

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

We break up today for the Christmas Holidays returning on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

COVID UPDATE Reminder: all parents and carers are to wear a face covering during drop off/pick up and whilst in the school building. We will continue to keep this under review and keep you updated with any changes.

As we close for the Christmas break I need to inform you of the possibility for the need to return to 'bubble's. Obviously this will depend very much on how the virus develops and also advice from the Government. If this were to happen we will revert back to exactly how things were including staggered start/end times, no school bus service, staggered play and lunch times and no mixing of classes.

Please note; this is not being put in place, it is just a heads up in case of developments over the Christmas period, giving you time to organise arrangements if the need arises. I will keep you updated if there are any changes but otherwise we will continue as we are now.

WINTER PRODUCTIONS

KS1 Our infant pupils performed brilliantly on Tuesday! They have all worked really hard to learn their lines and put on a great performance. As, sadly, parents weren't able to come in and watch, we have recorded the performances which have been shared via email. Please be reminded that you do not have permission to share this video, nor can any screenshots be taken and shared, due to GDPR.

KS2 Thank you to all parents who came to TEPCEC to watch the children perform in 'Cinderella Rockerfella' on Wednesday night and congratulations to the raffle prize winners; we raised £192 for school funds which is fantastic! We appreciate you following the increased Covid guidelines set out by TEPCEC to ensure we could go ahead with the show. A massive well done to all our pupils who have worked so hard rehearsing for the play and a huge thank you to all staff. It really was so lovely to watch the children perform once again!

SPRING TERM ROTAS Please check table below as changes have been made for next term.

Activity/ Day	PE	FOREST SCHOOL	SWIMMING
Monday	Year 3 Year 4		Year 1
Tuesday	Year 2 Year 5		
Wednesday	Rec Year 2		Year 6
Thursday	Year 6 Year 3		
Friday	Year 4 Year 1	Year 5	

● **SWIMMING**- Swimming lessons begin w/c Monday 10th January 2022. The cost to parents of children in Year 1 (10 weeks) and Year 6 (11 weeks) is £1 per week 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 or into the school office. All long hair to be tied back. Children to come to school wearing normal school uniform with their swimming kit + towel in a bag.

● **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). 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 normal home time.

INTERNET SAFETY We have emailed parents and carers information on Internet Safety which comes from the Safer Schools & Young People Partnership. The documents contain information on the following topics:

- Smart devices
- Gaming
- Privacy settings

May we take this opportunity to remind parents of the legal age to use various Apps by visiting this website: www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking/ . If you allow your child to use apps underage, then we urge you to be vigilant and check their devices regularly as we are often dealing with inappropriate use in school which leads to a lot of upset.

DINNER MONEY If you have dinner money owing on your child's School Grid account this **MUST** be paid over the Christmas holidays before we return to school in January. If your debt is not cleared you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child.

BUS MONEY Emails have been sent to parents who owe bus money; all debts must be paid before we return in January. We have a waiting list for this service so spaces will be offered out if debts are not cleared.

YOUNG VOICES Unfortunately the organisers of Young Voices have made the decision to postpone the concert originally due to take place in February 2022. They are hoping to re-arrange the concert for later in the school year so we will keep you updated when we hear more. If you have ordered tickets, these will remain reserved for you and we will take payment nearer the time.



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE On the whole, school attendance has remained above 95% so far this year however our school target is 97%. Some families work really hard to ensure their child attends school on every possible occasion however we need a real push to achieve our school target. In the new year Miss Macey will be inviting some families into school to discuss how the school can support you to improve your child's attendance. A letter will also be sent to some families to make them aware of the process moving forward. Thank you for the hard work of all those families who try their very best to get their child to school every day and thank you for the support you show the school in helping us to praise those children whose attendance is outstanding!



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE The results from this week's attendance matches are in!! Some absolutely fantastic attendance results with 1 class having 100%!! We still need a real push on attendance for some of the classes but here are the results:

Hutchinson's Hedgehogs 0 V Edward's Elephants 2
Mayhew's Mice 0 V White's Wasps 2
Bouckley's Bears 1 Whittaker's Wolves 3

Congratulations to Year 1 for regaining their crown! With 100% attendance they could not be beaten this week! Both Chester FC and Cheshire Phoenix have home games over Christmas so each winning child will receive the season tickets to enjoy their games.

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!

When we return in January the games are:

White's Wasps vs Sixsmith's Snow Leopards
Edward's Elephants vs Bouckley's Bears
Whittakers Wolves vs Mayhews Mice

GENERATION R BABY CLUB What a fantastic start it's been to our new 'Generation R' baby club. We enjoyed a lovely little Christmas themed stay and play last Monday and the club has now finished for Christmas. The club will start back up again on the first Monday back (Monday 10th January 2022) and the baby massage sessions will begin straight away. We look forward to seeing you.



The club is held on a Monday morning straight after drop off and runs until 10am. It is open to Rossmore Parents and also to friends of Rossmore who are from the Ellesmere Port area however, the club is only available to parents of babies born between June 2021 and 31st January 2022.

RESIDENTIAL TRIPS Thank you to all parents who have, so far, paid deposits for next year's residential trips. If you yet to pay, please do so 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 nd March 2022 (1 night)	£35	28.02.22
2	Delamere	23 rd March 2022 (2 nights)	£70	28.02.22
4	JCA- Condoover Hall	27 th April 2022 (2 nights)	£100	Deposit: £25 due 31.12.21 Final balance: £75 due by 31.03.22
5&6	London	24 th 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.

2022 DIARY DATES

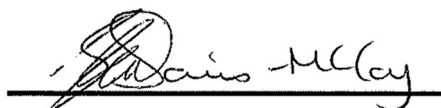
Mon 3rd Jan	BANK HOLIDAY- School closed
Tue 4th Jan	Pupils return to school
Thu 3rd Feb	SEND drop in (PM)
Mon 7th Feb	Young Voices concert, Manchester * Concert postponed*
Fri 18th Feb	Break up for February half term
Mon 28th Feb	INSET DAY
Tue 1st Mar	Pupils return to school
Tue 22nd Mar	Year 1- Delamere (1 night)
Wed 23rd Mar	Year 2- Delamere (2 nights)
Thu 7th Apr	SEND drop in (AM) Break up for Spring break
Wed 27th Apr	Year 4- JCA (2 nights)
Tue 24th 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

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the staff at Rossmore, to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year. Take care of yourselves and please keep yourselves safe.

Best wishes,



Mrs S Davis-McCoy
Head Teacher