

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Welcome back as we start the new school year, I hope you have all had a lovely summer. Welcome also to our new staff members and all of our new families and children. Lots of new and exciting initiatives have been planned for this year and we are all looking forward to sharing along the way. I would also like to inform you of a name change for our Music Teacher whose name is now Miss John.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM** Pupils have arrived ready for the new school year looking very smart in their shirt and ties. For our full school uniform list please see our website:

[www.rossmore.cheshire.sch.uk/page/school-uniform-/35905](http://www.rossmore.cheshire.sch.uk/page/school-uniform-/35905)

**SCHOOL TIES** If you require a spare tie for your child they can be ordered online through 'Stitch Design', purchased from The Uniform Shop, Ellesmere Port or we do have a small stock of ties available to purchase from the school office, prices as follows:

- Elasticated £2.30
- Standard £2.45
- Clip on £3.50

**SCHOOL PHOTOS** Academy photography will be in school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 to take school photos. Family photos will be taken in the school hall from 8:15am with pupil's individual photos being taken throughout the day. Please ensure your child arrives to school in the correct school uniform.



**ATTENDANCE** If your child is off poorly or absent for any reason then you must call and leave a message on the absence line before 9am. From next week we will be publishing class attendance in our weekly newsletter in line with our newly introduced attendance league (ask your children all about it).

**HEADBUMPS** If your child bumps their head/face during the school day we will send you a text informing you stating how it happened and what first aid was carried out. This is not to alarm you but more as a courtesy message so that you can continue to monitor your child at home and seek medical advice if required.

**TERM TIME HOLIDAYS** If you wish to take your child on holiday during term time then please note: Cheshire West and Chester Council issue Fixed Penalty Notices. You must complete a holiday request form (available from the school office) which we will then review. Holidays are only granted if the circumstances of the requested leave are 'exceptional'. If they are not deemed as 'exceptional', and you still choose to take a holiday with your child during this period (meaning the absence is classed as unauthorised), the Local Authority will be informed. A Fixed Penalty Notice will then be issued in accordance with section 444 of the Education Act 1996. **The law stipulates that the current penalties payable by parents are £60 when the penalty is paid within 21 days and £120 when the penalty is paid within 28 days. This penalty is per parent/carer per child.** If the fixed penalty is not paid this could lead to you being prosecuted in the Magistrates' Court. For further information please visit [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk) and search 'FPN' or email [FPNPayments@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:FPNPayments@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk) or telephone 01244 976 175 (Payment and Parent Enquiry Line).

**PACKTYPES** As part of our 'Pack types' initiative the children have been invited to add accessories to their school uniform every Friday this half term depending on the pack type being practised. Each week the newsletter will give you some ideas.

**Week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September it is:  
'Hound Week'**

Bringing out the creative/imaginative learning styles

Examples of accessories include: headgear (boppers/headband) **NO COLOURED HARSRAY**, badges, odd/novelty socks, wristbands, scarves, leg warmers etc. Please note full school uniform is still to be worn on these days.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS** Letters have been issued today to inform you all of the clubs that our teachers and teaching assistants will be running for the autumn term. Please note that reception class will be invited to join clubs in the New Year.

**MEDICATION** If your child requires medication during school hours please hand this in to the school office and complete a medication form. If your child is asthmatic please ensure we have up-to-date inhalers.

**SCHOOL BUS** This year we have two school mini buses in use for our AM and PM bus routes. If your child does not require the bus due to illness etc. please text the bus on 07806787332 AND 07806789461 as we have two numbers. Our bus service is very busy this year so please ensure that your child is waiting ready for the bus at their allocated pick up point to avoid delays in collecting other children. If you would like to be added to our waiting list please let the office know. The cost for the school bus service is:



- 1 child: 60p each way (£1.20 per day)
- 2 children: 85p each way (£1.70 per day)
- 3 children: £1.10 each way (£2.20 per day)

Please note: payment must be received on a Monday for the week ahead; if you fall behind with payments you may lose your child's place on the bus.

**CONTACT INFORMATION** If you have changed your phone number or address over the summer holidays, please inform the school office ASAP. It is very important that we have correct contact numbers in case of an emergency.

**LOST PROPERTY** Please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked on items such as coats, jumpers and cardigans. If your child loses an item then please search the lost property bin in the school hall.

**SWIMMING** Swimming lessons have begun for Years 6, 3 & 4 at the Ellesmere Port Sports Village.

**Year 4** will have swimming lessons for the entire academic year. This will be each Friday afternoon during Autumn term (please note that there will be no charge to parents as this is offered to all pupils as they enter into Year 4).

**Year 6** will be swimming on a Wednesday morning

**Year 3** will be swimming on a Friday afternoon.

**The cost to parents of children in Year 3 and 6 is £1 per week/£15 (for 15 weeks)** to cover transport costs, and this should be put in a clearly marked envelope and handed either to the class teacher or in at the school office. Please note that girls are to wear full piece swimming costumes and boys are to wear swimming trunks (shorts are not permitted). If your child needs to wear swimming goggles, please can you write a short note to this effect and hand to the class teacher or into the school office.



**CLASS TRIPS** Year 3 will be visiting Clonter Theatre on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September and Year 6 will be visiting The Boat Museum on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Please return permission slips by Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

**PTA** Our wonderful PTA have their first meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 9am (meet at school office). They would love to welcome new members so if you would like to join then please come along!

**CAMHS** The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) has launched a new out-of-hours advice line for people living in the Cheshire and Wirral area. The advice line is open to everyone (children, young people, relatives, teachers, other professionals) and allows people to talk to a mental health professional if they are concerned or would like advice about a child or young person's mental health. The advice line runs from 5-10pm (Mon-Fri) and 12-8pm (Sat&Sun). Advice Line Number is 01244 397644.

~ **DIARY DATES** ~

<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Academy photography
<b>Thu 20<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Year 3 Clonter Theatre trip
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Year 6 Boat Museum trip
<b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Starlight clothing collection- please send donations in bin bags
<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Year 1 class assembly 9:15am- Parents and Grandparents welcome!
<b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Break up for October half term
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	INSET DAY
<b>Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	School re-opens for pupils

*Best Wishes*