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NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 5 July 2018

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Fri 6 July	Training Day – children not in school today.
Wed 11 & Thurs 12 July	Year 6 Transition Days – Rossett School with Parents’ Evening also on 11 July.
Wed 11 & Thurs 12 July	Year 6 Transition Days - Harrogate Grammar School.
Thurs 12 July	Year 6 Transition Day - St Aidan’s School.
Thurs 12 July	Year 1 assembly - 2.30pm in Sports Hall. All welcome.
Thurs 19 July	Y3 Visit to Harlow Carr - https://www.rossettacre.n-yorks.sch.uk/news/year-3-summer-term-trips/
Fri 20 July	Close for Summer 2.30pm

On Thursday evening last week we held our Music Evening, and despite it being very hot in the hall, it was a fabulous success. The children performed brilliantly and I couldn't have been more proud of them – they are so talented and amazing! Well done to them all. A huge thank you to Mr Marshall, Mrs Elcock, Mrs Stott and Mrs Askew who all supported and prepared the children fantastically. A huge thank you to the PTA for providing much needed refreshments and to all the parents for supporting and encouraging your children in their musical ventures - and also for attending the event even though England was playing! It was lovely to see you all.

Yesterday, our Year 4 children left school for a few days to take part in their residential visit to Nell Bank. I had the pleasure of staying over-night with them last night and I am spending the day with them today on their all day walk; by the time you read this, we will probably all be shattered but very proud of ourselves and definitely ready for our dinner! More information on this next week.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who were on the Sunshine Board last week: Marley (SN), Archie (SK/CN).

Congratulations to all the children who received a certificate in last week's celebration assembly: Alexa (AI), Josh O (CR/JJ), Oliver, Sammy (EB/CW), Dan (MR), Amelie (JM), Lily, Roma, Max, Toby T, Flo (RJ/LS), Harrison (SC), Tom (MW), Whole class (TM), Whole class (CD).



ECO-EVENT

On Thursday last week, twelve children from Year 5 attended an Eco-event with Mrs Nunns and Mrs Stevens. The children participated in a range of exciting activities including; pond dipping, butter making (which involved milking a pretend cow) and global games. The children's behaviour was exceptional and they thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

SPORTS DAYS – EYFS, KS1 AND Y3/4

Last week we held successful Sports Days for EYFS, KS1 and Years 3/4. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended, it was great to see you. I can't remember the last time we booked our Sports Days and didn't have to re-arrange due to the weather; it was glorious outside, despite us having an invasion of flies/beetles who were extremely attracted to the yellow t-shirts of our Lions team!

The winning team was announced in assembly on Friday and Tigers won the Year 3/4 sports day. Today our Year 5/6 children are having their Sports Day at Rossett High and as I won't be there (I'm at Nell Bank with our Year 4 children on their residential), I hope they had a fantastic morning.

NELL BANK YEAR 1 VISIT

On Monday this week our Year 1 had a wonderful visit to Nell Bank Activity Centre in Ilkley. The sun shone brightly as the children learned about nocturnal animals! They worked as a team to create a huge nest in the woods and searched the tall trees for fluffy owls. Later they enjoyed a splash in the fabulous water play area. After lunch they plunged the depths of the ponds to find lots of snails, a toadlet and a very small newt. Finally they explored the cool and shady woodland habitat to find information about animals. They were extremely shocked to discover that not all grasshoppers are green! All the children behaved beautifully and had fun in the sun! Thank you to those parents who accompanied them.



SENSORY GARDEN OPENING

On Friday evening we opened our Sensory Garden, which is looking beautiful. We were so pleased that Joan Merchant's family could join us – her husband, children, sister and Dad. Staff attended and a book with all the children's butterflies, hearts and messages were presented to the family to keep. Joan's Dad, John has bought a fabulous sculpture for the garden of a flower with butterflies on it; it is truly stunning! He also bought a plaque for the garden for us to remember Joan by which was extremely kind of him.

The money that the children (and parents) raised from participating in the two mile run has paid for a super mosaic which has pride of place on the wall – designed by some of our children, Frances Taylor (Mosaic Designer in Otley) and supported by Mrs Harris and Miss Waddingham. It is similar to our school logo but instead of a tree, there is a beautiful tall yellow rose (Joan's favourite) surrounded by butterflies and ladybirds. The fundraising also paid for benches, beanbags and sensory equipment.

Our School Council also added to the funds so that the sensory garden could be completely transformed from its original overgrown state to the tranquil, gorgeous area it is now. 'Learning Landscapes' were employed to carry out this work and did a great job.

Miss Waddingham (Teaching Assistant) designed the garden and was instrumental in the garden's transformation, putting in a phenomenal amount of time and effort into developing the garden with the help of Mrs Tinfina, Mrs Harris and two children, Adam and Coll.

Many people from our school community donated the beautiful plants that fill the garden: staff, parents and even Miss Waddingham's mum. Horticap also generously donated plants. In addition, benches have been painted, flowers and herbs planted and wall art has been hung up. Mrs Mhashu donated a water butt and Miss Waddingham's Dad provided paint and garden decorations. Thank you to you all. Miss Waddingham also arranged for Mr Richard Hall and Financial Force to come into school and help with painting some of the bricks on the wall to make the area even more colourful. Thank you so much to Mr Hall and his helpers.

We even have a very fetching metal pink flamingo called Gertrude in the garden, courtesy of Miss Waddingham's partner, George, which looks great next to the colourful bench.

A huge thank you to everyone who has been involved in transforming the Sensory Garden, (I do apologise if I've missed anyone out). It has been a real team effort and the finished garden looks superb and everyone should be extremely proud of themselves.

The children have had an opportunity this week to see the garden with their classes and we would like to invite parents in also to view the garden over the next two weeks. Miss Waddingham is arranging for parents from each class to be assigned a day after school to come in and take a look, so please do look out for your invite on Class Dojo.

We are so proud of our garden. I know that Joan would have loved it and it is now an area which can be used for quiet time and reflection and will give us a lasting memory of a really lovely, warm hearted lady who is very much missed.



REPORTS, CLASSES FOR NEXT YEAR AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR MATERNITY AND PATERNITY COVER

The children across school have been issued with their end of year reports today, so please take a look in their bags. There is an opportunity for you to comment on your child's report and send your comments back to us. There will also be an opportunity on Tuesday 17 July to meet with your child's current teacher from 4.20pm-6.30pm should you wish to. There is no requirement to meet with your child's teacher on this occasion but if you do have something you'd like to discuss, then we wanted to give you the opportunity to do so. Please make any appointments directly with your child's class teacher. Thank you.

If your child is in Year 4 (on the residential), you can pick up their report at the end of today from the main school office or alternatively pick it up from the office tomorrow (Friday) when you pick your child up as they return from their visit.

As you will have seen, Mrs Williams is now heavily pregnant; she is due to give birth in the summer holidays. In Mrs Williams' absence, Miss Wolsey will be covering her maternity leave. Miss Wolsey qualified as a teacher this summer, training with the Red Kite Learning Trust SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training) and is really looking forward to joining us in September. Miss Wolsey has already been into school to meet staff and speak to the previous teachers about the children that she will be teaching next year. She is joining us on our Transition Morning on 12 July to meet and teach the children who will be in her class. She will also be available to meet parents/carers after school on Tuesday 17 July 3.45pm-4.15pm.

Mr Marshall is taking three months paternity leave from September and will join us again at the beginning of December. In the meantime, Mrs Harris will be the children's class teacher in Year 5, which is where Mr Marshall will be based on his return. Mrs Harris is a qualified teacher, (she has taught in both primary and secondary schools) and already works at Rossett Acre and is therefore already known to the children. Mrs Harris is very much looking forward to working with Mrs Cook in Year 5 from September.

The following will inform you of which year group each teacher is working in from September:

EYFS: Mrs Christie, Mrs Nimick/Mrs Kilner

Y1: Mrs Wise, Mrs James/Miss Brown

Y2: Mrs Ingle, Mrs Reddish/Mrs Jones

Y3: Mrs Riley, Miss Wolsey (Mrs Williams)

Y4: Miss Matthews, Mrs Sims/Mrs Johnson

Y5: Mrs Cook, Mrs Harris (Mr Marshall)

Y6: Miss Dodgson, Miss Kirkwood

Both Mrs Wise and Miss Kirkwood have been teaching for a couple of years each in other schools in North Yorkshire and are very much looking forward to joining us. Again, as Miss Wolsey has done, both members of staff have visited school and met staff and will be available on our Transition Morning to teacher their new classes and be available to meet parents from 3.45-4.15pm on Tuesday 17 July.

YEAR 6 PRODUCTION

On Tuesday night I watched the Year 6 production 'Rock Bottom' which was fantastic. I hear from Mrs Wilson that Wednesday night's performance was just as good! The children's comic timing was hilarious. The acting and singing was tremendous, as were the costumes and scenery. The children sorting out things back stage and the music and lights were spot on too. The enthusiastic clapping and cheering from the parents really buoyed the children along. Well done to all of Year 6. A huge thank you to Miss Dodgson, Mr Marshall, Mrs Hannam and Mr Latty for all their fabulous work.

YEAR 4 ENTERPRISE – SLIME, SLIME, SLIME!

The children in Year Four will be making slime which will be available to buy in school on Wednesday - Friday next week at morning break times. It will cost £3.

They are planning this enterprising event to raise money with the aim to 'improve our school grounds'.

Please note that the slime will be made using Kershaw's laundry starch as an activator.

HEALTHY SCHOOLS

We have noticed that quite a lot of children are coming to school with sweets and crisps for their mid-morning snack. Can I please remind parents, carers and children that only healthy snacks should be provided for morning break e.g. fruit, malt loaf, breadsticks, rice cakes, cereal bars (no nuts or chocolate please), crispbreads, vegetable sticks etc.

Early Years, Years 1 & 2 are provided with a free snack each morning at playtime.

Children seen eating unhealthy snacks at break will be asked to return them to their lunch boxes/bags for later.

It would also be beneficial for children to have healthy lunch boxes too – I am a believer in everything in moderation. Some lunch boxes are filled with a healthy balanced meal, which is great; the odd packet of crisps won't do any harm. However others are overflowing with packets of crisps, cakes, sweets, chocolate bars, sausage rolls etc. which will not give children the nutrition they need.

We are finding whole sandwiches and other uneaten food being thrown away in the bins, which is worrying, and some of this may be because the children are choosing to eat (and filling up on) unhealthy food which is not going to fuel their bodies or minds sufficiently for learning in the afternoon. We are of course keeping a watchful eye on this and we are trying to identify which children are throwing away food. We will inform you if we suspect that your child is throwing food away.

Please help us keep our school healthy and support us by ensuring your child eats a balanced meal in school. Thank you.

RECEPTION TO YEAR 5 - 2018 / 2019 INFLUENZA PROGRAMME

The Childhood Immunisation team from Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust, have confirmed that this year, 2018/2019, the Influenza Programme will be offered to all pupils from Reception up to Year 5 throughout North Yorkshire. The date of our visit is Tuesday 9th October. A letter will be sent out in the next few weeks providing more information with regards to permission for your child to take part in the immunisation programme.

MUSIC CLUBS - IMPORTANT

There will be no more Orchestra, Singing Squad or Year 3 Recorder rehearsals for the rest of this term, following the Music Evening performance last week. Mrs Elcock would like to thank all the children who have taken part this year - you've been brilliant! Many thanks also to Mrs Askew, for her help throughout the year.

GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW COOKBOOK FOR SALE

If you would like to buy a copy of the recipe book, please call into the office for an order form. All money raised will go to the Harrogate Homeless Project.

YEAR 2 SCHOOL LUNCHES - REMINDER

Currently children in Year 2 receive Universal Free School Meals. In September when they move up to Year 3, school lunches will need to be paid for in advance at the start of the term via ParentPay.

PTA NEWS

There are two raffle prizes still to be claimed - ticket numbers 858 white and 977 white. Please call into the office to claim your prize.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Teaching Assistant Course

Harrogate Adult Learning and Skills are offering a Teaching Assistant Course. The course starts on September 21st. If anyone is interested you can email Christine.colman1@northyorks.gov.uk

Harrogate Harriers

Harrogate Harriers athletics club are holding a Primary Schools Mini Track and Field Competition on 13 July 6-7.30pm at Rossett Sports Centre, Harrogate. They are inviting primary children, Years 4-6 to enter. £2 entrance fee. All abilities welcome.

Yorkshire Cancer Centre – Farm Day

One of our parents, Louise Annat, is organising a farm day in aid of the Yorkshire Cancer Centre. It will be held on Sunday 15th July, 12-4pm at Day Ash Farm, Darley, HG3 2QR. Activities include; farm animals, bouncy castle, face painting, orienteering, den building, meet beagles, craft barn, ice cream, cakes, Pimms and a barbecue by Andy Annat's Crackerjack Barbecue. Donations on entrance.

Disability Action Yorkshire

Disability Action Yorkshire are currently looking for volunteers to support disabled people to achieve their life goals and aspirations - anything from going into town for a coffee and some retail therapy, to hang-gliding and hot air ballooning. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Emmi Wainwright 01423 855425 for an informal chat.

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

I hope you have a fabulous weekend.

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

Corrine Penhale
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