

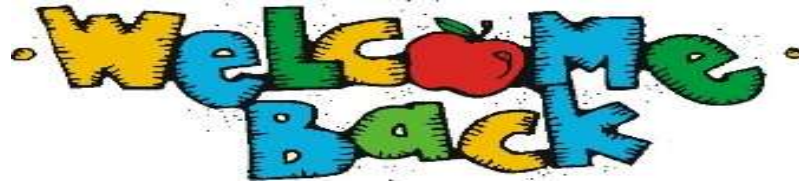
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Date: 8th September 2023



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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.

Here are a few back to school reminders:

- **TERM TIME HOLIDAYS** If you wish to take your child on holiday during term time then please note: a Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued. 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 may 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 and search 'FPN' or email FPNPayments@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk or telephone 01244 976 175 (Payment and Parent Enquiry Line).
- **ABSENCE** If your child is off poorly or absent for any reason then you must inform the school office before 9am. Please leave a message on the pupil absence line.
- **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.
- **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 of 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. We will empty our lost property every month into the clothing bin we have on the carpark.
- **SCHOOL UNIFORM**
 - White shirt and tie (red & white striped)
 - Red sweatshirt/ jumper/cardigan (can be V-neck or round neck)
 - Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore
 - Black sensible shoes

All hair longer than shoulder length MUST be tied up, this applies to both girls and boys.

Reminder: the normal school day is as follows:

- Gates open: 8:45 am
- Gates close: 8:55 am
- Infant Home Time: 3:15 pm
- Junior Home Time: 3:20 pm

Activity/ Day	PE Morning	PE Afternoon	FOREST SCHOOL
Monday		Reception	
Tuesday	Year 6	Year 1 Year 3	
Wednesday		Year 4 Year 5	Year 1
Thursday	Year 3	Reception	

	Year 2	Year 1	
Friday	Year 4	Year 2	
	Year 5	Year 6	

● **PE-** Children are to come to school on their allocated PE days in their normal PE kit (white t-shirt, black shorts, plain black pumps/trainers). From September children will be expected to wear the correct PE kit not football kits etc. However, we

recommend that children wear black tracksuit/jogging bottoms and top in case of poor weather and to keep warm in the classroom. Children must also come to school wearing a coat.

● **Forest School-** Children will need to come to school on the relevant day wearing clothes and shoes appropriate for outdoor activities and that you don't mind getting muddy! Children will either walk or be transported by minibus to and from the Scout hut so all pupils will be collected from Rossmore School at their class's usual home time (see timetable above).

CHESTER FOLK FESTIVAL Chester Folk Festival will be running a series of free music workshops, once month for two hours on a Sunday afternoon between October and May. The aim is that the students will perform the music they learn in a concert at the Chester Folk Festival. The workshops will be led by Clare 'Fluff' Smith, a very experienced teacher, a great motivator and a superb musician, assisted by some young, experienced musicians. Details of how to apply will be out in the next few weeks, keep your eyes peeled.

REFRESH FAIR On Tuesday 12th September we will be holding our first ever 'refresh fair'. This is an information style event where local clubs and businesses will have a stand which you can approach to ask questions or gather information. There will also be a teacher meet and greet in the afternoon session. There will be 2 session on the day. The AM sessions will be 8:45-9:45 and the PM session will be 3:15-4:15. Please see the below timetable for who will be at each session.

	Tuesday AM	Tuesday PM
Citizens Advice	Yes	No
For housing	No	Yes
West Cheshire Foodbank	Maybe	Maybe
Edsential	Yes	Yes
Community Safety Team	Maybe	Maybe
Port Grocery	Maybe	Maybe
Cheshire Young Carers	Yes	Yes
Winstons Wish	Leaflets	Leaflets
Gendered Intelligence	Leaflets	Leaflets
PSCO Nicky	Yes	No
The Uniform Shop	Maybe	Maybe
Costco	Maybe	Maybe
Benefit Advice Marie-Louise	Yes	Yes
Koala	No	Yes
FFT baby club	Yes	Yes
Porto Theatre	Leaflets	Leaflets
My happy mind	Leaflets	Leaflets
Mermaid	Leaflets	Leaflets
MHST	Yes	Yes
Rob Scouts	Yes	Yes
Library	Yes	No
Teachers	No	Yes

MY HAPPY MIND We are excited to be introducing a new mental health programme to our curriculum called My Happy Mind. The children will learn about how their brains works whilst also learning strategies to help manage their emotions. With the package comes parent access on which you can find lots of useful information and tools. Please see the attached letter for more details.

DONATIONS Mrs Sheen would like to know if any parents have swimming noodles they no longer need and would like to donate for an up coming art event. If so, you can drop off with the school office who will pass them across.

Clubs will start from Monday 18th September, except for Mad science which is Monday 11th September and Cricket which is Friday 15th September

Day	Club	Year Group	Person in Charge	Places available
Monday	Mad Science Club	Mixed	Led by Mad science	FULL Starts Monday 11th September
	Building and Construction	KS1	Mrs Edwards	FULL Starts Monday 18th September
	Sports crew	Y5 & 6	Mr Podmore	Invite Only Starts Monday 18th September
Tuesday	Netball	Y4, 5 & 6	Mrs Whittaker	FEW SPACES LEFT Starts Tuesday 19th September
	Parliament	Key stage 2	Mrs Booth	Invite only Starts Tuesday 19th September
	Boccia and New Age Curling	Y3 & 4	Mrs Bouckley	Survey still live Starts Tuesday 19th September
Wednesday	Choir	Key stage 2 – INVITE ONLY	Mr Billinge	Current choir participants only Starts Wednesday 20th September
Thursday	Art	KS1	Mrs Sheen	FULL Starts Thursday 21st September
Friday	Cricket	Ks2	Led by Cricket	FULL Starts Friday 15th September

KEY DATES

Mon 11th Sept	Mad science after school club starts
Mon 11th Sept	The Roadshow – whole school assembly
Tue 12th Sept	Information fair – AM and PM
Mon 18th Sept	Cheshire Phoenix Basketball assembly KS2
Tue 26th Sept	Harvest festival
Tue 3rd Oct	See us learn 2pm parents invited
Thur 5th Oct	See us learn 2pm parents invited
Fri 6th Oct	School photographs
Tue 10th Oct	World Mental Health Day
Fri 20th Oct	Close for half term
Tue 7th Nov	Parents evening until 5:30pm
Thur 9th Nov	Parents evening until 7pm
Fri 10th Nov	Own clothes day in exchange for a bottle
Mon 13th Nov	Odd sock day for anti-bullying
Fri 17th Nov	Own clothes day in exchange for chocolates
Wed 29th Nov	Winter Wonderland Extravaganza
Wed 6th Dec	Christmas dinner day with parents
Thur 7th Dec	Christmas dinner day in school
Thur 7th Dec	Christmas jumper day
Fri 8th Dec	Own clothes day in exchange for selection boxes
Wed 13th Dec	Rock steady concert
Mon 18th Dec	Bingo night starts at 6pm
Tue 19th Dec	Break up for Christmas holiday

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

ROSSMORE SCHOOL
Holiday Dates
September 2023 to August 2024

Holiday Period	Date of Closing	Date of Re-Opening
Autumn Term 2023		INSET DAY: Monday 4th September 2023 Tuesday 5 th September 2023
Autumn Half Term 2023	Friday 20 th October 2023	INSET DAY: Monday 30TH October 2023 Tuesday 31 st October 2023
Christmas Holidays 2023/2024	Tuesday 19 th December 2023	Thursday 4 th January 2024
Spring Half Term 2024	Friday 16 th February 2024	Monday 26 th February 2024
Spring Break 2024	Thursday 28 th March 2024	Monday 8 th April 2024
May Day Bank Holiday 2024 Monday 6th May 2024	Friday 3 rd May 2024	Tuesday 7 th May 2024
Summer Half Term 2024	Friday 24 th May 2024	Monday 10 th June 2024
Summer Holidays 2024	Friday 19 th July 2024 INSET DAY: Monday 22nd July 2024 INSET DAY: Tuesday 23rd July 2024 INSET DAY: Wednesday 24th July 2024	

Many Thanks



Mrs B Bouckley
Deputy Head / Acting Head Teacher