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NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 5 March 2020

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Tue 10 March	Mrs Reddish/Mrs Jones's class assembly 9.10am. Parents welcome. Approx. 20 minutes
Tue 10 March	Mrs Reddish/Mrs Jones's parents' evening 4-6.30pm. 10 minute appointments.
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.
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.
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 geographer look like at Rossett Acre? The children were able to come up with lots of ideas including the need to be observant, locate places, know what places are called, taking care of people and our environment, be resilient, be curious (one of our 3Cs – Curiosity, Community and Challenge) analyse data and have an understanding of what Geography is, including the interactions between people and our planet.

We discussed the seven continents and I then set the children an activity to complete using random children from Y2 – Y5: they had to locate the continents on a World Map. The children did this extremely well and I was very proud of them.

Next week I will be asking the children to locate the five oceans on a map. The children were able to name the oceans when I asked them in assembly on Tuesday which was pleasing but can they locate them? We will have to see.

Well done to Mrs Ingle's class who performed their class assembly on Tuesday. Their circus skills were amazing and I know the audience were wowed! The children have really enjoyed learning about this theme and practising the skills and tricks. Congratulations to them all.

CHAIR OF GOVERNOR VISIT

On Thursday last week, Ian Foy, our Chair of Governors attended school all day to look at the learning taking place across the year groups from EYFS – Y6 and to speak to some of our subject leaders. It was a really enjoyable day and it was a pleasure to host Mr Foy who certainly enjoyed seeing all the fantastic learning going on in school.

It was also a good way to see the progression of learning across school:

In Year 3, Mrs Aslam's class, we saw children learning about physical features in the environment (geography) including volcanos and rock types. The children mentioned that they knew that the pyramids were made out of limestone and they discussed weathering. They were also learning about igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks, showing great understanding and knowledge from when I had seen them the previous day beginning this theme. I had been impressed, as they had been discussing volcanos

and were aware that lava was melted rock and they were about to become rock detectives and identify the three different types of rocks, mentioned above.

We then visited Year 6, Mr Marshall's class, who were learning about Ancient Egypt (History) and were looking at a range of stone structures, sharing their ideas on 'which structure was built first and why?' The children knew that the pyramids were made of limestone and mentioned the vocabulary of weathering (good sticky knowledge from Y3). The children compared the structures from the photographs being shown and deduced that one of the structures looked more Roman in style and that this may be due to the cross over between The Roman and Ancient Egyptian civilisations. The conversation went further when one child felt that one of the structures could also be Ancient Greek in style, remembering this from the learning he had done previously in Year 4, which sparked a conversation on how some civilisations copied certain aspects of design etcthe conversation continued showing really good in-depth knowledge and the children's ability to transfer their previous learning to new situations. It was a joy to see.

The learning across school in all the classes that we visited was great and our discussions with subject leaders showed a real understanding of their subject areas.

I am always incredibly proud of the activities, provision and exciting learning opportunities our children are given by our talented and skilled teachers and the day of Mr Foy's visit was no exception. In fact, one of the children in Mrs Harris/Mrs James' class (Y1, who were talking about emotions/feelings) had used the vocabulary 'proud' and went on to give a great example of how he was proud of his Dad. Fantastic!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following children who received a certificate in last week's celebration assembly: Thea, Teddy (AC/TT), Charlie, Ozzy (CN/SK), George (AW), Drew (EJ/CH), Marley (AI), Rebecca (CR/JJ), Matty (MR), Charlie (PA), Lola (RJ/LS), Ryan (MW/EB), Alice T, Jack C (JM), Sienna (SK), Toby T (TM), Suri (CD).

HT Award: Ellie C-W (Y4, MW), Jessica C (Y4 MW).



Labyrinth – Greek project work. Wow!

NEW PLAYHOUSE

We have a new playhouse in our Early Years Area – hurrah! As you may remember, after October half term, we returned to find our previous playhouse vandalised irrevocably. Thanks to parents, the PTA and the wider community, especially the listeners of Stray FM and the readers of the Harrogate Advertiser, funds were donated via a crowdfunding website to replace the vandalised playhouse.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who donated.

Daisy in Early Years had this to say when asked about the playhouse: 'It's really good. I play in it all the time.'



DROP IN SESSION WITH MARTIN POWELL – SCHOOL LIASION OFFICER

Martin (who was previously a PCSO) is now our School Liaison Officer and visited school on Monday morning this week, between 9 – 10am, making himself available to discuss any concerns/issues that parents may have about the community, safety or anything else. Unfortunately, no-one took up this opportunity on this occasion, however we will arrange another drop-in session soon, in case you would like to speak to Martin.

RECENT SPORTING EVENTS

Year 1/2 Multi-sports Morning

On Wednesday 26 February 30 children from Years 1 and 2 took part in a multi-sports activity morning at Rossett School. This was organised and run by Sporting Influence assisted by Rossett School young leaders. The children competed in a variety of events against children from Western Primary School. Both the organisers and Rossett Acre staff who attended were extremely impressed by the behaviour and attitude of all the children. We plan to attend a similar event in the Summer Term so that more of our Key Stage 1 children have the opportunity to represent the school.



Year 2 Mixed Football

On Friday 28 February 22 children from Year 2 attended the Harrogate School Sports Partnership mixed football competition at Harrogate Town Football Club. Despite a very wet afternoon out, children showed great enthusiasm and effort. Unfortunately, the event had to finished before the completion due to the weather so we are waiting to hear the final results. Well done to Hattie, Ellis, Milo, Theo, Josh, Mason, Miller, Marley, Martha, Ted, Edward, Quincy, Charlie, Archie, Thomas, Emily, Dexter, Oscar, Oliver, Seth, Luca and William.

Year 5/6 Quicksticks Hockey

On Tuesday 3 March, 12 children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the Harrogate School Sports Partnership Quicksticks Hockey Finals at Rossett School. The two teams, who had made it through to the finals, competed in some very close games with other local primary schools. They all displayed great determination and enthusiasm, even when playing each other! The teams came in overall 5th and 6th position. Well done to Rafi A, Euan C, Henry D, Molly-Rose D, Seb H, Jacob H, Jasmine H, Izzy L, Alfie M, Freddie R, Harrison S and Alice T.

LLOYDS BANKING GROUP VISIT KS2 – ONLINE IDENTITY AND PARENT DROP IN

On Tuesday, Lloyds Bank visited to speak to our KS2 children about online identity and keeping safe. They discussed what kind of information was ok to share and what information should be kept private. Children were advised to use avatars instead of profile photos and choose usernames that don't include their real names.

Lloyds Bank also joined us for an online safety/identity workshop for parents after school.

We discussed what the children had learned that morning and what we can do to help keep our children safe - thank you to the parents that were able to attend.

With this in mind, we would suggest you take this opportunity to check what apps your child is using, what they are posting online and to check the privacy settings.

Y5 & 6 ROAD SAFETY TALK

On Tuesday, Lauren Doherty came into school and led a road safety talk for our Y5 & 6 children. Lauren was tragically struck by a van after a night out with friends and is now paralysed. Lauren goes into schools to share her story, with the hope of preventing such accidents happening to others. Lauren was told that she would never breathe on her own again but she was determined to prove the doctors wrong.

In 2017, Lauren was awarded the 'Bravery Award' by Stray FM and in April last year she was awarded 'Volunteer of the Year' Award at the Yorkshire Choice Awards.

Lauren answered the children's questions and was an inspiration, sharing the fact that she gets on with her life with the help of her carers, having an extremely positive outlook.

We would like to thank Lauren, Rebecca, Jen and Ashleigh for coming in and spending time with us to share their important road safety message. If you would like to know Lauren's story, use this link:

<https://northyorkshire.police.uk/news/lauren-doherty/>



FAIRTRADE EVENT AT HARLOW CARR

Before the half term holiday, half of Year 5 attended a Fairtrade event at Harlow Carr. During the day, they took part in three workshops. The first workshop attended, built on their knowledge of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and they considered how they link with Fairtrade. The second workshop taught them all about the types of food grown in the UK and in the tropics; the children were able to handle a cocoa pod and some cocoa beans. They also planted their own edible plant: a nasturtium. In their final workshop, they learnt all about the Cone Exchange in Starbeck. During the workshop, they were given the opportunity to try out a machine which creates templates; they made the Fairtrade symbol out of discarded plastic.

The children had an absolutely brilliant day at Harlow Carr. The other half of the year group will be attending a similar event at the end of this half term.

BABY BUNDLE APPEAL HARROGATE

Mrs Williams and Vic Smith-Dunn (of myLifePool) jointly run the Baby Bundle Appeal Harrogate. The baby bundles are given to all families admitted to the Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU) in Harrogate Hospital and the SCBU in York Hospital. The baby bundles contain essential items, as well as gifts, for mums and babies who may find themselves in SCBU unexpectedly. All items in the bundles must be new/unopened. Mrs Williams/Miss Brown's class are collecting for this charity and have a donation box in their classroom. If anyone else in the school community would like to make a donation, the following would be greatly appreciated: newborn nappies, newborn vests, newborn baby grows, muslin cloths, treats for mummy (such as small toiletries - unwanted gift sets are perfect or hotel/travel sized products), slippers, treats for baby (such as a comforter, a little book or baby toiletries), toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant, cotton wool, maternity pads and breast pads. Other donation points in the local community can be found at Mrs Smith's Cafe Harrogate, Morrisons Harrogate, Morrisons Guiseley and Painting Pots Knaresborough. Please leave any donations at the office for Mrs Williams/Miss Brown's attention or drop them off with Mrs Williams/Miss Brown before/after school. Thank you in advance! Your kindness and community spirit is greatly appreciated. For more information on the Baby Bundle Appeal, please visit:

<https://www.harrogateadvertiser.co.uk/news/people/moving-story-kindness-harrogate-will-really-warm-your-heart-2001135>

SPORTS RELIEF

To raise money for Sports Relief this year we will be holding a school Dance-a-thon! This fabulous fundraising event will take place during school hours on Friday 13th March. Throughout the day classes will come and dance to classics such as The Birdy Song, The Macarena and many others.

In order to raise money to support this worthy cause we kindly ask if you could sponsor your child. Sponsor forms have been sent home and money raised will be collected the week after the event. On the day, children should come to school in something suitably sporty e.g. football kit, leotard and leggings or simple casual clothing.

Suitable footwear is obviously essential. There will be no additional charge for this dress up day. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

WORLD BOOK ASSEMBLY

Every day is like World Book Day at Rossett Acre as we love books so much. Teachers read daily to their classes and we have lovely book corners with a good range of reading matter. During World Book Day, Miss Dodgson led the whole school assembly and read a brilliant poem called 'You Can Never Have Too Many Books.' It's certainly a motto Miss Dodgson lives her life by! Miss Dodgson showed the children a range of new books which had been purchased in consultation with Key Stage 2 pupils, whilst younger children were keen to read the new picture books too.

Each class has read *The Great Paper Caper* by Oliver Jeffers and completed different activities based on the book. It is the first time that we have had a whole school focus on one book and it seems to have been very successful. The children will be sharing what they have done during another World Book Day assembly on Friday.

Don't forget to use your World Book Day voucher which should be arriving home tonight. We also wait with baited breath to see if we have been successful with the national Decorate A Potato Competition.

Finally, we have two new Wordsmiths taking over the Wordsmith newsletter: thank you to Amelia and India for doing such a good job; it is now the turn of Isabelle and Madeline. Hope you have enjoyed World Book Day and remember, keep reading!

Y5 PRIMARY POUNDS WORKSHOP

Yesterday, Year 5 were fortunate enough to take part in a 'Primary Pounds' workshop, run by the Zawadi charity. Zawadi are a charitable group of 6th form students at St. Aidan's High School who raise money for Artizan International – the charity who come into school to create our wonderful mosaics with us.

Primary Pounds is an interactive workshop which explores the ideas of project planning, teamwork and enterprise to raise money. We all had a lot of fun and were taught about the tools to plan and deliver a successful fundraising event. At the end, each child was given a pound that we will collectively try to 'grow' in order to raise money for Artizan. We will be undertaking our year group charity event just before the Easter holidays...watch this space!



CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 LATEST UPDATE

We are following the guidance in relation to Coronavirus. Please see this links below for the latest guidance from the Department of Education. 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 at:

- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Guidance for educational settings:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/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.

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.

EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM

Taylor Shaw our school caterers, along with Veg Power, are running a campaign to encourage children to eat more veg. Children in KS1 will be bringing home a Mission Pack which includes stickers and a chart which can be used to reward children when they have eaten some veg.

We will be having an assembly to explain the campaign over the next week or so. More information on the campaign and useful tips can be found at <https://vegpower.org.uk/>
Extra copies of the Mission Pack can be picked up from the school office.

WATER COOLERS

We have new water coolers in school for the children to use. These were installed on Tuesday this week. The greatest benefit with these new water coolers in addition to providing water, is that they have a waste facility so any water that overflows is collected in a tank below rather than spilling out onto the floor and causing a hazard. The children are very excited about their appearance in school.

PARENTS' EVENING

Please remember to make your appointments online for Parents' Evening using the following link: www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the event code **j9d6v**. If you do not have access to the internet or need some support in doing this, please contact Mrs Misseldine in our school office. Please note that the closing date is **Monday 9 March 2020**.

NELL BANK

The next instalment of £45 for the Year 4 Nell Bank trip was due on 1 March. Please log on to ParentPay to make your payment. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

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

Attached is a copy of a press release promoting the panto.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Saturday 4 – Sunday 19 April: Easter Family Fun - The Secret Garden

Head to RHS Garden Harlow Carr in Harrogate this Easter to celebrate the launch of the new STUDIOCANAL film The Secret Garden starring Colin Firth and Julie Walters, in cinemas this Easter. This much-loved family favourite will be brought to life on site with an exciting garden trail in search of six hidden keys (until 3 May). Visitors of all ages can explore a new 'Secret Garden' featuring exotic and large foliage plants surrounded by sheltering yews, decorative arches and climbing plants.

Throughout Easter, there will be a host of activities for all ages, from animal mask making and forest school workshops to birds-of-prey demonstrations and stories with the Garden Detectives. During the three weekends of the Easter holidays, visitors can join in a range of wellbeing activities, including family yoga sessions and wellbeing walks. Activities vary daily so please check the website for details <https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/harlow-carr/whats-on>
Normal garden admission.

St Mark's Church

All primary-aged children and their families are invited to St. Mark's Church for Easter Encounter: a family celebration. It takes place on Friday 3rd April, 5.30pm-7.30pm. The evening will be packed with games, crafts, music, food and lots of fun (and of course some chocolate)! Register today online: <http://smch.org.uk/project/specialevents>

Yoga Therapy

Laura Henry who has been our Learning Mentor for the past three years is now moving on to develop her business as a children's yoga therapist. Please see attached flyer and link for more information.

<https://www.harrogateyoga.com/yoga-therapy/childrens-yoga-therapy/>



[Children's Yoga Therapy - Harrogate Yoga](#)

Yoga therapy for children and young people aged 5 to 18 – free sessions are available for a limited time. Helpful for emotional regulation, trauma, mental health, stress and anxiety; yoga therapy uses gentle body based practices to rebalance the nervous system and integrate our mind body and soul. Laura has a wealth of experience in supporting children and young people with emotional ...

www.harrogateyoga.com

After School Spanish Classes

Kidslingo are running Spanish classes at The Green Hut on Mondays 4.00pm-4.30pm for 4-7years and 4.35pm-5.05pm for 8-11 years. Trial course, 3 classes for £8. For more information visit www.kidslingo.co.uk or contact ellen.kelham@kidslingo.co.uk

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 wonderful weekend.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. Penhale". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a light blue rectangular border.

Corrine Penhale
Headteacher