



ROSSETT ACRE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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'Excellence and happiness for all'

NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 21 October 2021

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Thurs 21 Oct	East Barnby Meeting for parents of children in Y6. 6.45pm Teams.
Fri 22 Oct	Close for Half Term
Mon 1 Nov	School re-opens – usual time.
Thurs 4 Nov	September 2022 Intake – Open Day Tours – Booking Link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-days-21st-october-and-4th-november-2021-tickets-178654529507
Thurs 4 Nov	Virtual Parents' Evening – 4-7pm 10 minute appointments: Year 1 – Year 6 https://www.rossettacre.n-yorks.sch.uk/news/parents-evenings/
Tues 9 Nov	Virtual Parents' Evening – 4-7pm 10 minute appointments – Whole School https://www.rossettacre.n-yorks.sch.uk/news/parents-evenings/
Thurs 11 Nov	Virtual Parents' Evening – 4-7pm 10 minute appointments – Early Years Only https://www.rossettacre.n-yorks.sch.uk/news/parents-evenings/
Fri 12 Nov	Year 4 Eden Camp Visit
Fri 12 Nov	PTA – Quiz Night - Details below.
Tues 16 Nov	Year 3 Temple Newsam Visit
Wed 17 Nov	*NEW* Children in Need – details to follow
Fri 19 Nov	School Closed in lieu of Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Tue 23 Nov	*NEW* Nell Bank Information Evening 6.30pm – Details to follow

*Note: At present, events are taking place, however, there may be changes depending on the Covid situation and rates of infection.

Hello everyone. I hope you have had a good week. I can't believe that we are already at the end of the first half term. Next week, school is closed for the October half term break.

Quote of the week: 'Don't be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart.' (Roy T. Bennett, author of The Light in the Heart)





This week our Monday assembly was led by Miss Kirkwood, who read 'Greta and the Giants' to the whole school as part of 'One World Week.' Accompanying music was by Rutter: For the Beauty of the Earth.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who received certificates in our Celebration Assembly last week: Bethan W (MW/CH Y5), Pixie D (SK Y5), Evie M (TM Y6), Orla D & Lexi W (CD Y6).

OUR 50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



As you'll be aware, last Thursday we celebrated Rossett Acre's 50th birthday. It was a busy day, which began with trying to secure 3ft high balloons to the gates and fences around school on a rather windy day! However, it was worth it to see the children's faces, who thoroughly enjoyed seeing them.

Here is Hattie and Lettie in Year 1 being excited on the way to school when spotting the balloons at our Pannal Ash Road entrance.

Time Capsule opened after 25 years under ground

At 1.30pm, last Thursday, we were delighted to invite governors past and present, the previous Headteacher at Rossett Acre - Mrs Jowett, a number of ex-staff and pupils who were at Rossett Acre when the time capsule was buried in 1996, a representative group of current pupils, members of our Central Trust team and the press (Ben from YourHarrogate) to join us in opening the time capsule. The time capsule proved hard to open and once we did open it, sadly, the items inside were covered in mud and sludge (as were my hands by the end of it) with much of the paper/photos turning to pulp, however, it was still very exciting to remove the items from the time capsule and identify the things that we could. If you want to see the video of the time capsule being opened and read the interview, here is the link: <https://youtu.be/XWWW8juQCpM>

According to our School Log the following items were in the time capsule:

Photographs of children, the school and staff, National Curriculum document, Stamps used in 1996, money used in 1996, school sweatshirt, visitor's badge, visitor's postcard, The Yorkshire Post newspaper, The Independent newspaper, list of children, staff and governors, a car brochure, school brochure and admissions pack, a dictionary, Pulp CD, cassette tape of children produced by children at Rossett Acre, a floppy disc, a Casio digital watch, a Leeds United ticket, seeds from a sunflower grown by Reception children, a lunch tray, knife, fork, spoon and cup, copy of Annual Governors' Report to Parents and a copy of the Ofsted inspection report.

Ben from YourHarrogate also interviewed some of our children in Y5 & Y6 for the radio. Well done to Charlie, Eva, Felix, Lola, Nora, Mahin, Hope and Albie for being fantastic ambassadors for our school.

Some of these children even got the chance to play the mystery sound game, which YourHarrogate plays each day. Unfortunately, the children's guesses were incorrect but I thought their guesses were very plausible.

Planting a commemorative tree

After opening the time capsule, we planted a commemorative tree to celebrate the school's 50th birthday. A medlar fruit tree was planted – a fruit tree that we don't already have on site. The fruit on this tree are very unusual, so we look forward to it bearing fruit in the future. A commemorative plaque will be displayed soon next to where the tree is planted. Four of our Y6 pupils did a great job of planting the tree and even watered it at the end. Again, it was a case of very muddy hands!



Official Opening of our Multi-sports Pitch

On our birthday, we also officially opened our newly built Multi-sports pitch. This project was a long time in the making, so we were thrilled to celebrate its arrival. We were honoured to have the manager of Harrogate Town AFC join us, Simon Weaver, as well as Harry Gator, the team mascot and other members of the team. We were also delighted that Stuart Dallas, midfielder at Leeds Utd and a player with the Northern Ireland National Team could join us too. The children were very excited to see our visitors and Simon and Stuart opened the Multi-sports pitch by cutting the golden ribbon. The pitch was an investment for the school costing £50k and I'd like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for raising £25k of that, the majority of the money coming from the Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge which staff and parents (the PTA) carried out a number of years ago on the most inclement day possible! The pitch is a great facility for our school and the children thoroughly enjoy using it.



50th Celebration Cakes

We couldn't let our birthday celebration go by without a bit of cake! Yum! The children all enjoyed a cup cake topped with a '50' rice paper cake topper. There was also a larger cake too, which was shared with visitors, staff and some parents who happened to be on the playground at the right time. A huge thank you to Charlie our school cook who made all the cakes – they were delicious!



FIRE BRIGADE VISIT

On the morning of our birthday celebrations, the fire service visited school to lead safety assemblies for the whole school. EYFS, Y1, Y2 and KS2 had their own separate assemblies. The firefighters who joined us, spoke about how to keep safe, such as having smoke detectors in the home and what to do in case of a fire. The younger children also got to see the fire engine and all children were able to ask any questions that they had. The firefighters also reminded the children of the dangers of fireworks, how to hold sparklers and ensuring that they have an adult present when using these. We would like to thank the fire service for spending the whole morning with us and for helping to keep our children safe.



WALK TO SCHOOL

We have received the results from the Walk to School event on Friday 8th October 2021. Overall 241 children took part and were able to walk some or all of the way to school. Woohoo!

The winning certificate for the class with the largest percentage of children who took part goes to: Mrs Ingle's class, where 90% of the children took part.

Congratulations to Mrs Ingle's class and well done to all the children who took part.

We are not in school for the next Harrogate Walk to School event as it is the day we are taking in lieu of the Queen's Jubilee. The next Harrogate Walk to School event for Rossett Acre will be on: **4th February 2022.**

Mrs James' and Mrs Cook's class were a close second this time with 86% - I wonder who will top the chart in February and help to reduce carbon emissions?

Born of the Forest Discount Code

Born of the Forest are offering a discount for anyone who took part in the Harrogate District Walk to School Day. **The discount code is WTS2021 and will give 20% discount off any future bookings made between now and the end of October.** (Bookings cannot include the Christmas events).

Bookings can be made at www.bornoftheforest.co.uk

SCHOOL LUNCHES

If you choose for your child to have a school dinner, they must continue with this choice each day for the rest of the half term. Should your child wish to change and have packed lunches every day part way through the term, please let the office know. You **MUST** pay for the full half term meals in advance on ParentPay, and monies should be received by 9.00am on the first Monday of half term.

The cost of school meals for the Autumn term 2 is £75.25. Please can you log on to ParentPay to ensure you have sufficient funds in your school meal account.

If you have any queries regarding your account, please can you contact the school office. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

Quiz Night Friday 12 November 7.30pm

Tickets are now on sale for the fantastic quiz night. Tickets include fish and chips or sausage and chips. Follow the link to book your tickets <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/rossettacre/#.YWXkvyV4WEEd>

Bags2School

The PTA will be doing a Bag2School collection at the end of November. Please start saving your old clothes, shoes, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels. These can be brought into school the week of November 22nd. Thanks for your support as this is a great fundraiser for our school, as well as being a good way to recycle unwanted items.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Harrogate Library Events

North Yorkshire County Council

Monday 25th October
2-3.30pm
Harrogate Library
FREE but booking essential
for Eventbrite (www.eventbrite.co.uk)
by telephone or email at the library

Dogs Trust

Half-term fun for families with the Dogs Trust

Do you have a dog? Maybe you're thinking about getting a dog or do you just love dogs and want to find out more about them? Join the Dogs Trust's Education & Community Officer, Donna, for this fun family workshop with activities and crafts and learn all about safe behaviour around dogs and being responsible around our four-pawed friends!

Aimed at children aged 7-11 and their families but older and younger children welcome too!

No real dogs will be in attendance at this event.

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Mad Hatter's Tea Party
Themed traditional and new party games and fun

- Suitable for children aged 4-11
- Harrogate Library, cafe area
- FREE
- Booking essential via Eventbrite (www.eventbrite.co.uk), in the library, by telephone or email

10.30- 12noon
Saturday
23rd October

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Half Term Sporting Activities



Harrogate Town AFC Community Foundation Futsal

HARROGATE TOWN AFC COMMUNITY FUTSAL

A fast-paced indoor sport, which is exciting and fun to play.

- ✓ Boys & Girls welcome
- ✓ Fun & Friendly environment
- ✓ Learn new skills & techniques
- ✓ Run by qualified Futsal coaches who are DBS checked and First Aid trained

Where:
Harrogate High School Sports Hall
Arley Road, Harrogate HG1 1SP

Start Date: 4th October
Mondays (during term time)
5 - 6 pm - U 9s
6 - 7 pm - U 11s

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
£7 per session

To sign up or for more details please call Tom on 07832 323324 or email community@harrogatetownafc.com

The sessions are inclusive to all children aged 11 and under. Futsal is a fast, furious and fun indoor sport, players have a lot of contact time with the ball which encourages them to become comfortable and confident on the ball in all areas on the court. If you would like to sign up to the sessions please don't hesitate to get in contact with Tom – tombblackburn@harrogatetownafc.com or 07832323324.

HALF TERM SOCCER CAMP MONDAY-THURSDAY 25-28 OCTOBER
10AM-3PM | ST JOHN FISHERS HIGH SCHOOL HG2 8PT | 3G PITCH

FOUR DAY SPECIAL
£95
OR £28 PER DAY

POC MEMBERS
£82 // £24

MEALS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS & DAILY AWARDS
MAKE NEW FRIENDS // LEARN NEW SKILLS // HAVE FUN!

To book please email joshfalkingham@harrogatetownafc.com

Harrogate Town AFC October Half Term Soccer Camp

Harrogate Town AFC soccer camp is designed to develop the technique, skills and knowledge of every young footballer joining the camp. The fun-filled days include fun games, competitions, medals and daily awards to be won!! To book onto the half term camp contact Josh Falkingham

– joshfalkingham@harrogatetownafc.com

I hope you all have a wonderful half term break and I look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 1st November at the usual time. Enjoy!

Corrine Penhale
Headteacher