

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021



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Dear Parents

**COVID UPDATE** On Saturday 27 November, the Prime Minister announced new temporary measures following the emergence of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in the UK. The new measures have been introduced as a precaution to slow down the spread of the variant whilst more information is gathered. We are asking all parents and carers to wear a face covering during drop off/pick up and whilst in the school building. We will continue to keep this under review as the situation develops.

**CHRISTMAS MARKET** Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Market; we were overwhelmed with the support from parents, grandparents and friends of Rossmore. A very special thank you to a parent of Rossmore, Michelle Meaney, for all her individual input towards organising the fair; we really appreciate all your efforts! Thank you also to our PTA for helping on the day and to the wonderful parents who volunteered on a stall at the fair; your help is greatly appreciated!



**We raised a grand total of £1140.41** for school funds which is an amazing amount given the last minute change to an outdoor event.

As so many of you preferred this outdoor setting, next year we hope to make the Christmas Market bigger and better. In order for this to take place we really need to grow our PTA and would love more parents to join! Please get in touch with Miss Dunn at the school office to express your interest.

**RAFFLE** Thank you to all who donated a raffle prize, we are always so thankful for the generosity of our parents and local companies. Congratulations to all the raffle prize winners (texts have been sent). Prizes have been given to pupils to bring home.

### CHRISTMAS PLAYS

**KEY STAGE 1:** If you are yet to give permission for your child to be filmed in the Key Stage 1 play then please do so via School Spider by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Unfortunately, if we don't get your consent then your child will not be able to take part in the performance which will be filmed on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

**KEY STAGE 2:** Junior pupils will be performing in 'Cinderella Rockerfella' at The Ellesmere Port Church of England College. Tickets will cost £1 and are to be paid for via School Spider by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. **Tickets are strictly limited to 2 per family** due to social distancing of seats.

Date	Time	Year Group	Play	Venue
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	6:30pm	Key Stage 2	Cinderella Rockerfella	The Ellesmere Port Church of England College

We will have a raffle at the Key Stage 2 performance (£1 a strip); once you are seated a member of staff will come round selling tickets so please bring correct change if you would like to purchase any tickets.

**REHEARSAL** All pupils in Key Stage 2 will be going to The Ellesmere Port Church of England College on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December to rehearse for their upcoming winter performance. Children will be transported to TEPCEC either by minibus or staff cars, leaving school between 11:45am-12:45pm, therefore KS2 pupils will only be able to have a packed lunch or picnic bag this day, no hot dinners will be available.

We are requesting that as many children as possible get picked up from TEPCEC (main entrance at the front) at 3pm. This will give you chance to then drive to Rossmore to collect any siblings in KS1 at 3:15pm. If your child gets the school bus home or is in Tiny Tots, then we will bring them back to Rossmore. If your child is taking part in the pupil vs parent netball match at Rossmore, we will also bring them back to school.

Please complete the permission form on School Spider to confirm home time & lunch arrangements. This must be completed by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December or we will assume you are collecting from TEPCEC.

**IMPORTANT UPDATE:** We have been advised by TEPCEC that all parents **MUST** wear a face covering whilst watching the performance, unless exempt. All parents are also advised that you must take a Lateral Flow Test 24hrs before the performance and can only attend with a negative result. We trust that parents will follow this guidance in order for the performance to take place and to keep our school community as safe as possible.

**MEDICATION** If your child requires medication during the school day the medicine must come in to school in the original packaging with the prescription label clearly stating their name and the correct dosage. Without this we are unable to administer medication to your child.

**NEXT WEEK**

Date	Class	Event
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 2	Rehearsal at TEPCEC. Info above.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1	Christmas Dinner and Jumper day
	N/A	SEND drop in with Mrs Bouckley
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 2	Christmas Dinner and Jumper day

**CHRISTMAS DINNER** Reminder: pupils will be able to enjoy a Christmas dining experience with their classmates on the following days:



	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>School Hall</b> *Christmas dinner or packed lunch or sandwich option*	Reception, Year 1 & 2	Years 3,4,5&6
<b>Classroom</b> *packed lunch or sandwich option only*	Years 3,4,5&6	Reception, Year 1 & 2

To get in to the festive spirit we are inviting children to wear a Christmas jumper, along with their normal uniform or PE kit (depending on the timetable), on the following days:

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December= Reception, Year 1 & 2

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December= Years 3,4,5&6

On the day they are **eating in the school hall**; children will be able to either order a Christmas dinner (vegetarian option available) OR a sandwich option from the school kitchen. Pupils may also bring in a packed lunch from home if they prefer. The school hall will be festively decorated and music will be playing to give the children a merry dining experience.

On the day that children are **eating in their classroom** they will only be able to order a sandwich option from the school kitchen OR bring a packed lunch from home. No hot dinners are available to eat in classrooms.

**ATTENDANCE** The results from this week's attendance matches are in!! We still need a real push on attendance for some of the classes but here are the results:

- Whittaker's Wolves 3 V Edward's Elephants 0
- Sixsmith's Snow Leopards 1 V Bouckley's Bear 0
- White's Wasps 3 V Hutchinson's Hedgehogs 0

Congratulations to year 4 for getting their crown back as overall winners this week. Chester FC and Cheshire Phoenix both have home games this weekend so 2 lucky pupils won a prize this week!

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:

- Sixsmith's Snow Leopards vs Mayhew's Mice
- Whittaker's Wolves vs Hutchinson's Hedgehogs
- White's Wasps vs Bouckley's Bears

Good luck everyone!

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE** This week all pupils who had 100% attendance for our first half term were given a letter which gives them the chance to select a non-uniform day of their choice before the Christmas break. Miss Macey was kept very busy giving out the letters as 44% of our whole school had 100% attendance which is absolutely fantastic! We look forward to that number rising for next half term!

**FREE BREAKFAST SCHEME** The first week of our free breakfast scheme has been a great success and we are excited to continue with this offer. Miss Macey will again be standing outside of the main gate with her bagel tray before the gates open so please come and help yourself! Please bear with us as we are still trailing this scheme as, to try and prevent waste, we may run out of bagels in the first few weeks. Once we are able to gauge the uptake we will adjust the numbers accordingly. Happy eating!

**RESIDENTIAL TRIPS** Deposits are due by the end of December for:

- Year 4: JCA
- Year 5&6: London

Payment is to be made through School Spider and you have the option to pay in instalments so that you can spread the cost.

Year group	Trip	Dates	Cost	Payment deadline
1	Delamere	22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2022 (1 night)	£35	28.02.22
2	Delamere	23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2022 (2 nights)	£70	28.02.22
4	JCA- Condoover Hall	27 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 (2 nights)	£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

Please note: some pupils are exempt from paying, please enquire at the school office if you are unsure.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS** Clubs have now finished for this term. New clubs will be announced in the New Year.

**CHOIR** The last choir club of the year is Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. This club will return in the new Year in order for pupils to practice the songs for the Young Voices concert in February as there are so many songs to learn. We encourage pupils to practice the songs at home; please click on the Spotify link below to listen to the music at home!

<https://open.spotify.com/album/6mxDoPCwCAftiUMy7okL8?si=315imEI9QMW91vRmg3kZ-Q>

Day	Club	Year Group	Person in Charge
Wednesday	Choir	Invite only	Miss Evans

### 2021/2022 DIARY DATES

**Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** Key Stage 2- rehearsal at TEPCEC. Info has been sent to parents  
**Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** SEND drop in AM  
 Christmas Dinner & Jumper day- Key Stage 1 & Reception  
**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** Christmas Dinner & Jumper day- Key Stage 2  
**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** 6:30pm Key Stage 2 Winter Production at TEPCEC  
**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** Break up for Christmas Holidays at 1:30pm

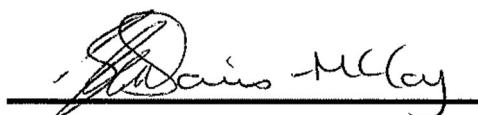
### RESIDENTIAL TRIPS 2022

**Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar** Year 1- Delamere (1 night)  
**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar** Year 2- Delamere (2 nights)  
**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, and next, academic year can be found here on our website:

[http://www.rossmore.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\\_file/2547522](http://www.rossmore.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/2547522)

Best wishes,



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