

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

CHRISTMAS EVENTS Due to a recent update to schools with advice regarding Covid, we have sadly had to make some changes to our upcoming events. The measures put in place are to mitigate the risk of the spread of Covid and will help to keep our school community as safe as possible in the run up to Christmas.

CHRISTMAS FAIR In order to have our Christmas Fair it will now have to take place outside on the school playground as a Christmas Market! Whilst not ideal, the only other option would be to cancel the fair altogether which we really want to avoid. As children will be outside we will make this day an own clothes day so the children can wrap up in warm clothes.



We are asking if any parents have a gazebo we could use on Thursday 2nd December we would be very grateful, so that we can provide as much shelter as possible for all attending. If you do have a gazebo then please email admin2@rossmore.cheshire.sch.uk by Friday 26th November.

We are working on a new floor plan to ensure social distancing. We recommend that you also wrap up warm and hot drinks will be available to purchase.

Children will be eating lunch in their classroom on this day. The only school dinners available on this day will be a jacket potato or a sandwich option or children may bring in a packed lunch.

Thank you for all the raffle prizes we have received so far; please do keep them coming in so that we can raise as much money as possible for school funds!

UGG slippers	FitBit Ace3
Boulder Hut vouchers X 2	The Turkish BBQ £20 dining voucher
Toiletries sets	Perfume
Candles	Car Wash Kit
Jigsaws	Card game
Photo frame	Tropic gift set X 2
Roseobelle Christmas themed home items: Cushions, Tea towels, Mug & Tote bags	Flower bulb gift sets X 2
	Prosecco
	And more to come...



We greatly appreciate all the support from parents and pupils to make our Christmas Market as enjoyable as possible to get us all in the Christmas spirit!

CHRISTMAS DINNER We were hoping to invite parents in for Christmas dinner on Thursday 9th December however very sadly we are now unable to do this. Pupils will still be able to enjoy a Christmas dinner in the school hall with their classmates and Teachers on the following days:

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

Friday 10th 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.

CHRISTMAS PLAYS Sadly another casualty is how we run and deliver our Christmas play. As the advice is not to have large indoor gatherings, where we are unable to social distance, we are no longer able to put on the Key Stage 1 performance of 'Lights, Camel, Action!' in the school hall. We will however record the show as the children have already worked so hard on the production which we desperately want to share with you. In order to share the video with you we need your consent for your child to be filmed knowing that all infant parents will be sent the link to watch at home with your children. Unfortunately, if we don't get your consent then your child will not be able to take part in the performance. **There is a permission form on School Spider that needs to be completed by Monday 6th December.**



Luckily for Junior pupils we are holding their winter production 'Cinderella Rockerfella' at The Ellesmere Port Church of England College. After speaking with TEPCEC staff this week we are able to continue however, seats will be socially distanced by family. This reduces the amount of seats available so **tickets are strictly limited to 2 per family**. Tickets will cost £1 and are to be paid for via School Spider by Friday 10th December.

Date	Time	Year Group	Play	Venue
Wednesday 15 th 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.

THIS WEEK

- Year 5 & 6 took part in a science workshop on Monday to learn about properties of metals. The engaging workshop was delivered by staff from 'Xplore! Wrexham' (previously Techniquet Glyndwr) and funded by 'Less Common Metals' who are based in Ellesmere Port. We would like to thank both companies for coming in to educate our pupils.
- Year 1 enjoyed a visit to the Boat Museum where they learnt all about 'Homes from the Past'.

NEXT WEEK

Date	Class	Event
Wednesday 1 st December	Year 3	Forest School- change of day for this week.
Thursday 2 nd December	Whole School	Rossmore Christmas Market 2-4pm. This is an outside event so please wrap up warm!
Friday 3 rd December	Art Club	Art club- change of day for this week.

ATTENDANCE The results from this week's attendance matches are in; there were some really great results this week with two teams having above 98% attendance again! We still need a real push on attendance for some of the classes but here are the results:

Bouckley's Bears 3 V Mayhew's Mice 0
Edward's Elephants 0 V White's Wasps 2
Hutchinson's Hedgehogs 0 V Sixsmith's Snow Leopards 1

Congratulations to Year 3 for being the overall winners for the second week running! It was a close result again for the same two teams at the top so let's see if Year 6 can steal the crown next week. With both Chester FC and Cheshire Phoenix having away games, this week's prize is a 7-day pass to Brio Leisure Centre.

Don't forget you get one goal for having more than 95%, two goals for more than 97% and three goals for 100% plus the winning team get an extra goal!

Next week's games are:

Whittaker's Wolves vs Edward's Elephants
Sixsmith's Snow Leopards vs Bouckley's Bears
White's Wasps vs Hutchinson's Hedgehogs

Good luck everyone!

FREE BREAKFAST SCHEME We are thrilled to announce the beginning of our free breakfast scheme. Thanks to the National School Breakfast Programme, we are able to offer a warm, buttered bagel to any pupil who would like one, every morning! Miss Macey will be standing outside of the main gate with her bagel trolley before the gates open so please come and help yourself! Please bear with us as we trial 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!



GOOD TO GROW Morrison's Good to Grow scheme finished last week and due to our amazing voucher collecting skills Morrison's gave us some bonus vouchers meaning we finished with a total of 2286! Thank you again to everyone who helped us get such a huge final total! We have now purchased some lovely new gardening items to help make our green spaces really beautiful. In the New Year we will be looking for some green fingered friends of Rossmore who would love to come in for a natter whilst we garden. Keep an eye on the newsletter in the New Year!

GENERATION R CLUB We have been overwhelmed with the uptake for our Generation R parent and baby class here at Rossmore School! The club is held on a Monday morning straight after drop off and runs until 10am. There are free refreshments and the club offers sessions such as baby massage and it is open to Rossmore parents and also other parents who are from the Ellesmere Port area. Unfortunately, the club is only available to parents of babies born between June 2021 and 31st January 2022. Please see Miss Macey for further information; we look forward to welcoming more of you over the coming weeks.

DINNER MONEY All dinner debts must be paid in full by today. Any accounts with outstanding debts will not be able to order a school dinner from Monday 29th November. If you are unsure of your log in details, please email admin2@rossmore.cheshire.sch.uk.

FREE COURSES Cheshire West and Chester Council are offering FREE courses to parents who are either in receipt of a benefit or earn under £17356 per annum. This is to support residents of Ellesmere Port to access additional training, qualifications and employment support. They offer an array of courses, including:

- LI Childcare – for those looking for a career as a teaching assistant
- LI/L2 Business Administration
- Health and wellbeing courses
- Fork lift truck courses
- Construction site courses
- Warehousing courses
- Retail/Hospitality courses

For more information, please email epworkzone@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

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 nd March 2022 (1night)	£35	28.02.22
2	Delamere	23 rd March 2022 (2nights)	£70	28.02.22
4	JCA- Condover Hall	27 th April 2022 (2nights)	£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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS All clubs finish at 4:15pm, with the exception of Drama Club which is 4:30pm. Children should be collected promptly from the playground via the side gate; DO NOT cross through the staff car park as vehicles need access at all times. Please inform us if your child is due to go to 'Tiny Tots' and we will escort them through the internal door. Only Year 5&6 pupils are allowed to walk home but we must have written consent from a parent.

Next week is the last week of after school clubs with the exception of Choir which will still take place over the next two weeks. Please note: Netball Club on Thursday has now finished for the year.

CHOIR In order for children to prepare for the Young Voices concert we encourage them 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/6mxDoPCwCAftilUMy7okL8?si=3I5imEI9QMW9lvRmg3kZ-Q>

Day	Club	Year Group	Person in Charge
Monday	Drama	KS2	Mrs Bouckley FINISH TIME 4:30PM This will be the last Drama Club of the year
Tuesday	Cross-Country	KS2	Mrs Edwards & Miss Finlay
	Netball	Years 5&6	Miss Whittaker
	Parliament	Years 2-6	Miss White
Wednesday	Girls only football	Years 3-6	Miss Sixsmith/Mrs Webber
	Dodgeball	Years 5&6	Mr Hutchinson
	Choir	Invite only	Miss Evans
Friday	Art *CHANGE OF DAY FOR THIS WEEK*	Years 1&2	Miss Lloyd

2021/2022 DIARY DATES

Thu 2nd Dec Christmas Market 2pm
Own Clothes Day- **Pupils must wear warm layers when visiting our Christmas Market**

Thu 9th Dec SEND drop in AM
Christmas Dinner & Jumper day- Key Stage 1 & Reception

Fri 10th Dec Christmas Dinner & Jumper day- Key Stage 2

Wed 15th Dec 6:30pm Key Stage 2 Winter Production at TEPCEC

Fri 17th Dec Break up for Christmas Holidays at 1:30pm

RESIDENTIAL TRIPS 2022

Tue 22nd Mar Year 1- Delamere (1 night)

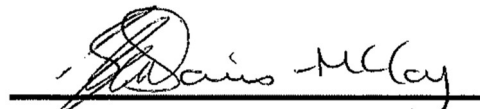
Wed 23rd Mar Year 2- Delamere (2 nights)

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

Best wishes,



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