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NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 12 March 2020

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Fri 13 March	Sports Relief Dance-a-thon. Details below.
Tue 17 March	Miss Dodgson's class assembly 9.10am. Parents welcome. Approx. 20 minutes.
Tue 17 March	Parents' Evening 4pm – 7pm, EYFS–Y6. 10 minute appointments.
Thurs 19 March	Parents' Evening 4pm – 7pm, EYFS–Y6. 10 minute appointments.
Fri 20 March	PTA Panto.
Sat 21 March	PTA Panto.
Mon 23 March	Art Fortnight
Tues 24 March	Mrs Williams/Mrs Brown's class assembly. Parents welcome. Approx. 20 minutes.
Mon 30 March	Year 5 Harlow Carr Eco Event
Mon 30 March	Singing Squad VE Concert
Tues 31 March	Mrs Riley's class assembly 9.10am. Parents welcome. Approx. 20 minutes.
Thurs 2 April	Art exhibition – 3.30pm in the Sports Hall.
Fri 3 April	School Closes at 2.30pm for the Easter holiday. Non-uniform day. Please bring £1.
Mon 20 April	School opens at the usual time.
Tues 21 April	EYFS Visit to Brimham Rocks Farm.
Mon 27 April	Year 2 Ripon Museums Visit.
Tues 28 April - Fri 1 May	Book Fair Week.
Fri 8 May	School closed for the May day holiday – 75th anniversary of VE day. (School is open on Monday 4 May).
Mon 11 May – Thurs 14 May	Y6 SATs Week.



Fri 15 May	Rossett Nature Reserve Pond Dipping. 6-7pm. Details to follow.
Tues 19 May	Class photos.
Friday 22 May	School closes at the usual time for half term. Cake Bake. Please wear normal uniform.
Mon 1 June	Training Day. Children not in school today.
Wed 3 June	Rossett Acre Annual Show.
Mon 8 June	Phonics Screening Week (Y1).
Mon 8 June	Beginning of 3 week period for Y4 Multiplication Check.
Mon 29 June – Wed 1 July	Year 4 residential to Nell Bank.
Fri 3 July	Reports out to parents.
Wed 8 July	Year 7 Harrogate Grammar School Transition Day.
Wed 8 July	Meet the teacher transition morning. (Children meet their new teachers) 3.45–4.15pm Parents meet the teacher. 4.20–6.30pm Parents Evening for children (EYFS – Y6). Opportunity to discuss the content of your child's report if you would like to.
Thurs 9 July	Year 7 Harrogate Grammar School Transition Day.
Tue 14 July	Y6 Leavers Celebration (Evening event).
Wed 15 July	Y6 Leavers Disco 7 – 9pm (Provisional date).
Thurs 16 July	Y6 Leavers Celebration (Evening event).
Fri 17 July	School closes at 2.30pm for the Summer holiday. Non-uniform day. Please bring £1.

On Monday I led an assembly on 'What does a good Scientist look like at Rossett Acre?' We also recapped continents and located the oceans on a World Map. The children came up with lots of ideas relating to what makes a good scientist e.g. being curious, being resilient, being careful, carrying out research, collecting data, being determined, observant, investigative, being able to experiment, being careful and knowing your chemicals – just to name a few!

I also showed them a short video of three experiments that they could do at home: Make a rainbow, flip the fish and make a hurricane in a jar!

I was very impressed with the children's knowledge and the way that they had remembered the names and locations of the continents and how they had been able to name the oceans and put most of them correctly on a map. We discussed the location of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans as these became a bit muddled at first but by the end of the assembly we had sorted the error.

I also showed the children a short video on how far a sneeze can travel and the importance of catching sneezes and coughs in a tissue, as well as giving a reminder of how to wash their hands most effectively.

On Tuesday, Mrs Reddish/Mrs Jones' performed their class assembly. The children showed us how talented they were, wowing us with their circus skills. They spoke up brilliantly and Theo even managed to hula hoop with eight hoops at one time! Plate spinning, hula hooping, clowns, gymnasts, scarf/ribbon juggling, rhythm sticks and even feather balancing were all part of the act. What a wonderful, joyful assembly. Well done to all the children and their teachers and thank you to all the parent/carers who came along to watch the extravaganza too.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following children who received a certificate in last week's celebration assembly: Seth, George N (AC/TT), Ozzy, Stanley (CN/SK), Jasmine F (AW), Alice B (EJ/CH), Alina (AI), Theo L (CR/JJ), George (MR), Jonny (PA), Luke H (RJ/LS), Noah P (MW/EB), Will M (JM), Henry P (SK), Whole class (TM), Lyndon (CD).

GOODBYES

Laura Henry, our Learning Mentor left Rossett Acre on Tuesday this week. We wish her all the very best with her new career and hope her yoga business is successful. We would like to say a huge thank you to Laura for the nurture support she has provided in school.

We are currently advertising for a new Learning Mentor and I will inform you when we have appointed. In the meantime, Mrs Povey and Laura have liaised and shared relevant information, so that Mrs Povey can take up some of Laura's workload and Mrs Jansen will continue to provide nurture for our EYFS/KS1 children as required.

WORLD BOOD DAY POTATO WINNER

The winning World Book Day potatoes from each class were put forward for a national competition. A collection of Winnie the Pooh characters created by Esme was selected by a panel to be the winner for our school. Well done Esme. She will be awarded with a £10 book token this week when the competition organiser comes to school. We wait with baited breath for news of the national winner.



As part of World Book Day, all children in school read *The Great Paper Caper* by Oliver Jeffers. They shared what they had learned in assembly: newspaper articles, diagrams of animal homes; wanted posters; playscripts; facts about paper; experiments; making recycled paper. Great, creative learning.

NELL BANK VISIT WITH MRS WILSON

On Thursday last week, some children from Years 3, 4 and 5 visited Nell Bank Activity Centre near Ilkley, accompanied by some staff from school. During the day, the children participated in a range of activities designed to promote confidence, teamwork and problem solving skills. Activities included: Helium Sticks; Everyone In; Roller Ball; Den Building and (very popular!) some time on the adventure playground. The children all enjoyed the activities and their picnic lunch. They got chance to work with a lot of different people who they perhaps had not met in school before. All the children's behaviour was exemplary and both school staff and Nell Bank staff were very proud of the way they worked together and persevered to get the tasks done.

GREEN FLAG ASSESSMENT

Yesterday, Mrs Walton (Green Flag Assessor) visited school to assess all the eco work we have been doing in school. Mrs Walton had a tour of the school, met with our Eco committee, met with Mrs Kirkwood (Geography and Eco leader) and also met with me. We are particularly proud of our Eco-committee, as it is because of their ideas, hard work and commitment that we have been assessed. Mrs Walton will inform us of our result shortly.

SPORT RELIEF

Don't forgot it's Sport Relief tomorrow and our Dance-a thon will be taking place over the course of the day. The children can come to school in suitable footwear and sporty clothes. We will not be asking for a donation for this. If children could start bringing any sponsorship money raised into school on Monday that would be hugely appreciated.

YEAR 5 ARTIZAN FUN FAIR

Are you bored at lunchtimes and want to have some fun?

The Year 5 team have organised a fun fair to raise money for Artizan International. This is an amazing charity which gives people with disabilities an opportunity to learn craft-based skills and interact with others. We have been set a challenge by Zawadi, a charity set up by St. Aidan's sixth formers, to change £1 into £5 by organising a charity event.

The fun fair will take place next week in Miss Kirkwood's classroom, accessible through the quiet area.

There are set days for each class:

Wednesday 18th – Year 6
Thursday 19th – Year 3/4
Friday 20th – Year 1/2 and afternoon for Early Years

Remember to bring some precious pounds to spend on our variety of fun-filled stalls: tin can shy, friendship bracelets, count the mini-egg jar and name Mrs Wilson's lamb plus many more prizes to be won. All money raised will be donated and we hope you can help us change lives!

By Bethan, Larissa, Max E, Max D-L, Sienna, Sam.

ART FORTNIGHT (MONDAY 23RD MARCH ONWARDS)

Once again we are looking forward to holding our Art Fortnight in school where each class will take part in various fun art activities. This year our theme will be the environment and looking at damage to our local area. We have been invited to take part in the Mayor's competition to create art work using waste to demonstrate this damage. The winning entries will be displayed within the Harrogate District. Our Art Fortnight will culminate in an Art Exhibition on Thursday 2nd April after school. Please come and support your child. Art work will be for sale with the money going to school funds.

ROAD SAFETY

Yesterday, we were informed by a parent that she saw a Year 5/6 boy walking down the middle of the road on Rossett Drive (towards Leadhall Lane). He crossed the road without looking whilst face timing someone on his phone. Please can you remind your children, if they are walking home alone, to be extra vigilant when crossing the road. Last week, children had an assembly given by a young lady who was left paralysed, simply because she had crossed the road without looking and was hit by a van.

CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 LATEST UPDATE

We continue to follow the guidance in relation to Coronavirus (COVID-19). Please see this links below for the latest guidance from the Department of Education.

Reminder: The Department of Education has launched a new helpline to answer questions about Coronavirus/COVID-19 relating to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

They have also stated that no school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case, unless directed to do so by Public Health England.

More guidance can be found below:

Guidance for educational settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

Information for the public

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

We continue to use 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' in school and children are washing their hands regularly throughout the day and especially before eating. We also have additional soap, hand gel and tissues to use in school for the children and staff.

We will continue to monitor the situation and will update you further if we receive any further updates.

Reminder: With the Easter holidays approaching, we appreciate that many of you will have holidays booked. Should guidance change whilst you are away and you find that you have been in an area that is now listed as category 1 or 2 on your return, please follow the guidance and phone NHS111, if required, and we'd appreciate you letting us know in school too. Thank you.

RECRUITMENT

Midday Supervisory Assistant

Do you fancy working in a school, term time only? We have a vacancy for a MSA to work 11.45am-1.15pm. For further information please email recruitment@rkl.co.uk or telephone 01423 535222.

PTA NEWS

Preparations are going well and the children are currently practising PTA Panto 'Aladdin' **Friday 20 March 7pm and Saturday 21 March 2pm and 7pm**

Rehearsals are well under way for the Rossett's Acre PTA Panto 'Aladdin'. Tickets are £6 and can be purchased at www.pta-events.co.uk/rossettacre

COMMUNITY NEWS

Functional Skills English

Do you need an English qualification to progress your career? A new course takes place on Tuesdays 12.00-15.00, at the Centre on Gracious Street, Knaresborough. There are limited places remaining for start dates in March. This is on a first come, first served basis. Call 01609 780780 and ask to speak to South Adult Learning.

Old Swan Hotel Events

Deluxe Afternoon Tea with live childrens entertainment from

Princesses & SUPERHEROES

Sunday 10th May - 2.00 - 4.30pm

Join the Princesses and Superheroes for Deluxe afternoon tea followed by live childrens entertainment from Captain America, Spiderman, Ariel and Rapunzel.

Adults: £22.95 per person | Children: £12.50 per child

For more information and to book call **01423 500055**

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A FEAST OF FROZEN FUN

"Let it go"
on **Sunday 29th March**
time: **2.00 - 4.30pm**

Join us for a Frozen themed event including Deluxe Afternoon Tea with Live Children's Entertainment, story-telling, games, disco and a sing along with the snow sisters.

Children under 12: **£12.50** Adults: **£22.95**

To book call **01423 500055**

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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.

Corrine Penhale
Headteacher