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'Excellence and happiness for all'



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NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 5 October 2023

Forthcoming dates for your diary

W/c Mon 9 Oct	Sponsored reading week – details below.
Tues 10 Oct	World Mental Health Day – parent breakfast event. See link below
Fri 13 Oct	TRAINING DAY – Children not in school today
Tue 17 Oct	Open Classrooms 9am – 9.30am. Meet in the sports hall after dropping your children off at class.
Wed 18 Oct	Harvest Festival at St Marks Church Years 1-6.
Thurs 19 Oct	Year 4 Eden Camp Visit.
Fri 20 Oct	Walk to School Day.
Thurs 19 Oct	Open Day for September 2024 starters.
Thurs 19 Oct	*NEW* EYFS, Y1, Y2, Y3 Story Evening 6-7pm – booking link below.
Fri 27 Oct	Close for half term holiday at the normal school time
Mon 6 Nov	School re-opens at the usual time.
Sat 11 Nov	*NEW* PTA Jumble Sale 10-12pm. Details below.
Mon 13 Nov	*NEW* Flu vaccination programme – Whole school - details to follow shortly.
Tues 14 Nov	*NEW* Parents' Evening – Online – Details to follow.
Fri 17 Nov	*NEW* Children in Need.
Thurs 23 Nov	*NEW* Year 4 Nell Bank Parents' Meeting 6pm.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

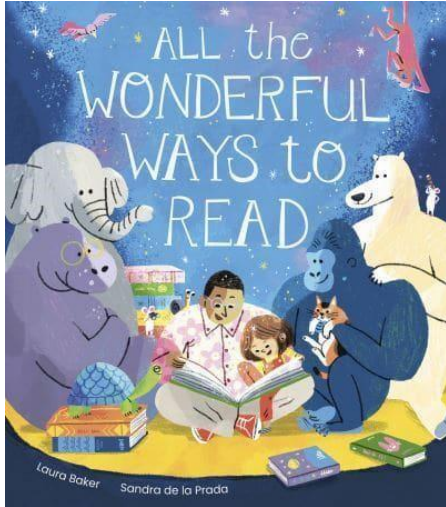
'The more you read the more things you will know. The more you learn the more places you'll go" Dr Seuss.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who received a certificate in last week's celebration assembly: Luke F (AB), Zoe H (ER), Olivia F (JW), Effie D (EM), Aurora C (KM), Freddie S (JJ/CR) Liam H (AI/LS), Ed S (PA/EH), Logan W (MW), Max W (SK), Dexter G (TM), Lillian A-T (CD).

PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cbhsFINv0dQ>

Library Song – Tom Chapin

This week Miss Dodgson read All the Wonderful Ways to Read. This is wonderful story by Laura Baker, illustrated with warmth and humour by Sandra de la Prada, that celebrates reading in all its forms.

'Books take us on journeys that we can all share,

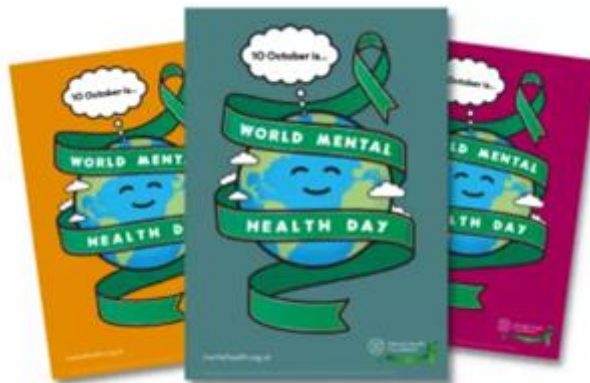
And give us the power to go anywhere!
So no matter just how, or what book,
or your speed, what I wish for NOW...

Is that YOU love to read!'

SPONSORED READ

To celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we will be running a sponsored read between **Monday October 9th and Sunday October 15th**. October is the National Month of Reading and so is the ideal time for a sponsored read. Over the past two years, our Sponsored Read has been a great success and it managed to fund some new non-fiction books; diverse picture books, graphic novels, Little People Big Dreams books for all classes and some new phonic readers for KS1. Again school budgets are very tight this year and so we are limited in what we can purchase over the current academic year and beyond. We would like to purchase some whole class sets of reading books as well as boosting our reading scheme books. We would like to update our non-fiction books further to support learning throughout the curriculum.

We would really appreciate your help in supporting our Sponsored Read. Miss Dodgson will launch the Sponsored Read next week when she leads the Diverse Picture Book Assembly and the event will officially start on **Monday October 9th**, although you may want a head start in collecting sponsors. Children can read or be read to at home as well as completing additional Sponsored Read Sessions and additional book based sessions in school. Children can collect sponsors using the form provided (which will come home with your child) and then the donation can be made via your ParentPay account. We appreciate all donations - large or small. Thank you for your support with our Sponsored Read.



Tuesday 10th October is World Mental Health day. The theme this year is **'Mental Health is a universal human right'** To celebrate this day, we are inviting everyone to wear something yellow. This can be a T-shirt, socks, a ribbon, headband or something else your child happens to have which is yellow. This is optional so please don't worry if you don't have any yellow items in your house. We have our parent breakfast in the morning and the children will be taking part in an activity during the day.

PARENT BREAKFAST – REMINDER. PLEASE JOIN US.

We are delighted to announce that on Tuesday 10th October (9am – 9.45am) we are holding a Parent/Carer/Grandparents breakfast in the Sports Hall. This is a free event. Please use the following link to let us know if you will be attending. We look forward to seeing you there. [Breakfast Event](#)

Attendance for the week Friday 29 September to Thursday 5 October:

96.11%

NETBALL COMPETITION

On Tuesday, eight children from Year 3 and Year 4 went over to Rossett to take part in a Netball competition. The children played against teams from 3 other local schools. They showed real determination to get the ball and worked well as a team to try and score goals. Their progress throughout the competition was noticeable and they really seemed to enjoy themselves. Well done to Praise M, Willow C, Annabella S, Emily S, Elise H, Pearla B, Emily S, Aurora C who took part!

FINANCIAL EDUCATION VISITORS/SPEAKERS REQUEST

Mrs Williams, who leads Financial Education in school, is looking to hear from parents who work in finance (banks, accountancy, any other finance related job) to potentially come into school to speak to the children about their roles and the importance of being financially capable as a life skill. If you work in a finance related role and would be happy to share this experience/knowledge with our children, please contact Mrs Williams (via emailing the school office).

CLASS DOJO - YEARS 1-6

Class Dojo is an effective way for teachers to connect with parents and families by sending reminders and keeping them in the loop about what is happening in their class. For example, reminders about which days are PE days, or where there is a change to the normal day or if your child needs to bring something in (e.g. for science).

Parents are also able to send short messages regarding minor matters or queries to the teachers directly.

E.g: "Victor has woken up with a toothache, please can you keep an eye on him."

"Please can you remind me if it is the Tudor visitor this week?"

"Do they need wellies for Forest School this week?"

Please be aware that these may not be picked up straight away – particularly if they are sent during the school day.

It is also important to remember that this is not an instant messaging service and all urgent messages, messages regarding absences and change to pick up arrangements should be directed to the school office.

Eco Committee's Weekly Top Tip:

Use a reusable water bottle

PANTO HELP!

We have previously asked if anyone would be interested in helping to run / participate in the Panto. Unfortunately, no one has come forward, so the Panto is in real danger of not going ahead. This would be a real shame as it has been running for a very long time, and not only does the annual panto raise over 50% of the total amount of PTA funding for the year, which in turn benefits your children, but it also provides a huge opportunity for children in Years 5 and 6 to take part in a performance. This develops their confidence and also enables the children to be “part of the panto family” and mix with other children they may not mix with – a great life skill.

More information

The panto usually takes place at the end of March. There is a Friday night performance and a Saturday matinee and evening performance.

The rehearsals run at Harrogate Grammar School every Saturday 1pm - 4pm from January until the performance.

Parents of children who are participating in the panto (usually children in Years 5 and 6) are asked to help on a rota basis to supervise these children.

These parents (and other volunteers) support with the selling of refreshments and taking tickets.

Roles

Panto director	someone to direct the panto.
Panto organiser	(could also be panto director) someone to organise venue bookings, rehearsal timetables, oversee all roles and to pull everything together to ensure nothing is missed.
Dance Person	to teach the children dances (nothing complicated - really someone just to organise).
Music Person	to arrange backing tracks / cropped versions of songs and sound effects as required.
Scenery	to create backing slide show and scenery to create the stage.
Props	someone to organise and make props.
Costumes	someone to organise / make / help with costumes.
Prompt	someone to be at rehearsals and performances to help with prompts.
Stage Crew	to get the cast on stage on time and bring on / off scenery as required.

If you can help with any of these roles, please contact Sarah Rhodes on RAPPTA@rap.rklt.co.uk

Many thanks

Anna Ingle and Sarah Rhodes
on behalf of the PTA

PTA JUMBLE SALE

The PTA Jumble Sale is back! Saturday 11th November, 10am-12pm in the Sports Hall. Save the date, as we'll need volunteers to help and lots of shoppers to come and bag a bargain. Please start saving your jumble donations at home. We need clothing in good condition (adults and children), accessories, toys, bric a brac and homewares. No books please. Collect everything at home until after the half term holiday, and ask your friends and family to do the same. Thank you

PTA STORY EVENING

The PTA are holding a story evening on Thursday 19 October 6-7pm. Details are attached to the newsletter. Tickets are available from the PTA at www.pta-events.co.uk/rossettacre

Please see message below from North Yorkshire Council.

Measles/MMR vaccination

Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease. We are asking education settings to share key messages from the NHS about MMR / measles and how to get vaccinated.

The [Back to school MMR Guidance](#) from the NHS includes information to share, as well as example social media posts which can be found here: [NHS Vaccine Poster](#) and [NHS MMR Poster](#).

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. Please share these resources with colleagues, parents, and where suitable, community organisations to increase awareness and encourage parents to get their children vaccinated.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Job Vacancy at North Yorkshire Sport

North Yorkshire Sport Ltd is a registered charity and the [Active Partnership](#) for North Yorkshire & York. We use sport & physical activity as a driver for positive change to help tackle barriers to being regularly active, such as health, deprivation, training & employment, and disability in order to build stronger communities.

We currently have a part-time Administrative Assistant post available for 24 hours per week and wondered if this may be of interest to any of your parents?

The advert can be found at the link below:

<https://www.northyorkshiresport.co.uk/admin-assistant>

Teaching Assistant Training



BECOME A TEACHING ASSISTANT

Our programme of learning for those wishing to become a Teaching Assistant is designed to offer recognised qualifications at a level to suit the individual. If you are looking for a worthwhile career that fits in with school hours, then this is the programme for you.

We ask all learners to first complete a free short **Introduction to working with children** course, where they will look at the basics of how schools function and determine which future learning pathway is right for each individual.

Upcoming online **Introduction to Working with Children** courses:

Saturdays	25th November - 16th December	9:30am - 11:30am
Thursdays	30th November - 21st December	6:30pm - 8:30pm
Fridays	1st December - 22nd December	9:30am - 11:30am

Progression is then to one or more of the following NCFE CACHE qualification courses:

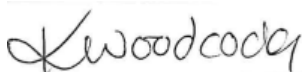
- Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools
- Level 2 Award in Support Work in Schools and Colleges
- Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching & Learning
- Level 3 Diploma in Supporting Teaching and Learning

For more information phone 01609 536 066 and ask to speak with a Learner Engagement Officer

Email: LearningAdvice@northyorks.gov.uk
Web: www.northyorks.gov.uk/adultlearning

Scan here to enrol online

I hope you all have a fabulous weekend.



Kate Woodcock
Deputy Headteacher