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*Our school:
 'Excellence and happiness for all'*

Charity No.1048680

NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 30 November 2023

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Fri 1 Dec	Year 5 Roman Day Visit.
Fri 1 Dec	Walk to School Day - TOMORROW
Tues 5 Dec	Year 3 Temple Newsam Visit
Tues 12 Dec	EYFS Nativity 9.30am KS1 Production 2.15pm
Weds 13 Dec	KS1 Production 9.30am EYFS Nativity 2.15pm
Thurs 14 Dec	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
Mon 18 Dec	KS2 Christmas Concert St Mark's Church 7pm.
Mon 18 Dec	*NEW* EYFS Christmas Party – Time TBC *NEW* Year 3 Christmas Party - PM
Tues 19 Dec	*NEW* Year 5 Christmas Party - AM
Weds 20 Dec	*NEW* Year 6 Christmas Party – AM *NEW* Year 2 Christmas Party - PM
Thurs 21 Dec	*NEW* Year 1 Christmas Party – AM *NEW* Year 4 Christmas Party - PM
Fri 22 Dec	School Closes at 2.30pm
Mon 8 Jan 2024	Training Day – Children not in school
Tues 9 Jan 2024	School Opens at the usual time

This week we have been hosting interviews for Red Kite Teacher Training. I always love to be involved in these interviews as it gives me the opportunity to listen to people who are keen to begin teacher training, gives me an insight into the potential of prospective teachers of the future and strengthens the link between our school and Red Kite Teacher Training. The candidates spent time in the classroom with some of our children, which was very positive and it was great giving them a tour of our school too.



MRS WILLIAMS AND MISS MATTHEWS CLASS – CHANGE TO PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

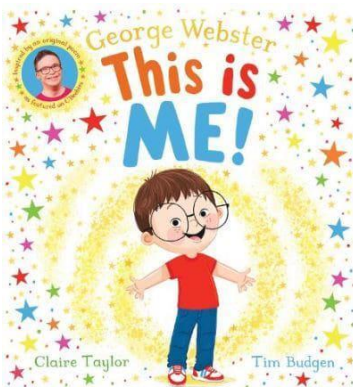
If your child is in Mrs Williams/Miss Matthews Year 5 class, please be aware that we are trialling a change to our pick up arrangements at the end of the school day starting from Monday 4th December. Children in this class will enter the school building using the usual door in a morning at the start of the day, however, **after** school, they will leave the building via the classroom door at the front of the school. If you collect your child from school, please wait for your child away from the classroom door on the pathway to allow the flow of children to leave the building safely. Children in this Y5 class who have permission to walk home from school alone/independently (and parents/carers have sent in a completed permission slip to school) will also leave from this door after school.

I will be monitoring this new arrangement over the next few weeks, which has been put in place to relieve some of the crowding at the other door, however, if I feel that children are not being safe and responsible when leaving from this door, then I will need to review it. Children will be informed to stay on the pathway and not to go onto our driveway or near to the parked staff cars but if you could reiterate this to your child, I would really appreciate it. Thank you.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Your present circumstances don’t determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start.” (Nido Qubein – motivational speaker)

PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



On Wednesday, Miss Matthews read the story ‘This is Me!’ written by George Webster and co-author Claire Taylor and illustrated by Tim Budgen. This book links to Down Syndrome Awareness Month.

You may be aware that George Webster is a presenter on CBeebies. George was the first ever CBeebies presenter to have Down syndrome.

The music played this week was: The Greatest Showman Cast – This Is Me!

If you’d like to hear the story for yourself, read by George, you can do so here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HxOiPLRb8OQ>

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who received a certificate in last week’s celebration assembly: Edwin B (AC), Isaac K (CN/SK), Mason S (ER), Yusuf K (JW), Luna G (EM), Oscar G-M (KM), Mabel C (JJ/CR), Eddie D (PA/EH), Phoebe C (SK), Louisa S (MW/EM) Tiffany S (TM), Rebecca C, Matilda D (CD). Congratulations to the children who sat on Top Table last week: Mila G (EYFS), Sophie P (Yr 1), Guarav U (Yr 2), Maximus D (Y3), Henry W (Y4), Arlo-Jack C (Y5), Emily A (Y6).

Attendance for the week Friday 24 November to Thursday 30 November

91.53%

BAD WEATHER ARRANGEMENTS

It is that time of year again when the weather begins to worsen and bad weather, (in particular snow), tends to cause disruption on the roads and safety can be compromised for all. The roads and pathways can be treacherous to navigate in the morning for staff, parents and children alike. Staff will, of course, make their best efforts to get to work on snow days, however, we do have a number of staff who live a considerable distance from school, who may struggle to get to work in the case of significant snowfall.

Mr Roberts, our caretaker, has been doing a great job of gritting the playground and paths around our school already, due to the cold snap, and I wanted to say a big thank you to him for this.

If school does need to close due to inclement weather, then I will endeavour to tell you as soon as possible each morning: I will strive to do this by 7.30am.

If this is the case we will inform you in the following ways:

- We will contact Your Harrogate and Greatest Hits Radio and advise them of the closure – Please listen in to the regular bulletins re: school closures.

You can check Your Harrogate and Greatest Hits Radio 'snow closure list' on their websites:

[Your Harrogate | Your local radio station in the Harrogate District](#)

<https://planetradio.co.uk/greatest-hits/>

- We will send a text/email message to parents using Arbor (as long as the message service is working).

A message will also be placed on Whole School Dojo and Tapestry.

Important: Please do not telephone the school to ask if we are open/closed as we will need our phone lines available for staff to contact school if they are having difficulties in getting to work.

If you do not receive any messages from school/via Your Harrogate, then please assume that school is open as usual.

I strongly advise that on snow days you accompany your child to school, just in case we are closed and the school gates are not open. We will put notices on the school gates advising of closure as soon as we can.

I'm hoping that we don't need to close the school at all this year due to inclement weather, however it's better to be prepared in advance.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please could I remind you of the uniform expectations for children in school. Children should not be wearing make-up or nail varnish. Children should be wearing school uniform which includes school shoes and not trainers please. The link to the Uniform and Appearance Policy on our website is as follows: <https://www.rossettacreprimary.co.uk/our-school/our-policies/>

Pupils should also come to school each day with a coat and jumper or cardigan, particularly at this time of year. We go out in all weathers so it is important they have these items of clothing with them.

If your child has lost their jumper or cardigan, we may have one available in the used uniform store. Please email the office who will check the stock for you.

Please ensure your children's clothing is labelled, there are many items in the lost property bins without names on. Thank you.

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY - TOMORROW

Tomorrow is Walk to School Day. It would be great if children could walk, cycle or scoot to school and support our efforts of encouraging exercise and helping our planet by cutting vehicle emissions.

PARKING REMINDERS

It has been brought to my attention again that some parents are not parking responsibly. Yesterday a car was seen parking on the zig zag lines at our Richmond Road entrance – please do not do this. It limits children's view of the crossing and can easily result in a child being hit by a car.

Additionally, please only use the disabled parking space at the front of our school if you have a Blue Badge or you have been given specific permission to do so by myself. We have a number of parents/children who do need to use this space and it needs to be available for them.

If you find you are late and need to drop your child off at our main school reception area, please park your car in the large Sports Centre Car Park and walk your child into school using our pathways rather than our driveway. Our school car park is for staff use only and it is important that we limit the amount of cars that come onto our school site for safety reasons. Thank you.

PTA NEWS – REMINDER: CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The PTA is holding a Christmas Raffle again this year, with some amazing prizes including: a Nintendo Switch, £100 cash, champagne, Yorkshire Show family ticket and many more!

Each child has been given 10 tickets to buy/sell. Tickets are priced at £1 each. Please return your completed stubs and money, plus any unsold tickets back to school by **Tuesday 12th December**. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 15th December with prizes available for collection from the school office in the final week of term.

If you would like any more tickets please ask at the office. Good luck!

HARROGATE TOWN SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT



WE ARE COLLECTING

PLEASE DONATE AN ITEM OR TWO FROM THE LIST.

- SOUP
- PASTA SAUCES
- TINNED TOMATOES
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- CEREALS
- TINNED RICE PUDDING
- TEA BAGS/INSTANT COFFEE
- RICE/ PASTA
- TINNED MEAT AND FISH
- TINNED FRUIT
- JAM
- BISCUITS OR SNACK BARS

Donation Days
5TH, 6TH & 7TH DECEMBER 2023

PLEASE BRING ALL
DONATIONS TO YOUR
CLASSROOMS

Harrogate District
foodbank

CHRISTMAS JUMPER SALE – COME AND JOIN US

SUGGESTED MINIMUM
DONATION OF £2 PER JUMPER

**Christmas
Jumper Sale**

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6TH
@ 3:30PM

IN THE MUSIC ROOM
(WHICH IS NEAR THE YEAR 6 BUILDING)
WE WILL SET UP OUTSIDE THE MUSIC ROOM IF
THE WEATHER IS WARM AND DRY

Eco Committee's Weekly Top Tip:

Use rechargeable batteries

COMMUNITY NEWS

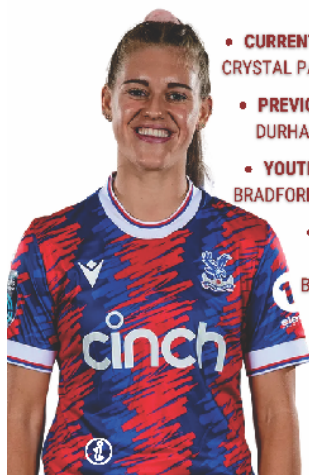
Free activities for eligible children and young people: [FEAST Activities Archive - North Yorkshire Together](#)

Mrs Macnair in our office, has already sent vouchers out to those families that are eligible in school.



**Girl's Football
Player Development
Centre** Ages 8-16 yrs

PRESENTS TRAIN WITH A PRO: MOLLY SHARPE



- **CURRENT TEAM**
CRYSTAL PALACE FC WOMEN
- **PREVIOUS TEAM**
DURHAM WOMEN FC
- **YOUTH CAREER**
BRADFORD CITY AFC WOMEN
- **U.S. COLLEGE CAREER**
BARRY UNIVERSITY,
MIAMI

What to expect:

- Skills & drills with our qualified coaches
- Train on the pitch with Molly
- An insight into what it takes to "go pro"
- Tips on making your dream become a reality

There are a limited number of places available. Bookings taken on a first come, first served basis. You do not need to be attending the weekly Future Lioness PDC to join this session.

Session Details

Date: Thursday 28th Dec
Location: Rossett High School, Harrogate. (3G Pitch)
Time: 12pm - 4pm
Cost: £27

How? 2 Simple Steps

1) Payment to be made to:
Future Lioness Ltd. (Natwest)
Acc no. 85258156 / Sort code: 55-81-11
Ref: Players Name

2) Please e-mail info@futurelioness.co.uk to confirm your payment and booking

What Next?

We will e-mail you within 48 hours of payment to confirm receipt of payment and your booking

This is one training session you don't want to miss!

<https://www.futurelioness.co.uk/train-with-a-pro>

I hope you all have a super weekend.

Corrine Penhale
Headteacher