## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Date: 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022



Dear Parents/Carers

**SCHOOL CLOSING FOR HALF TERM** We close for Half term today and re-open on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at normal school hours.

**COVID UPDATE** There have been no further updates since last week. We continue to request that parents be vigilant for any symptoms of Covid and to test accordingly.

For the latest guidance on Covid please see here: https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Guidance on how to book appointments for children aged 12 years and over is available on the NHS website. Further information on the vaccination of high risk children aged 5 to 11 years old is available in the guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years published by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA).

**STAFFING CHANGES** After the half term break we will be welcoming Mr Billinge to Rossmore School as he will be teaching in Year 5. I'm sure you will join with me in giving him a warm welcome to our school. Another change is that Miss Smith will now be working in our Year I group.

## THE WEEK WE RETURN

- Year I residential trip to Delamere on Tuesday Ist March for one night.
- Year 2 residential trip to Delamere on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March for two nights.
- There will be NO swimming or forest school the first week back after half term.
- Its World book day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. It would be lovely if the children dress up as a character from a book for this day and bring in their favourite book to share. No need to buy any new costumes, please be inventive with items from home or plain coloured tshirts.



**FREE SCHOOL MEALS** If your child is eligible for free school meals, you should have received an E-voucher worth £35. This is to be spent on food or lunch items for your child at your chosen supermarket. If you feel your circumstances may have changed and this would be beneficial for your family, please contact the Free School Meals team at Cheshire West and Chester Council on 0300 123 7039.

**ALLERGIES AND INTOLERANCES** Please can you update us on any allergies your children may have or any intolerances that you feel we should be aware of. We do a lot of different activities in school and sometimes this may include food tasting. You can do this by logging onto your School Grid.

**CAKE SALE** Thank you to all students and parents for supporting our cake sale earlier on this week. We will update you with the total money raised after half term.

PTA In order for future events to go ahead we need more parents to join our PTA to help with the



planning and organising stages. Upcoming events include; discos, bingo and the summer fair. Through fundraising the PTA have been able to purchase items including; games for wet playtimes, magazine subscriptions and books for our school library, table tennis tables, outdoor play equipment and computing equipment. Without this valuable fundraising we simply wouldn't be able to afford these items which benefit children now and for years to come. If you would like to join our PTA, or are even able to help out every now and then, please inform the school office.

**BABY R CLUB** With the first Monday back being an inset day we will start our early life club again on Monday 7th March. The club is held on a Monday morning straight after drop off and runs until 10am. There are free refreshment and the club offers sessions such as baby massage. It is open to Rossmore friends but also other parents who are from the Ellesmere Port area. If you've recently had a baby please feel free to come along! Please see Miss Macey for further information.

**GARDENING CLUB** It's nearly that time of year again so keep your ears sprouting ready for an announcement about our new community stay and garden club in the new half term.

**ATTENDANCE** And the results from this week's attendance matches are in!! With 2 of the big 3 losing their games this week, the league really is anyone's to play for! Here are the results:

Hutchinson's Hedgehogs 0 V 2 Edward's Elephant Mayhew's Mice 1 V 0 White's Wasps Bouckley's Bears 2 V 0 Evans' Eagles

Congratulations to our new winners Reception! With both Cheshire Phoenix and Chester FC having home games this week there were two prizes on offer! Well done everyone! Don't forget you get 1 goal for having more than 95%, 2 goals for more than 97% and 3 goals for 100% plus the winning team get an extra goal!

Next week's games are:

White's Wasps vs Sixsmith Snow Leopard Edward's Elephants vs Bouckley's Bears Evans' Eagles vs Mayhew's Mice Good luck everyone!

**HALF TERM EVENTS** As part of our Arts Council England-funded "Crimes and Capers" festival, we are holding events over the Half Term. All the events are free and bookable on <u>www.ticketsource.co.uk/cwaclibraries</u>

- <u>Emma Beswetherick</u>: will lead a workshop on her very own Playdate Adventures series which follow the adventures of three best friends and their cat Thunder on a playdate, where the magic of their imaginations make their pretend adventure come to life. Tuesday 22 February 2.30pm Online, Ages 5 +
- <u>Capers Story Hunt</u>: Get ready for a virtual entertainment experience like no other as scavenger hunting and storytelling collide in a jam-packed session which is fun for all the family. Let your little one's imaginations run wild as they join storyteller John Kirk for a comical capering adventure, sharing a classic folk tale on the way. Thursday 24 February 2pm online. Ages 3+
- <u>Dommy B's Best Adventure Ever</u>: When Dom and his Mum move home, Dom has to go to a new school. Leaving behind friends and familiarity, he arrives ready to share his exciting rhymes about meeting a magical goblin and what happened at the lake when he attempted the greatest bike stunt in the world. How far will Dom go to gain acceptance from the coolest kids in this new school? Creating a whole fantastical world on stage with only his words and imagination, CBeebies *Rhyme Rocket* poet Dommy B explores the challenges and triumphs of making new friends when everything around you is different and strange. Monday 21 February 2.30pm Ellesmere Port Library. Ages 5+

Year group	Trip	Dates	Cost	Payment deadline
	Delamere	I <sup>st</sup> March 2022 (Inight)	£35	28.02.22
2	Delamere	2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2022 (2nights)	£70	28.02.22
4	ICA- Condover Hall	27 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 (2nights)	£100	Deposit: £25 due 31.12.21 Final balance: £75 due by 31.03.22
5&6	London	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 (3 nights)	£250	Deposit: £50 due 31.12.21 Payment 1: £50 due 31.01.22 Payment 2: £50 due 28.02.22 Payment 3: £50 due 31.03.22 Payment 4: £50 due 30.04.22

**RESIDENTIAL TRIPS** Please ensure you are on track with your payment plans for these trips. All monies are payable on School Spider. Here is a reminder of all upcoming residential trips:

**SPRING TERM ROTAS** The rotas have changed for next half term; please check through thoroughly and make a note of your child's class rota.

Activity/ Day	PE	FOREST SCHOOL	SWIMMING
Monday	Year 3 Reception		Year 6
Tuesday	Year 5 Year 4		
Wednesday	Year 3 Year 6 Year 2		Year I
Thursday	Year 4	Year 2	
Friday	Year 5 Year I		

**LGBT+ HISTORY MONTH** This month we celebrate people from the LGBT+ community who have had a major impact on the world as we know it. This week we celebrate Alan L. Hart.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS** There will be no after school clubs the first week back after half term; they will resume from week commencing Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Please note: Multi-skills/Games club with Mr Hutchinson on Wednesday after school has now finished.

	2022 DIARY DATES				
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	INSET DAY				
Tue I <sup>st</sup> Mar	Pupils return to school				
	Year I- Delamere (I night)				
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Year 2- Delamere (2 nights)				
Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	World Book Day- Children dress up as favourite character				
Thursday 17th Mar	Dance festival 17.03.22				
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 5 trip to Safety Central				
Thu 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Year 6 trip to Safety Central				
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr	SEND drop in (AM)				
	Break up for Spring break				
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Year 4- JCA (2 nights)				
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5&6- London (3 nights)				
Full term dates for this academic year can be found here on our website:					
	http://www.rossmore.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/2547522				

Best wishes,

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