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'Excellence and happiness for all'



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NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 17 October 2024

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Sun 20 Oct	*NEW* PTA Junior Park Run 9am, (8.45am for first timers)
Thurs 24 Oct	Parent Breakfast Event – See below
Fri 25 Oct	Break for half term – 3.30pm
Mon 4 Nov	School re-opens
Sat 9 Nov	*NEW* PTA Jumble sale 10am – Drop off jumble after half term
Thurs 21 Nov	PTA Story Evening 5.45-6.45pm
Sat 30 Nov	PTA Christmas Fair – Time TBC

Hello, everyone. A big well done to all our children who had the flu vaccination in school last week. I was so proud of how they coped with this.

Today, (Thursday) we hosted our first Open Day this year and it was great meeting prospective parents/carers and children. We hope you enjoyed your visit to our school.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

When life gets hard, try to remember: the life you complain about is only a dream to some people. (Anonymous)

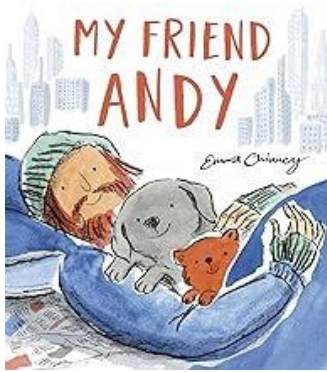
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL – SCHOOL EQUIPMENT AND GROUNDS

Please don't allow children to go onto the field, into the Forest School area, on the Multi-sports pitch, on the bridge or on the Trim Trail before and after school. Children should not access these areas without a member of school staff present. This is for the children's safety.

We would really appreciate your support with this. Thank you.



PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



This week in Picture Book Assembly, Mrs Aslam read the book 'My Friend Andy' written and illustrated by Emma Chinnery.

This book links to One World Week (Poverty and Homelessness Day). Amazon describes this book as 'A carefully-observed story that challenges us to re-evaluate perceptions of homelessness...'

The Music played this week was: Mad World – Gary Jules

I can't find a video of anyone reading this book online, however if you would like to see a little bit of what the book is about, you can do so here:

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/P8kqjAzpyCU>

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who received a certificate in last week's celebration assembly: Matilda E (AC), Phoenix T (CN/SK), Frank A (RB), Everest-Grey L (HH), William H (KM/BS), Theo R-M (AB), Emily P (JJ/CR), Lara K (EW), Heather D-G (AI/LS), Luke D (PA/EH) Charlie J (JW), Harriet A (RI), Erin W, Eva W, Louisa S (CD), Robyn S, Henry W (TM).

Congratulations to the children who received Top Table certificates: Ava H-S (Y1), Blaise T (Y2), Luna G (Y3), Toby Mc (Y4), Olivia L (Y5), Edward S (TM).

HT Awards: Congratulations to Drew (Y6) who received a HT Award for building a wooden bench during the Summer holiday, with his neighbour, for our chickens to sit on. A super construction and the chickens love it. Thank you so much.

BIG BAGS IN SCHOOL

Please could parents/carers support us by not sending their children into school with big bags. We have been looking at taking care of our (and others) possessions in school, ensuring our cloakrooms are tidy. The hooks in the cloakroom are only small and do not hold a coat and a bag very well. This means that big bags and coats are often strewn around the cloakroom floor getting trod on and damaged but also causing a Health and Safety hazard. To prevent the children and adults in school falling over the bags/slipping on the coats, and to make our school environment a pleasant one, it would be great if children could only bring in a bag if they have Forest School, as the children need additional clothing then. Lunchboxes can be brought in without the need for a bag/or in a much smaller bag or alternatively re-use a carrier bag as these stay on the hooks better. PE kit is best housed in a drawstring bag and reading books can be housed in a reading book bag – preferably without lots of keyrings attached as these prevent the book bags from fitting in the children's trays. One or two keyrings is fine to identify a book bag.

If you could help us with this, it would be really appreciated. Thank you.

PARENT/GRANDPARENT BREAKFAST EVENT

We would like to invite you to our Parent/Grandparent Breakfast on 24th October from 9am to 9:45am. This is a lovely opportunity for you all to get together whether you are new to the school, or have been here for a while. Free pastries and fruit will be served with tea or coffee. In order that we can cater correctly, please book on to the breakfast by Monday 21st October via the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/JiMNzxiW5Z>

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival at St Marks Church on Monday this week was lovely. Each year group performed for the rest of the school Y1 – Y6 and lots of information about Harvest was shared. The children sang a number of songs linked to Harvest, which sounded wonderful in the Church, including one to the tune of Shotgun by George Ezra, which the children particularly liked.

We do have a number of thank yous to make:

A huge thank you to Rev. Liz Resch for allowing us to hold our Harvest Festival at the Church again this year and for joining us for our event.

A huge thank you to all of the parents/carers and staff members (who don't usually work on a Monday), who gave up their own time to walk the children to and from the church. You were all amazing!

A huge thank you to everyone who brought in donations for our Harvest Festival which have been donated to a local food bank this year. The amount collected was fantastic and will really help those in need.

A huge thank you to Mrs Illingworth (with the support of Mrs Bridge), who organised and led the event for the first time this year and ensured that Singing Assemblies took place so the children knew the songs.

And last but not least, a huge thank you to the children and my colleagues for putting on such a fabulous show. I loved it! It definitely feels like autumn now!



Harvest donations: The photo doesn't really do it justice but there were lots of donations – Thank you.

YEAR 5 VISIT TO YORKSHIRE SCULPTURE PARK

On Tuesday, the Year 5s enjoyed an outdoor, artist-led, interactive walking tour of the Yorkshire Sculpture Park in Wakefield. Through questioning, making and drawing, the children developed their creative and critical thinking skills by looking at and responding to a variety of contemporary sculptures. They even got to experiment with clay! Our guides helped the children to make relevant connections between contemporary art, the world around them and their place within it. Everyone had a wonderful time!



SPORTING INFLUENCE NETBALL FESTIVAL AT ASHVILLE

On Tuesday morning, Mr Latty and I walked nine Year 6 girls to Ashville Sports Centre to take part in a Netball Festival run by Sporting Influence. There were six different school teams playing against each other. Our girls were praised for their supporting and kind behaviour, not just to their own team mates, but to other team players. Bethany was given a wristband for her kindness towards an injured player. I'm delighted to say that we came 2nd overall which I understand leads to another competition. Well done to Nancy J, Willow G, Bethany C, Chloe W, Eva W, Esme M, Isla S, Robyn S and Chloe H.

YEAR 6 GIRLS HIGH FIVE NETBALL COMPETITION AT ROSSETT



On Tuesday, the Year 6 netball team attended the Netball Festival arranged by Sporting Influence at Rossett High School. They played six matches against local primary schools. All the team were brilliant; they all showed fantastic team effort and supported each other on and off the court. They were an absolute credit to Rossett Acre and represented school in such a positive way.

We have the fantastic news to share that we won every game we played making us the overall champions of the tournament. Horray!

Well done to Willow G, Jemima S-S, Orla D, Nancy J, Chloe H, Louisa S and Elsa B - you all played such an important part to our success.

A huge thank you to Miss McKeown and Mrs Jones who were extremely impressed with the talent of the girls and accompanied the children to the event.

Y5/6 LAUREN DOHERTY VISIT – ROAD SAFETY



You could have heard a pin drop in the hall on Wednesday when Lauren Doherty visited to talk about road safety and the consequences of not being careful when crossing the road.

When Lauren was 20 years old, she was walking home from a night out with friends in Harrogate when she crossed the road while distracted and stepped into the path of an oncoming van. She said she was "thrown 30ft down the road" by the impact of the collision, which left her in intensive care at Leeds General Infirmary for three weeks. She told the children that it was a miracle that she survived at all.

Lauren suffered a spinal cord injury, which left her with only slight movement in her neck, shoulders and the fingers and toes on her left side. She spent nine months at the Spinal Cord Injury Centre in Sheffield and six further months at a rehabilitation unit in Harrogate as she sought to rebuild her life. Lauren has to be looked after by carers 24-7 and has accepted that she can never have any privacy in her life.

Since then Lauren has spent the last 15 years visiting schools and talking about her experiences. The children were surprised to hear that when Lauren was run over, there was perfect visibility and there were only two vehicles on the road. The children were able to ask questions about her life and listened intently throughout.

In this day and age with children (and adults) using headphones, ear pods or being on their mobile phones, it is more important than ever to concentrate and be safe when walking along pavements and crossing roads. Our streets have become even busier since Lauren had her accident and so it really made everybody think. We are so grateful for the time Lauren and her team spent with us to deliver such a powerful message.

OPEN DAY

Our next Open Day is on Thursday 21 November. If you know of anyone who has a child starting school in September 2025, then please do encourage them to book onto a tour. Thank you.

Please follow the link to book a tour: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-days-thursday-17th-october-and-thursday-21st-november-2024-tickets-717067065897>

ECO INFORMATION

Get a water butt to collect rainwater. This saves water and your plants will love it!

ATTENDANCE

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

**Attendance: Friday 11 October 2024 to Thursday 17 October 2024
96.5%**

Number of pupils late at least once this week: 9

Remember: The gates open at 8.40pm and school starts promptly at 8.50am.

How do we monitor your child's attendance?

If your child is absent from school, first we will phone you. If we have no response, we will complete a home visit.

- 95.5%** Your child's attendance target
- Below 95%** Child's attendance monitored by school
- Below 90%** Child is considered a persistent absentee

190 DAYS FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION EACH YEAR	10 DAYS ABSENCE 180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	19 DAYS ABSENCE A MONTH MISSED OF EDUCATION	29 DAYS ABSENCE A WHOLE HALF TERM MISSED	38 DAYS ABSENCE 2 MONTHS OF SCHOOL MISSED	47 DAYS ABSENCE NEARLY 1/4 OF SCHOOL YEAR MISSED
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best chance of success!!		Worrying 30 hours of maths missed 45 hours of English missed 15 hours of playing with friends missed 12 hours of PE missed		Serious concern—possible court action 50 hours of maths missed 75 hours of English missed 25 hours of playing with friends missed 20 hours of PE missed	

Our attendance figures continue to be high this half term. Keep up the good work!

A big thank you to everyone who arrives each day at school on time.

PTA JUMBLE SALE

The PTA Jumble Sale is on Saturday 9th November, from 10am-12 noon. We need volunteers to make this event a big success. Helpers are needed on Friday 8th November, anytime between 2.30pm and 5pm to help set up. Even if you can just spare a half an hour it would be helpful. We also need volunteers to help man the stalls on the Saturday morning, either at 9.45am or at 10.45am, for one hour. Please email Mrs Vlack if you are able to help: vlackg@rap.rkt.co.uk. We also need people who might be able to come after the sale at 12noon with their car to take leftovers to local charity shops. Thank you.

We will be collecting donations of jumble in school after half term, so please have a clear out over the holiday and help us to raise some money for our school. Thank you.

JUNIOR PARKRUN

Our Junior Parkrun Takeover - is this Sunday!!!

Over 190 children have signed up and we already have over £1000 in the fundraising pot!!!

Just some final reminders:

- Please walk if you can as parking will be tricky
- For those taking part, please come in your PE uniform
- Don't forget to attach your barcodes to your clothing
- When you complete the run, please wait to be directed to the medal table
- Here is the fundraising link: <https://www.shorturl.at/PUCYI>

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible! Thank you to everyone who has supported this event.

COMMUNITY

£1 BUS FARE SCHEME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 18 OR UNDER

Between 15 September and 31 December, young people aged 18 or under will pay only £1 for a single journey on most bus routes in North Yorkshire.

The £1 fare scheme is funded by UK Government. It is available on most bus journeys within North Yorkshire and to York and the Tees Valley.

The fare scheme does not include school routes, tours and bus services closed to the public. You might be asked to prove your age when buying a ticket. More details can be found here: [Bus service changes and news | North Yorkshire Council](#)

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH KEY STAGE 2 MATHS

Adult Learning North Yorkshire is offering a free online course, 'Supporting Your Child with Key Stage 2 Maths'.

Starting on Monday, 11th November, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, this 6-week course is designed for parents and caregivers who wish to enhance their child's mathematical skills while also improving their own understanding of the subject.

Participants will:

- Explore the current Key Stage 2 maths curriculum.
- Learn effective strategies to support their child's learning.
- Engage with other parents in a collaborative environment.

To enrol, please visit the link: <https://tinyurl.com/KeyStage2Maths11>

Contact Email: adultlearningservice@northyorks.gov.uk



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BECOME A TEACHING ASSISTANT

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 progression qualification course is right for each individual.

Wednesdays 06 November - 27 November, 13:00 - 15:00
 Wednesdays 20 November - 11 December, 13:00 - 15:00
 Wednesdays 20 November - 11 December, 18:00 - 21:00
 Thursdays 21 November - 12 December, 18:00 - 21:00

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 536066** 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

www.netball4all.com

HALLOWEEN CAMP 




- BOROUGHBRODIDGE HIGH
- THURSDAY 31st OCTOBER
- AGES 4 TO 6YRS - 10AM TIL 12PM
- AGES 7 TO 16YRS - 10AM TIL 3PM
- £10 MORNING / £25 DAY

Come & join us for a SPOOKY & fun day of netball. Prizes for the best Halloween active outfits & workers of the day available!



I look forward to seeing lots of you on Sunday morning, bright and early at Valley Gardens for the Junior Parkrun takeover.

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone.

Corrine Penhale
 Headteacher