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'Excellence and happiness for all'

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NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 5 September 2019

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Wed 11 Sept	Harrogate Grammar School Open Morning – Parents Only - 9.10am-10.40am OR 11.20am-12.50pm.
9–13 Sept	Year 6 East Barnby Residential.
Sat 14 Sept	Rossett School Open Day for pupils in Years 5 and 6. 10am-3pm. To register your child's interest visit http://www.rossettschool.co.uk/ourschoolourway/
Fri 20 Sept	EYFS Parents – PTA Social - So! Bar 7.30pm.
21–29 Sept	UCI Road World Cycling Championships – Road closures and travel disruption.
Wed 25 Sept	PTA AGM – So! Bar 8pm.
Fri 27 Sept	School Closes at 2.50pm . No Fun Club after school on this day. Please note that the closure time has changed to what was published previously on the UCI website and newsletter.
Wed 2 Oct	Harrogate Grammar School Open Evening for parents and children in Years 5 & 6 6.30pm – Use Entrance A.
Wed 2 Oct	Skip 2B fit workshops in school. All year groups.
Thurs 10 Oct	Early Years Curriculum Evening (For parents in Early Years).
Tues 15 Oct	Parents' Evening 4pm – 7pm, EYFS–Y6.
Wed 16 Oct	Open Day for parents who have children starting school in September 2020 or any parents who are thinking of moving their children to Rossett Acre. Tours are being held throughout the day. Please ring the school office to book on a tour.
Thurs 17 Oct	Parents' Evening 4pm – 7pm, EYFS–Y6.
Wed 23 Oct	Whole school Influenza Vaccination Programme. Details will follow in September.
Thurs 24 Oct	School Closes at the usual time for the half term holiday. Cake Bake. Please wear normal uniform.



Fri 25 Oct	Training Day - Children not in school today.
Mon 4 Nov	School opens at the usual time.
Mon 11 Nov	Anti-bullying week.
Thurs 14 Nov	Open Day for parents who have children starting school in September 2020 or any parents who are thinking of moving their children to Rossett Acre. Tours are being held throughout the day. Please ring the school office to book on a tour.
Sat 7 Dec	Christmas Fair
Mon 9 Dec	KS2 Christmas Concert at St Marks Church – Evening event
Wed 11 Dec	Christmas Dinner (provisional date at present)
Fri 20 Dec	School closes at 2.30pm for the Christmas holiday. Non-uniform day. Please bring £1.
Mon 6 Jan 2020	Training Day – Children not in school today
Tues 7 Jan 2020	School opens at the usual time.
Fri 20 March	PTA Panto
Sat 21 March	PTA Panto
Wed 8 July	Year 7 Harrogate Grammar School Transition Day.
Thurs 9 July	Year 7 Harrogate Grammar School Transition Day.

Welcome back, I do hope you all had a lovely Summer. It is great to see all the children back in school. It has also been lovely to welcome our new children and their families into school this week, both in Early Years and in other year groups too. We do hope that you have had a welcoming start to your life at Rossett Acre.

At the end of term we said goodbye to our Y6 children who will now be starting their new adventures at high school. There were lots of tears and they said goodbye to the other children by performing a series of memories from throughout their school lives in an end of year assembly. We wish all the children the very best in their new schools and for the future.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all the children who received a certificate from Governors at the end of last term in assembly for exemplary behaviour: Daniel L (AC), Maggie (CN/SK), Seth (CH), Eva P (EJ/EB), Maddie (AI), William B (CR/JJ), Effie (AW), Ben E (MR), Zoe (JM), Alice T (RJ/LS), Roma (SC), Madeline (TM), Nathan, Sam T (SK), Madeline A-T (CD).

HT Award: Rosie G (Was in Y3 MR, now in Y4)

REVISED VISION, ETHOS AND AIMS DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING OUR SCHOOL CORE VALUES

The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and Governors have been busy revising our Vision, Ethos, Aims and core values over the last few terms which I would like to share with you. These will be available for you to view on the website shortly.

Our vision remains as 'Excellence and Happiness for All'; our ethos and aims have been reviewed and now incorporate the **3Cs** as our core values: **Curiosity, Challenge and Community**. We hope that by combining high quality teaching with a well-planned curriculum supported by our core values, ethos and aims, that children will develop a passion for life-long learning which underpins our school vision. Cultivating curiosity, being committed to challenging pupils at all levels and our recognition of the importance of community is hugely important to us and helps us to shape the education of our wonderful children in school, ensuring that they have the necessary knowledge and skills to be well prepared for the next steps in their lives and education.

As you will be aware, last term we introduced RRS (Ready, Respectful and Safe) to be used in conjunction with our Golden Rule 'Treat others the way you would like to be treated'. These are our school rules across school and the clarity and simplicity of these have been well received by children, parents and staff.

RRS supports our Restorative Behaviour approach in school and encourages children to think for themselves (with support from adults when required) in terms of how they should conduct themselves and what rules they should be following, developing independence.

In assembly on Tuesday morning, I reminded the children of RRS and introduced them to the 3Cs. I informed the children that all the posters in school (that detailed long lists of different rules) have now been replaced simply with RRS and that they will be taking on more responsibility for their own behaviour - they will have to think really hard about what is right, wrong and acceptable. I ensured that the children were aware that rules and boundaries **still exist** and that staff will speak to them about any inappropriate behaviour using RRS and our Golden Rule as the basis for their conversation.

I was pleased that the children were very adept at explaining what part of RRS and the Golden Rule they would apply for the different scenarios I presented them with in assembly.

However, I did have to laugh when two of our children in Y5 informed one of our catering staff that I had screwed up the rules, which meant they could have 40 desserts each! They were of course joking and we all had a giggle about this.

The children are very keen to be trusted and show that they can use RRS and the Golden Rule to help them to develop the skills to self-regulate their behaviour. As parents, please be assured that our school behaviour policy and the school rules are still in place and that we still have high expectations for behaviour and conduct; support and sanctions will be put in place as required. We have simplified the language for children and have greater clarity as to what we expect from them.

To simplify things further we have replaced our existing School Charter with RRS and the Golden Rule. Each class will still have a class charter based on the UN conventions of the rights of the child and our school vision, ethos, aims and core values.

HELLOS AND STAFFING CHANGES

Over the Summer we appointed two new members of staff to our school team: Miss Sue Newbould (SEN Teaching Assistant working in Year 1) and Miss Immy Smith-Dunn (SEN Teaching Assistant) in Year 4. We also welcome Mrs Pilar Fernandez as a Midday Supervisor and Mr Jonathan Moore as our new caretaker. We would like to welcome our new members of staff to our Rossett Acre family and are delighted that they have joined us.

There is further change this year; as you will be aware, Miss Christie and Mrs Cook will both be going on maternity leave later in the Autumn term. Mrs Tinfina will be covering Miss Christie in her absence and Mrs Aslam will be covering Mrs Cook; both Mrs Tinfina and Mrs Aslam are qualified teachers and know the school well.

I am thrilled to inform you that for the academic year 2019/20, Mrs Ingle has secured the role of Assistant Headteacher in school. She will be leading Early Years in Miss Christie's absence, in addition to continuing to lead Key Stage 1 and now has a more senior role in school.

UCI ROAD WORLD CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 21 – 29 SEPTEMBER: DISRUPTION

As communicated before the Summer holiday, the UCI Road World Cycling Championships takes place shortly. This will cause disruption in relation to bringing and collecting children from school, particularly if you are driving. We strongly recommend that you walk, bike or scooter to school each day and especially on the Monday (am & pm) & Thursday (pick up time). School will be closing at **2.50pm** on the Friday. You can find out more information about the race, routes and road closures by using this link: www.northyorks.gov.uk/uci

Please see below for how we believe it will affect school pick up/drop off – please be aware timings are subject to change due to race speeds, crowd levels etc. We can only go from the information that we have been given.

On Monday the circuit route closes after 8am with designated route crossing and access points available until 9.30am when it then closes completely. The circuit is also closed completely until 16:40 after which designated route crossings and access points are in place again. The circuit roads re-open fully at 17:40. If you need to drive to pick up/drop off children, you will need to find another route into school, possibly using routes from the south of school, eg through Pannal, using Hookstone Drive, Leadhall Lane, Green Lane etc.

On Tuesday we anticipate that drop off and pick up should be fine.

On Wednesday, the circuit route is open before 9am when it then changes to closed with designated route crossing and access points in place. We anticipate that the afternoon pick up should be fine.

On Thursday, we anticipate that it should be fine for children to arrive, however the cycle route roads are closed completely between 14:00–16:00. Therefore, pick up will be affected and you will need to find another route into school, possibly from the South of school or walk, bike, scooter.

On Friday, we anticipate that coming into school will be fine. We will be closing early on Friday **at 2.50pm**. (Please note that the closure time has changed to what was published previously both on the UCI website and in our newsletter). This is to coincide with other schools around us and ensure that all children get home before the roads close completely. It will also give parents the opportunity to take their children to view the race if they should wish.

We have tried to keep the school running as normally as possible. Obviously the road closures have implications for staff arriving and leaving school too, but, hopefully we will be triumphant and keep the disruption to school at a minimum.

We have noticed that there are signs saying that there are parking restrictions during the week around our school, eg Arthurs Avenue. This is because the road is being used for the school buses exiting strategy, to and from school. We have been told that this is on one side of the street only but please follow and take notice of the signage displayed.

Crossing point – please take extra care when using the crossing points and if your child is walking home alone, ensure they know to look each way before crossing the road.

This is the first time Britain has hosted the Championships since 1982 and it is wonderful that Harrogate will be part of such an historical event.

LOST PROPERTY – WASTED MONEY

At the end of every half term, we always have over-flowing lost property bins. At the end of the summer term, Miss Matthew's class kindly went through the lost property to try and reunite clothing with its owner. After doing this, as part of their financial education, they added up the amount of clothing left, in terms of money that was being wasted, based on conservative supermarket prices and it was a staggering **£931.50!** (That's without all the lunch boxes, water bottles, glasses and watches that were left too!)

Here is the breakdown:

	prices from...	quantity	total
jumper with logo	£11.00	25	£275.00
jumper without logo	£4.00	6	£24.00
cardigan with logo	£12.00	21	£252.00
cardigan without logo	£5.00	21	£105.00
jogging bottoms	£5.00	4	£20.00
shorts	£3.00	4	£12.00
t-shirt	£2.00	4	£8.00
hoodie	£6.00	11	£66.00
hat	£5.00	2	£10.00
umbrella	£8.00	2	£16.00
cuddly toy	£10.00	1	£10.00
scarf	£4.00	1	£4.00

shoes	£10.00	4	£40.00
coat	£15.00	4	£60.00
sock	£0.50	3	£1.50
back pack	£10.00	1	£10.00
gloves	£3.00	1	£3.00
glasses case	£5.00	1	£5.00
helmet	£10.00	1	£10.00
			£931.50

Please could you help us this year to reduce the amount of lost property we have. You can do this by writing your child's name in all of their clothing and other items such as water bottles, lunch boxes, PE bags etc clearly, that way any lost clothing/property can hopefully be reunited with its owner. If you could also speak to your child/ren about the importance of being responsible for their own items, that would be great. Thank you.

COATS – ALL CHILDREN

Please could you send your child/ren into school with a **named coat**, preferably with a hood, **daily**. At Rossett Acre we go outside in a range of weather, including when it is raining, and it is essential that all children have a coat to wear. There has been a definite autumnal feel to the last few days, however we are keen for our children to get outside and have some fresh air and exercise. Last term, several coats were left in lost property that have not been collected, therefore if a child attends school without a coat, then it may be the case that they are given one of these spare coats to wear, regardless of the colour or whether the child likes it. We need to ensure that children are supervised at all times and we just don't have the staff or finances to fund extra adults to supervise children inside, due to not bringing a coat, whilst everyone else is outside. Thank you.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Second hand uniform will be on sale after school this Friday 6th Sept on the top playground from 3.15-3.40pm (weather permitting). All sizes of school jumpers and cardigans available. Please help us reduce, reuse and recycle, and stock up for the coming year. All items 50p, please bring change. Speak to Mrs Vlack if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT: PARENTS IN YEAR 1 – 6, LAST CHANCE TO SHARE YOUR VIEWS.

ROSSETT ACRE 2019 PARENT SURVEY – IT IS VERY QUICK TO COMPLETE.

The results of our annual survey are used to shape our future decisions, so we'd appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete this year's questionnaire about how the school operates. So far we only have 29 responses, which is very low for a school with over 400 pupils. It really is quick to complete.

We'd like to hear from you about what we are doing well, in addition to suggestions as to how we can improve and the areas in which you'd like to see improvements. Even if you think everything is great in school, we would still like to hear from you, so please do complete it.

This is an anonymous survey, please feel free to contact us via admin@rossettacre.n-yorks.sch.uk should you wish to discuss any aspect of it in more detail.

Please complete this survey once for each child you have in school.

The link for the survey is: <https://forms.gle/EF7K6g1j1x9XV4XZ7>

Thank you. Dave Betts, Governor

READING CLUB FOR ALL – PLEASE DO POP IN AND ENJOY READING WITH YOUR CHILD/REN.

Reading Club restarts this term in the **Music Room** (accessible from the playground – next to the Y6 classroom block) on a **Monday to Thursday from 3.30pm to 4.00pm. (Starts Monday 9 September).**

All children (with an accompanying parent/carer) are invited to join Mrs Nunns at this time. Come along and sit in the reading area and enjoy a book together.

This is a free after school club for children **with a parent/carer** to attend. Children will not be able to attend without a parent/carer to accompany them.

We love reading at Rossett Acre and it would be great to see you at Reading Club – Take some time out and enjoy reading a book with your child in a supportive atmosphere – we have lots of books to choose from and it really does make a huge difference, not only to your child's reading but also their writing ability; it improves their fluency and vocabulary too.

I'm really looking forward to finding out who managed to complete the Library Summer Challenge of reading six books. Several children have spoken to me this week and said they completed it. Thank you for taking your child/ren to the Library – it really does help to cultivate a love of books and reading.

MOBILE PHONES

Children are not allowed to use/carry mobile phones in school. If you wish your child to have a mobile phone to use on their way to and from school for safeguarding purposes (if they walk to school without a parent/carer – this relates to Year 5 and Year 6 children only where parents/carers have signed a consent form for children to walk home alone – ask the school office for one) then the mobile phone should be handed in to the main school office on arrival and picked up at the end of the school day. We do not take any responsibility for these mobile phones should they become lost or broken.

If your child comes to school with a parent/carer, there is no reason for them to bring a mobile phone with them to school. Thank you for your support with this.

PARENTPAY

We would be grateful if you could clear any outstanding monies on your child's account. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Free Training

Please see below for details of some free training that is available for parents:

The training must be accessed through school to qualify for the funding and be done in your own time. The funding is from the Adult Educational Budget and the European Skills Funding Agency and the courses will lead to a Level 2 qualification. We need to enrol as soon as possible because this funding is soon coming to an end.

The induction takes between 60-90 minutes. There will be 3 potential dates and times for the induction and this will most likely take place one night after school.

Course Structure;

- Online E Learning Platform.
- Have a full 6 weeks to complete the course, but can be extended.
- Assigned your own login details, can log in and out when you please
- You get your own tutor who marks your submitted work

Minimum Requirements;

- Must have a minimum of 10 people enrolled, though that can be across a selection of courses.
- Aged 19 or above
- Have the right to work within the UK.
- Not currently undertaking any other Government Funded Qualifications

If you want to find out more : www.theaimgroup.co.uk

If you would like to enrol on one of the courses, please send a message to Mrs Wilson via the office by Monday 9th September at the latest.

Library Summer Reading Challenge

A reminder that the reading challenge finishes on Saturday 7 September. If your child has taken part in the reading challenge over the Summer, they need to read the last few books and pop in to their local library to collect their medal and rewards before it is too late. Certificates for completers will be sent to school in the next few weeks.

BBC1 Eat Well For Less

BBC1's hit show 'Eat Well For Less?' is BACK and looking for households to take part!

Eat Well For Less? is on the hunt for families / households looking to save money on their food shop!

Is the cost of your weekly food shop **spiralling out of control?**

Perhaps you're **desperate to save** but under pressure to keep providing the household favourites?

Or do your **health requirements** affect your diet? Are you in need of some **new inspiration?**

Maybe you need help adjusting to a new **financial situation?**

Or are you just **bored of buying and cooking the same foods** every week?

... Masterchef's **Gregg Wallace** & award winning grocer **Chris Bavin** are on a mission to prove that it is possible for families to save money on their food budget without scrimping on taste and nutrition. They hope that by analysing the shopping habits of UK families, they can help to show where we can source the best and cheapest quality food.

We're currently on the hunt for families / households to take part in our new series – so get in touch with the team TODAY!

Email: eatwell@rdftelevision.com or Call: 0117 970 7682

Beer Festival – St Robert's Church, Pannal

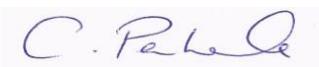
St Robert's Church in Pannal are holding a beer festival on Friday 13 September 5-11pm and Saturday 14 September 2-9pm. Only £15 per person includes 6 half pint beer vouchers or 4 glasses of prosecco. Wine, soft drinks, food and snacks on sale.

Tickets on sale at strobertschurch.co.uk or telephone 873577.

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

Year 6: Don't forget that our Year 6 children are going to East Barnby next week. Good luck with the packing – it is all very exciting.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.



Corrine Penhale
Headteacher