WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Date: 09th September 2022



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new school year. It's so lovely to see all the children looking so smart and keen to be back.



It is only fitting that we start this week's newsletter to express our sadness on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II We join with the nation in grieving her passing but also celebrating her long life and the extraordinary service she gave to her country over the past 70 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this incredibly sad time.

The children from year I to year 6 watched a brief video summarising the Queen's life and we held an assembly to celebrate the queens life, followed by a one minute silence this mourning.

The children were very respectful being very caring and compassionate too.

MEET THE TEACHER Our meet the teacher evenings give you the opportunity to come and meet your child's teacher and find out what is expected of them in their new year group, any homework expectations and also gives you the chance to ask the teacher any questions. Please see diary dates below. If you cannot attend, please do not worry your child's teacher will give handouts.

Just a few reminders:

- TERM TIME HOLIDAYS If you wish to take your child on holiday during term time then please note: Cheshire West and Chester Council will issue a Fixed Penalty Notice. 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.
- **ABSENCE** If your child is off poorly or absent for any reason then you must inform the school office before 9am. If your child is off for longer than one day, please leave a message daily. Please leave a message on the pupil absence line (option I).
- **MEDICATION** If your child requires medication during school hours, please hand this in to the school office and complete a medication form. We will not administer any prescribed medication without the correct box and information. If your child is asthmatic, please ensure we have up-to-date inhalers.
- **HEADBUMPS** If your child bumps their head/face during the school day we will send you a text to inform 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.
- **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 at the end of the day.

AFTER SCHOOL COLLECTION If you have someone new collecting your child from school or your child is going home with another parent you **MUST** inform the school office before 2pm. Teachers will challenge new faces on the play ground (please do not be offended, we are just doing our best to protect everyone's children). The best

way to inform school is by email <u>admin2@rossmore.cheshire.sch.uk</u> alternativley you can contact the school via telephone 0151 329 3688.

YEAR 5&6 WALKING HOME If your child is going to start walking home from school please put into writing with the school office so we can update our records. Please ensure you have signed this with your signiture, print your name and date it correctly for our records.

CHESTER ZOO Are holding a free family event on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th Sept. This event is called the wildlife connections festival. Please use the link for more information. https://www.chesterzoo.org/events/wildlife-connections-festival-2

SCHOOL PHOTOS Academy photography will be in school on <u>Thursday 15th September 2022</u> 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.

SCHOOL BUS If your child uses our school bus service, please save the following mobile phone numbers in case you need to contact the bus chaperone e.g. if your child is going to be off school poorly and does not need the bus etc. Please can you give extra time for the first few weeks of pickups and drops offs so we can ensure our bus route is efficient. If we find that the route needs tweaking, we endeavour to inform parents of any bus time changes as soon as possible **please text both numbers**.

BUS I= 07806 787 332

BUS 2= 07806 789 461



CHESTER

SWIMMING Swimming has started again this week for Years 2&3 at the Ellesmere Port Sports Village. The cost to parents of children in Year 2 and 3 is £1 per week (£13 for 13 weeks) to cover transport costs, and this should be paid via School Spider. 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. We will inform each year group when it is there turn to swim.

ROALD DAHL DAY Join the Grosvenor Museum for an after-school party to celebrate Roald Dahl Day on 13 September! Hunt for Roald Dahl characters around the museum, make a Matilda bookmark, decorate your own Charlie and the Chocolate Factory biscuits, and enjoy a feast fit for a giant. There'll be games, prizes, a party tea, themed activities, and a chance to see our newest exhibition, 'The BFG in Pictures', featuring unseen illustrations from Roald Dahl's novel. Fancy dress very much encouraged!

The event is completely free, and families can drop in whenever they like. To book spaces, please call or email the Grosvenor Museum ASAP. Please see attached leaflet.

RECEPTION PE Children can wear suitable footwear on the Wednesday e.g. pumps/trainers with their school uniform. Children are expected to be in full PE kit on the Thursdays.

SOUTH WIRRAL HIGH SCHOOL Are pleased to invite families of year 5& 6 to an **Open Evening** on **Wednesday 28th September** from 6pm. Please see leaflet attached.

THE ELLESMERE PORT C of E COLLEGE Will be holding an open evening on Tuesday 27th September 6pm until 8pm for years 5&6. Please see leaflets attached.

PARENTS EVENING This year will be held week commencing the 7th Nov, we will release dates closer to the time, please keep your eyes peeled.

GENERATION R BABY CLUB If you are also due to have a baby soon, please feel free to come along. 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. Please see Miss Macey for further information. The baby club will re-start Monday 12th September.

2022/2023 DIARY DATES

Thurs 15th Sep

Mon 19th Sept

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Whole school photographs
Year 2 meet the teacher 5pm
Reception meet the teacher 5;30pm

Tue 20th Sept
Year I meet teacher 5pm
Year 5 meet the teacher 5pm
Year 6 meet the teacher 5pm
Wed I2th Oct
Year 3 residential trip to Arete
Year 6 residential to High adventure

Thurs 1st Dec Christmas Fair

Year 3 meet the teacher to be confirmed

Full term dates for this academic year can be found here on our website:

http://www.rossmore.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/2547522

ROSSMORE SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2022-AUGUST 2023HOLIDAY DATES

Holiday Period	Date of Closing	Date of Re-Opening
Autumn Term 2022		INSET DAY: Friday 2 nd September 2022 INSET DAY: Monday 5 th September 2022 Tuesday 6 th September 2022
Autumn Half Term 2022	Friday 21st October 2022	Monday 31 st October 2022
Christmas Holidays 2022/2023	Friday 16 th December 2022	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023
Spring Half Term 2023	Friday 17 th February 2023	INSET DAY: Monday 27 th February 2023 Tuesday 28 th February 2023
Spring Break 2023	Friday 31 st March 2023	Tuesday I I th April 2023
May Day Bank Holiday 2023 Monday I st May 2023	Friday 28 th April 2023	Tuesday 2 nd May 2023
Summer Half Term 2023	Friday 26 th May 2023	Monday 12 th June 2023
Summer Holidays 2023	Friday 21 st July 2023 INSET DAY: Monday 24th July 2023 INSET DAY: Tuesday 25 th July 2023	

Mrs S Davis-McCoy

Head Teacher