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'Excellence and happiness for all'

NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 2 December 2021

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Fri 3 Dec	Year 5 Roman Day
Tues 7 Dec	*NEW* Year 3 Temple Newsam Trip
Wed 8 Dec	Early Years Visit to The Showground
Thur 9 Dec	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 13 Dec	Year 4 Christmas Party PM
Tues 14 Dec	Year 2 Christmas Party PM
Wed 15 Dec	Year 3 Christmas Party PM Year 5 Christmas Party AM Year 6 Christmas Party PM
Thurs 16 Dec	Year 1 Christmas Party AM EYFS Christmas Party PM
Fri 17 Dec	Closes for the holiday at 2.30pm
Tues 4 Jan	Training Day – Children not in school.
Wed 5 Jan	School opens for the Spring term.
Fri 7 Jan	Young Voices
Mon 17 Jan	Year 5 Air Quality & Sustainable Travel Theatre Presentation
Weds 26 Jan	Year 6 CSi Day

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

Happy Thursday everyone. I hope you have had a good week. It was such a shame that The Parkrun was cancelled last week due to the strong winds; we could have put up with the snow but I think we may have all been blown away if it had gone ahead! We will look to rearrange the Rossett Acre takeover of The Parkrun next year, probably in the Spring term.



Quote of the week: Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it. (Lou Holtz, former American football player).

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who received certificates in our Celebration Assembly last week: Jamie (AC), Darcy (SK/CN), Reuben (EM), Joe (EJ/SC), George P (CR/JJ), Isla (AW), Oliver (PA/EH), Louisa (MR), George (AI), Albie (MW/CH), Tabby (SK), Sebby (TM), Aws (CD).

BAD WEATHER ARRANGEMENTS

It's that time of year again when bad weather is possible. We had snow last weekend and it has certainly been very cold at times, this week.

On snow days, I will try and make a decision as early as possible. I know that last year, parents/carers appreciated knowing the evening before; where I can, I will try and do this. However, as we know, snow can appear during the night and it may be necessary for me to make a decision in the morning. If we need to close the school due to inclement weather, we will contact:

Greatest Hits Radio Harrogate & The Yorkshire Dales, formerly Stray FM (97.2) and YourHarrogate <https://yourharrogate.co.uk/> to advise them of the closure, so please listen to the radio and look at their websites for information.

We will also endeavour to put a message on our website: www.rossettacre.n-yorks.sch.uk and send a text message to parents/carers using our Arbor system (as long as the message service is working).

On some snow days, we may have a later start approximately 10am, to allow us time to clear paths and for staff to get into school so that there is sufficient supervision in place for the children.

Please enter the school using the **cleared/gritted pathways only** and we ask that children **do not** slide on the playground; this causes the area to get even more slippy and become more of a hazard for the child and anyone else walking.

Should we need to close during the school day, we will send a text message to parents via Arbor and put a school closure message on the website, Class Dojo and Tapestry.

Thankfully, snow days are usually few and far between, so hopefully this will cause minimum disruption, however it is better to be prepared and have advance warning.

GOOD NEWS

I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Williams has given birth to a healthy baby girl named Ffion. Both mother and baby are doing well. We send our congratulations to the Williams' family.

SAFEGUARDING

In school we have Designated Safeguarding Leaders (DSLs) to deal with any safeguarding needs in school. At Rossett Acre our DSL's are Kate Woodcock (DHT) and our Deputy DSL is Gail Bland (Learning Mentor, Nurture Team). Should you have any concerns relating to safeguarding matters, please contact them via the school office. Please be aware that our Safeguarding Policy and a summary document is on our website. Link:

NAME OUR CHICKENS

Don't forget to hand in your suggestions to name our chickens. We've had some interesting names so far!

Below are photos of the three hens that need names.

Chicken 1



Chicken 2



Chicken 3



Yesterday, I was delighted to hear music and children enjoying themselves from my office. I went to investigate and found Year 4 learning the 'Lindy Hop' as part of their WWII work. The children were really concentrating on their moves and getting the dance right; it was lovely to see. I was very impressed with their determination and their dancing skills. Below are a few photos that I took. Well done Year 4.



Later on in the day, I heard music again coming from the Timeline Hall, although this was more sedate and from a different century. I again investigated and found Year 3 practising their Tudor dancing. Again the children were all focussed on doing their best. I am looking forward to taking some photos of them to share via the newsletter when they have their Tudor Banquet later this month. Year 3 also had a visitor yesterday 'the Tudor Lady' and made and tasted potage!



PHONICS

This week and last week, our Year 2 children have been involved in phonics screening tests to see how well they know their phonic sounds. I have also seen some of our Year 1 children practising their phonics too, in class sessions and out on the playground. A few children had the sounds that they have been learning on stickers on their arms - when I have walked past, they excitedly shared the sound with me, showing that they have learned it, fantastic! Rajana (Y1) also came to see me with a phonics card filled with graphemes (digraphs and a trigraph) and then proudly showed me that she knew their corresponding phonic sound 'igh', 'ai', 'ee' and 'oa'. Fabulous!

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR REMINDER

Rossett Acre has been supporting the Harrogate Homeless Project during the festive period over a number of years through our Reverse Advent Calendar Project. **We are now in December and cardboard doors will be opened in the traditional countdown to Christmas.** But just as some look to luxury (or a tasty chocolate), others are choosing to reverse things this advent - with a calendar which gives back.

The idea is simple; instead of opening the door to a chocolate or picture, you do the giving. People put aside a donation each day of advent, so they have a collection of goods ready to drop off in time for Christmas. There are collection boxes in every classroom and the final day to donate is Monday December 13th. Ideas for donations are a new pair of woolly socks, underwear, toiletries, small gifts, puzzle books and pens, toothbrushes, hats and scarves. If anyone has any unwanted adult coats, joggers or blankets, these are most welcome. The Harrogate Homeless Project are inundated with boxes of mince pies from local businesses and so it is best to avoid festive food.

Please help us to spread a little Christmas cheer.

Even donating one item really does make a big difference. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mind in Harrogate

Please find attached a timetable of events for Mind in Harrogate.

I hope you have a lovely weekend. Enjoy the 'Great Yorkshire Christmas Fair' if you venture down to the Showground (3 – 6th December), you never know, you might see me there!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Penhale', enclosed in a light pink rectangular box.

Corrine Penhale
Headteacher