



# **ROSSETT ACRE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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*'Excellence and happiness for all'*



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## **NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 7 December 2023**

### **Forthcoming dates for your diary**

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	<b>*NEW*</b> EYFS Christmas Party – Time TBC <b>*NEW*</b> Year 3 Christmas Party - PM
Tues 19 Dec	<b>*NEW*</b> Year 5 Christmas Party - AM
Weds 20 Dec	<b>*NEW*</b> Year 6 Christmas Party – AM <b>*NEW*</b> Year 2 Christmas Party - PM
Thurs 21 Dec	<b>*NEW*</b> Year 1 Christmas Party – AM <b>*NEW*</b> 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

Now that we are in December, the school Christmas tree has been put up and some naughty Christmas Elves have been up to various antics around school. Christmas productions are in full-swing and it is certainly feeling more festive. One of our cleaners even mentioned that they always know when Christmas is on its way due to the amount of glitter that appears sprinkled all over school!

I have been hearing stories about cheeky Christmas Elves that have been naughty in your homes too. Apparently, we have a Christmas Elf who is dating Barbie and was sat having a picnic with her, one that decided to cover the house in toilet paper, another that put rubbish all over the carpet in the living room that had to be cleared up before school began, one that kidnapped a Buddha figure in the house and is believed to have taken the Buddha to the North Pole and one even ate all the favourite Quality Street (other sweets are available 😊) of a child's mother, removing all the red and pink ones! Those Christmas Elves do get up to mischief!



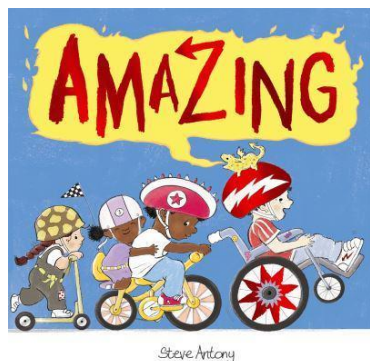
A special thank you to everyone who walked to school on Friday last week, even though it was quite cold. Thank you for helping to save our planet and get some exercise at the same time. Mrs Wood (PE subject leader) has also sent out some Active Advent Daily Activities to class teachers for them to use to keep their class active in school too.

On Monday, Rev Ben Askew led an assembly in school about Advent and how difficult it can be to wait for something which you are looking forward to. The children listened well and enjoyed the assembly. A huge thank you to Rev Askew for giving up his time to lead an assembly in school, especially as I know he is so busy at this time of year.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**“Only the development of compassion and understanding for others can bring us the tranquility and happiness we all seek.”** (Dalai Lama)

### PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



On Wednesday, Mrs Williams read the story ‘Amazing’ written and illustrated by Steve Antony. This book links to International Day for Persons with Disabilities which was on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

You can see more of his books on his website:

<https://www.steveantony.com/amazing>

The book is described on this website as: ‘A little boy and his pet dragon are the very best of friends. They laugh, they sing, they dance, they snooze. They are both amazing – just like everyone else!’

The music played this week was: Feliz Navidad - Jose Feliciano

If you'd like to hear the story for yourself, you can do so here:

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

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who received a certificate in last week's celebration assembly: Ava H-S (AC), Zac S (CN/SK), Ted H-B (AB) Tallulah M-G (ER), Harrison J (JW), Lilly-Rose R (EM), Holly W-M (KM), Heston H (JJ/CR), Ozzy S (PA/EH), Martha M (SK), Thea B (TM), Oliver H (CD).

Congratulations to the children who sat on Top Table last week: Rosie R (EYFS), Zoe H (Yr 1), Martha P (Y3), Skye M (Y4), Bethany G (Y5), Ellis M (Y6).

Lunchtime Award: Congratulations to Molly (Y2) whose winning ticket was drawn out for great behaviour at lunchtime.

**Attendance for the week Friday 1 December to Thursday 7 November**

**94.77 %**

### CHRISTMAS JUMPER SALE

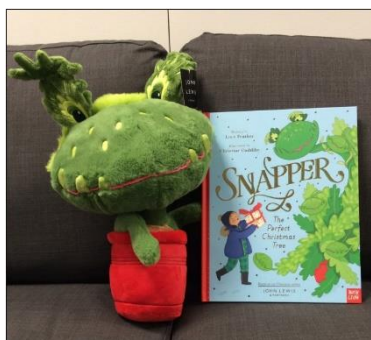
A huge thank you to everyone who sent in Christmas jumpers for us to sell. We have raised around £25.00 with a few more donations still to come. Thank you to Mrs Sims for organising the sale.

## YEAR 5 FINANCIAL EDUCATION

As part of their Financial Education lessons, Year 5 are running an exciting enterprise project! The children have made Christmas decorations to sell to the children in school. The decorations will cost £1 each. If your child would like to buy one, please could they bring their money to school w/c Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The decorations will be on sale every day next week from 12.30pm to 1pm from the reading pods in the quiet area.



## THANK YOU TO WAITROSE/JOHN LEWIS



A huge thank you to Waitrose and John Lewis for sending in some prizes for our PTA Christmas Raffle but also for sending in a book and toy to be shared in school by all our classes, linked to their 2023 Christmas advert: [The John Lewis & Partners Christmas Advert](#)

Snapper - The Perfect Christmas Tree, written by Lucy Feather and illustrated by Christine Cuddihy is a lovely book and it's fascinating how they have turned a Venus Fly Trap, which is usually portrayed in a negative light, into a good character. I know our children will love this story – a huge thank you to Mrs Hawes who brought in these items for us

**Eco Committee's Weekly Top Tip:**  
**Use up all food to avoid food waste**

## PTA NEWS – REMINDER: CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Don't forget that completed stubs and money, plus any unsold tickets need to be returned 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!



**A reminder of what you can win! Draw date: 15<sup>th</sup> December**

1. Nintendo Switch
2. £100 cash
3. £50 cash
4. Champagne afternoon tea for two at [Rudding Park](#)
5. £50 [Harrogate gift card](#)
6. £50 [Be Ba Bo](#) voucher
7. [The Phoenix Lounge](#) – voucher for Cut & Finish
8. Autographed photo of Henry Cavill (Superman!)
9. Champagne
10. [Slingsby Gin](#)
11. [Little Gym Harrogate](#) Camp voucher
12. [Great Yorkshire Show](#) – family ticket for up to 5 people
13. [Jake Perks Sports Massage and PT](#) – gift voucher
14. Chocolate and Christmas goodies hamper
15. £30 [Harlow House of Beauty](#) reflexology voucher
16. £20 [Marks & Spencer](#) voucher
17. [Mind & Body Beauty](#) gift voucher
18. [Busy Bears Club](#) – voucher for a free lesson/craft evening
19. [Sign & Sign Harrogate](#) – gift voucher worth £45
20. Prosecco
21. [Draw with Rob Biddulph](#) – autographed book (2 to give away!)
22. [Brimhams Active](#) – voucher for family swim session
23. [Foundry Project](#) – gift voucher
24. [Major Tom's Social](#) – voucher for free pizza
25. [Starling Café](#) – gift voucher
26. Bottle of wine
27. Cuddly snowman toy
28. [Snapper crocodile plush toy](#) (6 to give away!)
29. [Snapper crocodile plush toy + accompanying book](#)
30. Bottle of wine

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## HUTCHISON CATERING

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**THE FOOD EXPLORERS**

Welcome to Hutchison @ Home, our first family activity sheet.

We would like to bring some inspiration from our kitchens into your homes and provide your family with some food for thought over the festive period. Why not share what you get up to with us on Twitter using #Hutchison@home, we'd love to see what you get up to.

*Where is your Christmas dinner from?*

All food that we eat comes from plants or animals. For example, meat & milk from animals, wheat to make flour, bread and pasta is a plant.

**Have a Merry Christmas**

**Fun Facts About Your Christmas Dinner**

- Around 10 million turkeys are eaten every year for Christmas Day in the UK
- Back in Medieval Times, the preferred poultry was actually PEACOCK!
- On Christmas Day in Japan, many people eat fast food such as fried chicken for dinner!

HUTCHISON CATERING @ Home

*Cooking With Children*

Why not try one of our favourite recipes from our school kitchens at home this Christmas.

Expect some mess but lots of fun as well! And remember to let us know how you get on by sharing your pictures on Twitter using #Hutchison@home.

**Let's make Christmas ShortBREAD Biscuits!**

**Ingredients**

- 250g Margarine or butter
- 370g plain flour
- 125g caster sugar
- 5ml vanilla essence

**For the decoration:**

- Your choice of coloured foodstain
- Coloured icing pens
- A selection of sweets to decorate (optional)

**Method:**

1. Heat the oven to 190C/370C fan/gas 5.
2. Mix all the ingredients together in a bowl to form a soft dough. On a lightly floured surface, roll out the dough to a thickness of around 0.5cm.
3. Use a small Christmas shaped cutter to cut out your biscuits (you could choose gingerbread men, stars, Christmas trees). Re-roll the trimmings and repeat.
4. Transfer the biscuits to two lined baking trays and bake for 8-14 mins until the edges turn lightly golden in colour. Leave to cool.
5. To decorate, roll out your chosen coloured foodstain on a surface lightly dusted with icing sugar. Use the same cutter to cut out the icing. Use a little of the icing pens to stick the foodstain onto the biscuits.
6. For that extra touch of fun for Christmas, why not decorate with snowflakes. Something we can't do for school lunches. For example, you could use marbles as jelly beans for teachers on the tree or eyes and buttons on gingerbread. Let your children get creative!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Holiday Activities

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I hope you all have a great weekend.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C. Penhale". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first letter "C" is large and loops around. The last letter "e" has a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Corrine Penhale  
Headteacher