

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have some lovely exciting news to start today's newsletter. I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Edwards and Miss Murphy are both expecting their second babies in the new year. Obviously, this will mean a new teacher in Reception, however I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Sheen, currently working part time in school delivering art, will be taking over. Mrs Sheen has been a teacher at Rossmore school for over 20 years and has a specialism teaching early years which she herself did at Rossmore for many years. She will be in school working alongside Mrs Edwards in the run up to the maternity leave to ensure she is fully up to speed with all of the children's progress and needs. This will enable a very smooth, relaxing and supporting transition.

SENDCO DROP IN Mrs Bouckley will be holding a SENDCO drop in over the next few weeks. This gives all parents throughout the school the opportunity to come and discuss any concerns about your child's progress. Please keep your eyes open for the diary dates to be added.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a Parent Governor? Being a Parent Governor is a challenging, yet satisfying role. Parents play a vital role and hold the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. As a governor you are responsible for ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction for the school, holding the school to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and overseeing the financial performance of the school, making sure its money is well spent.

If you feel that you have the right qualities to become a Parent Governor (good interpersonal skills, inquisitiveness and the willingness to learn), then we'd **love** to hear from you. If you would like to find out more information about this rewarding role, please feel free to contact the school office. All interested parents are requested to complete a skills matrix so that we can see the skills you can bring to the governing body to support the further development of the school.



ROAD SAFETY It is a real shame that this has to be in our newsletter again this week but it has been brought to our attention again that several cars are parking unsafely outside of school. Please can you all be very cautious in and around our school grounds especially at drop off and pick up times. All parents/carers should be driving slowly and being very vigilant around our school. We would hate for any accidents to occur and most importantly for anyone to be hurt. Please can you also be mindful of residents drive ways and the emergency services as it has been reported that an ambulance really struggled to park to assist a neighbour in need.

HARVEST APPEAL Thank you to the parents who have donated for our Harvest appeal so far. We are still looking for more donations. If you can donate one or two tinned items towards this cause before the 26th September, we would be really grateful. The harvest appeal is run with our local food bank. The children will be having an assembly regarding the harvest appeal so will understand as to what it is all about and how it helps.

FIRST AID Next week, on Thursday, KS2 will be taking part in some basic first aid training. The children will learn basics such as how to use bandages correctly, what to do when someone is hurt and also CPR.

SOUTH WIRRAL HIGH SCHOOL We have been lucky enough to secure a small presentation off South Wirral High School on Tuesday 26th September. This will be held as an assembly for all year 5 and 6 children. Parents are welcome to attend this assembly. It will start at 2:45pm.



CHRISTMAS BINGO EXTRAVAGANZA This year we will be holding a Christmas bingo. This will run instead of our Winter Wonderland Extravaganza, due to the uncertainty of weather. Members of our PTA along with Mrs Davis McCoy who hold stalls have made the decision to run an indoor bingo with fantastic prizes to be won. We will have a small number of stalls available and still intend on having a grotto for the children. This will be run by purchasing tickets and time slots for Santa. Please note the new date Tuesday 28th November will replace the original Christmas fair and Christmas bingo as shown on the diary dates below. More information will follow...

PTA Through fundraising our 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 and all the hard work from our PTA and staff, 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. Every little helps!



ATTENDANCE And we're off!! Welcome to the 2023-2024 Rossmore Wildlife Attendance League! This year we have lots of exotic animals taking part and, with lots of fantastic prizes to be won, you have to be in it to win it! So here we go with week 1!! Here are the results:

Booth's Bunnies 0 V 1 Coy's Cats
Whittaker's White Tigers 0 V 1 Billinge's Bats
Sixsmith's Sun Bears 2 V 4 Edward's Elephants

Congratulations to Reception for starting the season off with a 100% win! Can they keep this up for the rest of the year? Everyone else will need to up their game in order to meet this standard! This week's lucky winner is off to watch Cheshire Phoenix play. Well done everyone!

Next week's games are:
Podmore's Puppies vs Whittaker's White Tigers
Edward's Elephant vs Booth's Bunnies
Billinge's Bat vs Sixsmith's Sun Bears

A quick rundown on how the league works. Each class is a team represented by their chosen animal. Each team will "play" another team each week (one team a week has a rest) with their weekly attendance result being the game result. You get 1 goal for having more than 95%, 2 goals for more than 97% and 3 goals for 100% plus the winning team gets an extra goal. The winning team then receives 3 points for the league table (which is displayed in the dinner hall) and the losing team 1 point. At the end of the year the winning team will receive the league trophy. We also have a weekly raffle prize for the class who has the highest attendance overall that week. All the children from this class are put into the raffle and one lucky

child will receive the prize. Our regular prizes are either our Chester FC (2 adults and 2 children) or Cheshire Phoenix (2 adults 3 children) season passes. However as these are only valid for home games we have step in prizes for the weeks when both teams are playing away. If you have any questions about the league please contact Miss Macey. Good luck everyone.

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: Please ensure deposit for JCA is paid by **Friday 29th September**. If you are struggling or would like to discuss this further, please contact the school office on admin2@rossmore.cheshire.sch.uk

Year Group	Trip	Dates	Cost	Payment
Year 2	Delamere	28 th February – 1 st March 2024	£80	Deposit(oct) - £20.00 Nov - £20.00 Dec - £20.00 January - £20.00
Year 6	JCA	25 th March – 28 th March	£120	Deposit(sept) - £20.00 Oct - £20.00 Nov - £20.00 Dec - £20.00 Jan - £20.00

Day	Club	Year Group	Person in Charge	Places available
Monday	Mad Science Club	Mixed	Led by Mad science	FULL
	Building and Construction	KSI	Mrs Edwards	FULL
	Sports crew	Y5 & 6	Mr Podmore	Invite Only
Tuesday	Netball	Y4, 5 & 6	Mrs Whittaker	-
	Parliament	Key stage 2	Mrs Booth	Invite only
	Boccia and New Age Kurling	Y3 & 4	Mrs Bouckley	FULL
	Guitar Club	KS2	Mr Shaw	FULL
Wednesday	Choir	Key stage 2 – INVITE ONLY	Mr Billinge	Current choir participants only
Thursday	Art	KSI	Mrs Sheen	FULL
Friday	Cricket	Ks2	Led by Cricket	FULL
	Cricket (lunch time Club)	KSI	Led by cricket	FULL

PE DAYS FOR CLASSES

Activity/ Day	PE Morning	PE Afternoon	FOREST SCHOOL
Monday		Reception	
Tuesday	Year 6	Year 1 Year 3	Year 1
Wednesday		Year 4 Year 5	
Thursday	Year 3 Year 2	Reception Year 1	
Friday	Year 4 Year 5	Year 2 Year 6	

KEY DATES

Tue 26 th Sept	Harvest festival
Tue 26 th Sept	Year 5 and 6 South Wirral High School assembly
Tue 3 rd Oct	See us learn 2pm parents invited
Thur 5 th Oct	See us learn 2pm parents invited
Thur 5 th Oct	SENDCO 1-3pm
Fri 6 th Oct	School photographs
Tue 10 th Oct	World Mental Health Day
Fri 20 th Oct	Close for half term
Tue 7 th Nov	Parents evening until 5:30pm
Thur 9 th Nov	Parents evening until 7pm
Fri 10 th Nov	Flu Vaccinations
Fri 10 th Nov	Own clothes day in exchange for a bottle
Mon 13 th Nov	Odd sock day for anti-bullying
Fri 17 th Nov	Own clothes day in exchange for chocolates
Tue 21 st Nov	SENDCO 9-12pm
Tue 28 th Nov	Christmas Bingo Extravaganza
Wed 6 th Dec	Christmas dinner day with parents
Thur 7 th Dec	Christmas dinner day in school
Thur 7 th Dec	Christmas jumper day
Fri 8 th Dec	Own clothes day in exchange for selection boxes
Wed 13 th Dec	Rock steady concert
Tue 19 th Dec	Break up for Christmas holiday
Wed 7 th Feb	Choir Young Voices

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

<http://www.rossmore.cheshire.sch.uk/page/school-holidays/35818>

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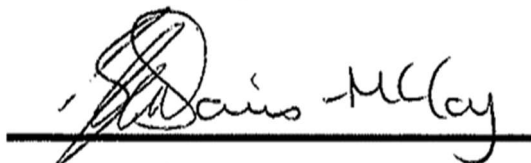
Holiday Dates

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 S Davis-McCoy
Head Teacher