

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Welcome back, I trust and hope you have all had a good break.

**STAFFING** With the New Year come some new changes at school. As you will be aware Mrs Whittaker is expecting her second child imminently and will be starting her maternity leave next Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> of January. During her leave Miss Evans will be taking over the class. Miss Evans has been with us since October and has been spending time not only getting to know Rossmore School but also getting to know Year 3. This has ensured a smooth transition enabling the children to carry on their learning from exactly where they are currently up to. I am sure you will all join me in wishing both staff members the very best in their new adventures.

**COVID UPDATE** Obviously we are all aware that the numbers of Covid cases have increased over the Christmas period and that we ourselves have a small number of positive cases amongst pupil and staff. However, as the numbers are low we have been advised that things can remain as they are and we do not need to revert back to 'Bubbles' or staggered start and finish times. Please be aware however, this could change at any time. If we do need to make any changes, we will inform you immediately.



## COVID-19

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 'Plan B' continues please do follow the guidance in all aspects of daily lives so we can hopefully keep any infections low. One new thing to note is the changes to PCR requirements. If you now have a positive Lateral Flow Test but have no symptoms, you no longer need to get a PCR, however you do need to start your 10-day isolation. If you test positive on a Lateral Flow Test and you do have symptoms, then you do still need to follow this up with a PCR. You may also have heard that 10-day isolation can be reduced to 7 days. This is only if you have 2 consecutive tests from Day 6 and Day 7 that both show as negative. If either of these tests shows positive results you will need to remain isolated for the full 10 days. Further guidance can be found here:

[www.gov.uk/government/news/confirmatory-pcr-tests-to-be-temporarily-suspended-for-positive-lateral-flow-test-results](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/confirmatory-pcr-tests-to-be-temporarily-suspended-for-positive-lateral-flow-test-results)

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

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

● **SWIMMING**- Swimming lessons begin next week for Years 1 & 6. 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.

**DINNER MONEY** There remains a large amount of debt for school dinners; please log in to your SchoolGrid account to pay outstanding balance or set up a Direct Debit to enable automatic payment once a month. Please be reminded that if your debt is not cleared you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child.

**TRIPS IN JANUARY** We have a few trips planned for this month. Please complete the permission form on School Spider and pay the requested contribution towards travel expenses. Here is a reminder:

Class	Date	Trip
Year 2	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Chester Zoo
Year 3	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Chester Zoo
Reception	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Chester Zoo
Year 6	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March (new date)	Safety Central

**Please note:** Year 6's trip to Safety Central has been re-arranged from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March due to current Covid regulations at the centre.

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE** The results from this week's attendance matches are in and there are some absolutely fantastic attendance results for the first week back. We still need a real push on attendance for some of the classes but here are the results:

**White's Wasps 0 V Sixsmith's Snow Leopards 3**  
**Edward's Elephants 1 V Bouckley's Bears 0**  
**Whittaker's Wolves 1 V Mayhew's Mice 0**

Congratulations to year 1 for retaining the crown they took back before the Christmas break; this week's winner is off to see Cheshire Phoenix play!

*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:

**Bouckley's Bears vs Hutchinson's Hedgehogs**  
**Sixsmith's Snow Leopards vs Whittaker's Wolves**  
**Mayhew's Mice vs Edward's Elephants**

**KOALA SLEEP SERVICE** Miss Macey put a questionnaire out on School Spider this week to ask if any pupils were struggling to get to sleep, stay asleep or who were tired during the day. If you have not already clicked yes on the survey, or spoken to Miss Macey personally, please respond to the questionnaire. Miss Macey will then be in touch with the next steps. See <https://koalanw.co.uk/koala-sleep-service> for more information.

**INTERVENTION SESSIONS** Miss Macey is about to begin the next half term of intervention sessions with pupils who have been identified as needing a little extra help this half term socially or emotionally. In particular, she is about to begin a group for pupils who have suffered a bereavement recently. If you feel your child would benefit from this group, please contact Miss Macey.

**YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING** Well done to our Year 6 pupils for raising £163.20 at their Christmas Fair stall! They are going to put £100 towards buying new playground equipment and will have a vote in class to decide how the remaining money will be spent.



**DOGS TRUST** We had a visit from Bethan Richardson, Education and Community Officer, from Dog's Trust today to talk to all year groups about dog safety. The children thoroughly enjoyed the interesting sessions and will apply their knowledge to keep safe when around dogs.

**GENERATION R BABY CLUB** Happy New Year to all our club members! The club will start back up again on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 9-10am; 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 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022. We're kicking straight off with some baby massage, hope to see you there!



**RESIDENTIAL TRIPS** If you are yet to pay the deposit for your child's residential trip please do so by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

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

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS** A letter has been emailed today with details of after school clubs we will be offering for Spring Term. These will be bookable via School Spider from 12pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January so as to give you time to ask your child what club they would like to join. **Please note: School Parliament and Choir will begin next week for their current members only.**

Day	Club	Year Group	Max.	Person in Charge	Bookable online	Start date
<b>Tuesday</b>	Parliament	Current members only	N/A	Miss White	N/A	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January
	Football	5&6	14	Mr Podmore	✓	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January
	Dodgeball	Years 3&4	12	Miss Mundy	✓	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Wednesday</b>	Multi-skills/Games	Year 1&2	12	Mr Hutchinson	✓	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January
	Choir	Current members only	N/A	Miss Evans	N/A	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Thursday</b>	Girl's football**	AM= KS1 PM= KS2	12 each session <b>*invite only*</b>	Miss Finlay	N/A	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> January
	Art	KS2	12	Miss Lloyd	✓	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Friday</b>	Reading Club <b>*lunch time*</b>	KS1	12	Miss Edwards	✓	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> January

\*\*Girl's Football: AM session will run 8:30am-8:55am  
PM session will run 3:20pm-4:15pm

### 2022 DIARY DATES

**Thu 13<sup>th</sup> Jan** ————— Year 6 trip to Safety Central \*re-arranged to 31.03.22\*

**Thu 20<sup>th</sup> Jan** Year 2 trip: Chester Zoo

**Tue 25<sup>th</sup> Jan** Year 3 trip: Chester Zoo

**Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Jan** Reception Class trip: Chester Zoo

**Thu 10<sup>th</sup> Feb** Year 6 trip: Liverpool Museum \*more info to follow\*

**Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb** SEND drop in (PM)

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Feb** ————— Young Voices concert, Manchester \*Concert postponed. Date TBC\*

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Feb** Break up for February half term

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb** **INSET DAY**

**Tue 1<sup>st</sup> Mar** Pupils return to school

**Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar** Year 1- Delamere (1 night)

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar** Year 2- Delamere (2 nights)

**Tue 29<sup>th</sup> Mar** Year 5 trip to Safety Central \*more info to follow\*

**Thu 31<sup>st</sup> Mar** Year 6 trip to Safety Central \*NEW DATE\*

**Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Apr** SEND drop in (AM)  
Break up for Spring break

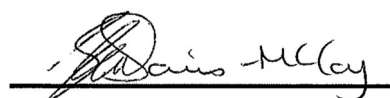
**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Apr** Year 4- JCA (2 nights)

**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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Head Teacher