

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

LION'S PRIDE AWARD We are extremely excited to launch the Lion's Pride Award at Rossmore. The Lion's Pride Award will help our children to improve self-confidence, develop key interpersonal skills such as communication, teamwork and problem solving as well as helping to build sustainable and healthy living habits. Children can take on their own challenges, follow their passions and discover talents they never knew they had. The children who enrol on this award will challenge themselves within four categories: My Interests, Get Active and Stay Active, Me and My World and Adventure. Because when you challenge and inspire yourself, you build skills for life. Please see the attached documents for more information and don't hesitate to contact Mrs Whittaker if you have any questions.

HOLIDAY REQUESTS OUTSIDE TERM TIME Please can we just remind parents that we offer the additional week at Whit specifically to allow families to book holidays outside of term time. The 2nd week is generally a cheaper alternative as a lot of schools are not off during the first week of June.

PUPIL PREMIUM ELIGIBILITY School receives additional funding for pupils in receipt of free school meals, pupils who have parents serving in the armed forces or children looked after/previously looked after by the Local Authority.

You may be eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Job Seekers Allowance (income based)
- Pension Credit
- Employment & Support Allowance (income related)
- Child Tax Credits
- Universal Credit

Please note that you cannot get Free School Meals if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit or receive fostering allowance.

If your child meets any of these criteria and you would like to apply, please complete the attached Pupil Premium Registration Form and email directly to: benefits@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk. School will be informed if you meet the criteria and are eligible.

RUBBISH OUTSIDE SCHOOL Please can we request that parents are respectful outside school and do not drop litter out of cars; a neighbour reported that a used electronic cigarette had been dropped outside her house last week. Many thanks for your cooperation.

MANDARIN CLUB AT THE QUEENS SCHOOL The Queen's School is a designated Confucius Classroom, a coveted accolade awarded in recognition of our excellent work in promoting the study of Mandarin. Every year we offer a free after-school Mandarin Club for Year 5 children from all primary schools as part of our outreach programme, and we would love your child to join us. The club starts after Christmas and is always extremely popular. Spaces are limited so we recommend you [register as soon as possible](#) if you want your son or daughter to be involved. It would be fantastic to see as many pupils as possible benefit from the wonderful opportunities, resources and expertise that come with our Confucius Classroom status. Activities include language learning, dance, music, crafts and learning about Chinese celebrations and culture. We very much believe that learning a new language can and should be fun! The club will start on Tuesday 9 January 2024 and will run weekly until the end of the summer term in July. Please note that no sessions will be held during The Queen's School holidays ([please refer to our website for exact dates](#)). Your child would need to be brought to The Queen's Senior School on City Walls Road for 4pm each week, where, after refreshments, all of our exciting activities begin. They will then need to be collected by 5pm.

The club is completely free as part of our school's commitment to limitless learning and I really hope to see your child there. We have had several students discover their love for Mandarin and go on to study the subject at GCSE, A-level and beyond! As one of the world's most widely spoken languages, this is a great opportunity to try something new. A flyer with all the information you need is below and you can [register online here](#). Places fill up fast, so please sign up as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Please do not hesitate to contact our Admissions Manager, Heather Thistlewood, at admissions@thequeensschool.co.uk if you have any questions or queries. We look forward to welcoming your child to Queen's Mandarin Club in the near future.

HOBLEY MUSIC SCHOOL Your child has another fantastic opportunity of learning to play an instrument! We have joined up with Hobley Music School to offer your children 1:1 tuition for drums or keyboard or 1:2 tuition for guitar. This is separate from the lessons already offered by Rocksteady and does come at a cost - please see the flier attached. You will also find information on there for how you can sign your child up.

FACEBOOK Just a reminder that we have launched our school Facebook page. The link to follow is below: <https://www.facebook.com/rossmoreschool/>
We will be using our Facebook page to remind you about events coming up any relevant information.

MUSIC CONCERT Tickets are still available for the Music Concert at Ellesmere Port College on **Monday 11th December** for years 1 – year 6. Tickets are still available and you can purchase tickets via our school spider. Tickets are £1 and we have them limited to only two per **FAMILY**. Last day to buy is Monday 4th December.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH **Please complete the Christmas Lunch survey on school spider and make payment before Wednesday 22nd November.** We will need to know this information as early as possible to ensure we order the correct amount of food. Unfortunately, we will not be able to add on any more after the survey is closed, this will mean your child will need a packed lunch on the Wednesday and Thursday as we have had no indication on food.

XMAS4SCHOOLS Thank you to all of the parents who have purchased items with their children's Christmas art work on. We have managed to raise an additional £70 for school funds. Look out in future newsletters to see how this will be spent on your children.

SCHOOL DINNER There will be no dinners in the school hall on Tuesday 28th November due to setting up for our Bingo extravaganza and tombola. All meals will be taken into the classrooms.

ATTENDANCE And the results from this week's attendance matches are in!! Some great results this week, keep up the good work!! Here are the results:

Booth's Bunnies 3 V 0 Coy's Cats
Whittaker's White Tigers 1 V 0 Billinge's Bats
Sixsmith's Sun Bears 1 V 3 Edward's Elephants

Congratulations to Year 4 for taking back the crown! 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

RAGS2RICHES JUST UNDER 2 WEEKS TO GO!! The Rags2Riches recycling event will take place on Wednesday 29th November. Rags2Riches will be coming in to weigh our unwanted clothes and donate the money to school. We will start collecting the week before, so please feel free to drop off your bags of unwanted clothes into the office from **Monday 20th November**. Thanks to those who have already brought clothes in. They accept clean, good quality, dry clothing for all ages and sexes (no school uniform but there will be a uniform collection on another date). They also accept jewellery and accessories, paired footwear, belts, handbags and lots of other items. for the full list of accepted and not accepted items or go to www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk.

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: 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	Mini Sports Club	I&2	Mrs Webber	FULL
	Building and Construction	KS1	Mrs Edwards	FULL
	Sports crew	Y5 & 6	Mr Podmore	Invite Only
Tuesday	Netball	Y4, 5 & 6	Mrs Whittaker	FULL
	Parliament	Key stage 2	Mrs Booth	MOVED THIS WEEK TO MONDAY 20.11.2023
	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
	Shooting stars	Key stage 2	Miss Finlay	Invite only
Thursday	Art	KS1	Mrs Sheen	FULL

PE DAYS FOR CLASSES

PE HALL TIMETABLE	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		Y5/Y6
Tuesday	Y1	Year 5 Forest School Y3/Y2
Wednesday		Y1
Thursday	REC/Y4	Y2/Y3
Friday	Y5	Y4/Y6

*****KEY DATES*****

Tue 21st Nov	SENDCO 9-12pm
Fri 24th Nov	Own Clothes Day in exchange for selection boxes
Tue 28th Nov	Christmas Bingo Extravaganza
Wed 6th Dec	Christmas Dinner day with parents
Thur 7th Dec	Christmas Dinner day in school – pupils only
Thur 7th Dec	Christmas Jumper day
Mon 11th Dec	Musical Concert – 5:30pm drop off for a 6pm start
Tue 12th Dec	Reception Nativity 2:30pm
Wed 13th Dec	Rock Steady concert
Thur 14th Dec	Reception Christmas Crafts 2:15pm – 3:15pm
Mon 18th Dec	KSI Theatre Porto 1:30pm – 2:30pm parents to collect from venue
Tue 19th Dec	Break up for Christmas holiday
Wed 7th Feb	Choir Young Voices Concert at MEN
Mon 25th Mar	<u>No school bus</u> for week commencing Monday 25th March

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

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

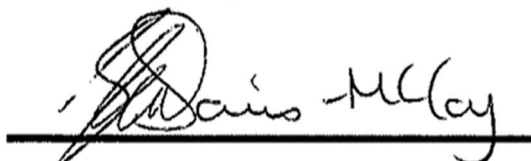
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Holiday Dates

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 6 th 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	

Have a great weekend



Mrs S Davis-McCoy
Head Teacher

Mrs Bouckley Acting Head – Monday / Tuesday

Mrs Davis McCoy Head Teacher – Wednesday / Thursday / Friday