morning!

Assemblies: The week before half-term was Children’s Mental Health Week so on Monday 19 February I led an assembly to promote positive mental health and celebrate our personal qualities. We feel it is very important that children understand what mental health is and that they are encouraged to be themselves and not be negatively influenced by others. This includes social media where expectations of life can be very different to reality. Reverend Dan Watts followed this up with an assembly on Monday 26 February. He spoke to the children about how wonderful it is to be yourself and that everyone is unique and special. Huge thanks to Reverend Watts for leading this assembly.

This week I led an assembly on ‘Being a Good Citizen’. We also related this theme to British Values – The Rule of Law, Democracy, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs.

MRS MERCHANT
As you will be aware, Mrs Joan Merchant recently very sadly passed away. Thank you to all parents and friends of the school who have contacted us, sending their condolences, it has been very much appreciated.

I will be sending out a letter to parents shortly to inform you about the various arrangements and what we are going to be doing in school to provide a lasting memory to Mrs Merchant.
CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to the children who were on the Sunshine Board recently: Joshua M, Martha, William, Robbie (AC), Zara, Miller, Zumra, Milo (CN/SK).

HT Awards: Faith (Y4, JMa) and Coll (Y5, MW).

OPEN MORNING
Thank you to all the parents who came along to our first Open Morning on Tuesday 27 February. I hope you found your visit interesting. Thank you to those of you who sent in lovely emails expressing your thanks for the opportunity to come into school and learn and work alongside your child.
Our next Open Morning is on Friday 16 March.

FRENCH THEATRE VISIT
Year 5 and Year 6 had the delight of watching a theatre performance in French. The Company Théâtre sans Frontières came to perform La Chanson Du Retour (A song to take you home). The show included lots of humour, singing, dancing and lots of opportunities for the children to get involved. They were engaged throughout the show and really seemed to enjoy it. The children were able to sing along with some of the songs and use French vocabulary during the performance. Thank you very much to the staff who prepared the children so well for the performance. The cast even commented afterwards about what a brilliant, enthusiastic audience our children had been.

QUIZ NIGHT
Thank you so much to the organisers of the Quiz Night for all your hard work and for rearranging the venue at such short notice. I hear the quiz was a great success and I know the staff team certainly enjoyed themselves. I hope all the parents and friends attending did too.

We are taking part in the BIG Battery hunt. In the next few weeks, each child will bring home a battery recycling box. Please use it to recycle your used batteries and then bring it into school to be counted as often as you want.

Our aim is to collect as many used batteries as possible. Do you have any family members that could help us recycle? Are you part of a club that could also recycle batteries for us? You might be a ‘Battery Recycling Pioneer’. Anyone that has gone the extra mile to recycle batteries, could be entered into the Battery Recycling Pioneer of the month competition, with a chance to win extra prizes. Please email a photo of battery recycling in action if you think this could be you or maybe send in a short video!

Each school taking part has a chance to win a range of educational prizes.

Good luck everyone and start collecting! The closing date is Monday 23rd April.
WORLD BOOK DAY
Due to the snow day last week, we are celebrating World Book Day in school today – despite it snowing again! The children have enjoyed coming to school in their pyjamas and bringing a bedtime story to read to someone in another class. We received about 100 entries for the national Potato Book Character Competition. We had a huge variety of very cute looking potatoes including Winnie the Pooh, Ninjas, Harry Potter, Mr Men, The Little Mermaid and Captain Underpants to name but a few. They looked great as they were so creative and inventive. Photographs of the winners from each class were emailed off to the organisers and they have selected Josh in Y6 as the overall winner. Well done Josh. His potato version of Mr Bump really impressed the judges. He will receive his prize of a book voucher and medal in due course. Thank you to everybody who entered the competition and well done for all your hard work.

SPORTS KIT AND SCHOOL SPORTS HOODIES
Please can all kits and hoodies worn by the children when representing the school, be returned as soon as possible following a sporting event.

There are a lot of upcoming competitions across the year groups and we require all our kits available for children to wear. As you can imagine it always looks best to turn up with matching kit, not odd shorts and tops cobbled together! Many thanks.

DOJO
If your child is absent from school due to illness, please could you email to absences@rossettacre.n-yorks.sch.uk or telephone school 01423 561579. If you send a message via DoJo, teachers may not be able to access it during the morning. Thank you.

PARKING
We have been contacted by a resident who lives on Pannal Ash Drive. During morning drop off, parents are parking opposite their driveways making it difficult for them to reverse out. This is also often the case on Arthurs Avenue. Please could you park considerately and think of our neighbours when parking. Thank you

PTA NEWS
Panto - The Wizard of Oz – There are over 100 spaces available for the evening performances and 12 spaces left for the matinee.

This year’s panto will take place on Friday 16th March 7pm and Saturday 17th March 2pm and 7pm at Harrogate Grammar School 6th Form Forum. Tickets are now on sale for £6 available from https://bookwhen.com/rosettaacrepanto or contact pta@rosettaacre.n-yorks.sch.uk for cash or cheque payment.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Catering Manager
A vacancy has arisen in our kitchen for a Catering Manager. The post is for 42.2 weeks (term time) working Monday to Friday 30 hours per week. For further information or to send in your CV, email david.booth@taylorshaw.com

General Assistant
There is also a vacancy for a General Assistant working 15hrs per week. For further information or to send in your CV, email david.booth@taylorshaw.com
**RHS Harlow Carr – Tuesday 20 March**
Visitors have the chance to enjoy the beautiful surroundings of RHS Garden Harlow Carr in spring – for free!

**Harrogate Theatre Choir**
Harrogate Theatre Choir will be performing stage musical scores on Friday 2 March. For tickets please visit [www.harrogatetheatre.co.uk](http://www.harrogatetheatre.co.uk)

**Easter Tennis Camps**
Tennis Harrogate are holding some free taster days and holiday tennis camps. For full details please visit tennisharrogate.co.uk

**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

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Corrine Penhale
Headteacher