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NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 13 February 2025

Forthcoming dates for your diary	
Fri 14 Feb	Doughnut sale 3.20pm
Fri 14 Feb	Close for half-term at normal school closing times.
Mon 24 Feb	School re-opens
Thurs 27 Feb	Mr Marshall's Class Assembly 9.10am
Mon 3 March	*NEW* Exciting Opportunity - Parent Meeting re: Child Online Safety. Anna Sarjantson from Screen-safe will be leading a free, non-judgemental event at Rossett Acre at 6.30pm. See below for further details.
Tues 4 Mar	Story Evening 5.45pm
Thurs 6 Mar	World Book Day
Thurs 6 Mar	Mrs Mansfield/Mrs Shaw's Class Assembly 9.10am
Fri 7 Mar	Miss Murray's Class Assembly 9.10am
Thurs 13 Mar	Miss Whiteley's Class Assembly 9.10am
Fri 14 Mar	Red Nose Day
Mon 17 Mar	EYFS & Y6 NHS Height and Weight Check
Thurs 20 Mar	Mrs Jones/Mrs Reddish Class Assembly 9.10am
Fri 21 Mar	PTA Quiz Night 7pm
Thurs 27 Mar	Miss Dodgson's Class Assembly 9.10am
Thurs 27 Mar	Parents' Evening – In person 4-7pm. Letter can be found at: https://www.rossettacreprimary.co.uk/seecmsfile/?id=9574
Tues 1 Apr	Parents' Evening – Online 4-7pm. Letter can be found at: https://www.rossettacreprimary.co.uk/seecmsfile/?id=9574
Thurs 3 Apr	EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade (TBC - PM)
Fri 4 Apr	Close for Easter at 2.30pm















A huge thank you and well done to all the children, parents and carers who walked, cycled or scootered to school last Friday. The response to our Walk to School event was phenomenal! Great job, everyone!

On Monday, this week, Mrs Aslam led an assembly about Internet Safety and particularly about staying safe from scams! Mrs Aslam started the assembly by showing a picture of Mr Beast on screen (popular YouTuber who does lots of giveaways/challenges where he gives away money) with a fake advert that he was going to give every child, in schools across the UK, a free Nintendo Switch; all the children had to do was send £10 to cover P&P and to give their username and password! Many of the children were very excited about this and there was a definite buzz of excitement – of course, Mrs Aslam then explained that this was a scam, much to the children's disappointment!

It appears that some children have experienced scams whilst online and it was made clear that if something looks too good to be true, needs you to act urgently or give out your personal details, then it is usually a scam!

Some of the children mentioned that they had agreed to swap something with another player in a game whilst online and that they either hadn't received anything in return or had been sent something that was worthless! We are also aware that some children have given out their username and account details to people that they don't know in games. This is quite worrying.

We hope that the assembly today makes the children think twice before giving their details etc online; scams can be so sophisticated and convincing and it is easy to fall for them.

A huge thank you to Mrs Aslam for creating and leading such a great assembly.

AFTERNOON TEA

Thank you to all the parents/carers and grandparents, who joined us for our Afternoon Tea event last Thursday. We had a great turn out and the feedback was so incredibly positive. It was so lovely chatting with you, and I hope that those of you who came, enjoyed the refreshments.

Andrea, our cook, put on a fabulous spread and had thought of everything; there were even scones teeming with lashings of cream and jam – both using the Cornish and Devon way to ensure everyone was pleased! We love the attention to detail, Andrea!

There were some gluten free treats and lots of lovely fruit, as well as Andrea's infamous flapjack! Super yummy! Thank you, Andrea, and her team for providing such a wonderful feast for us.

A huge thank you to our Nurture Team and Miss Woodcock who were available during our Afternoon Tea to chat and answer questions and to our fabulous office ladies who helped set up the room.

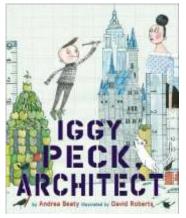
OPEN CLASSROOMS

Open Classrooms took place after our Afternoon Tea on Thursday last week and again the turnout was amazing. Thank you to everyone who visited; the children love sharing their work with parents/carers and grandparents and I saw lots of very proud faces.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Inside of you, there is the power to change your world". (Avina Celeste)

PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



On Thursday in assembly, I introduced the book 'Iggy Peck Architect' written by Andrea Beaty and illustrated by David Roberts.

Iggy had been making fabulous inventions since he was two years old and was not afraid to express himself!

We watched the story using the link below and then had a super whole school Singing Assembly. The children's behaviour during our extended assembly was exceptional and I was so proud of them all. Well done!

If you'd like to hear the book for yourself, you can do so here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7FXbGn-jKc

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who received a certificate in last week's celebration assembly: Finn T-J (AC), Maisie W (SK/CN) Bobby B (RB), Grace P (HH), Noah R (ZM), David S (KM/BS), Lexie F (JJ/CR), Otis C-C (EW), Toby S (AI/LS), George W (PA/EH), William M (JW), Lawrence R (RI), Edward W (CD), Edward S (TM).

Congratulations to the children who were on the Top Table last week: Caitlin H-S (EYFS CN/SK), Bobby B (Yr 1 RB), Alfie T (Yr 2 ZM), Nathan H (Yr 3 EW), Lettie M (Yr 4 PA/EH), Thea S (Yr 5 RI), Martha C (YR 6 TM).

EYFS ENTERPRISE PROJECT

On Friday, last week, EYFS made fruit kebabs to sell as their enterprise project to Year 1. Some of the EYFS children, accompanied by Mrs Lamb, visited the Year 1 classes, where there was much joy and enthusiasm to purchase a fruity treat. Well done to all our EYFS children who made the healthy fruit kebabs to sell. £33 was raised and the children have asked to spend it on some board games and a new baby doll for Grannie's house.





EXCITING OPPORTUNITY - PARENT MEETING RE: CHILD ONLINE SAFETY, SMARTPHONE USE AND MENTAL HEALTH

On the evening of Monday 3rd March, we are delighted and really excited to be able to offer you a fantastic opportunity to join us and Anna Sarjantson from Screen-safe, for a free, non-judgemental event at Rossett Acre starting at 6.30pm.

This follows the very popular event that was held at Brackenfield School in December. We would love as many parents/carers as possible to attend. I attended the Brackenfield event, and it was extremely informative, hard hitting and gave plenty of food for thought. It certainly opened the eyes of those attending to the dangers of social media, the internet and how children use mobile phones!

Children's smartphone use, social media use and their mental health will all be covered at this event including ways to support you and your child to navigate this minefield successfully.

We hope that Harrogate's Smartphone Free Childhood Parents Group will also be able to join us to share their campaign briefly with you too.

To submit a question to be asked/covered during the evening, please complete the simple, very quick form that can be found here: https://forms.office.com/e/Ny4ffr2nYF You can also use this form to inform us that you will be attending – you don't need to add a question if you don't have one.

Important: Please note that due to the content, this event is for **adults only** and not appropriate for children.

It would be great if we could have a huge turnout for this event as it is something that affects us all.

Refreshments will be provided.

You may like to watch, if you haven't already: Swiped – The School that Banned Smartphones. Y8 children were challenged to give up their phones for 21 days. This can still be viewed on Channel 4 Catch Up. Again, I would not watch this with primary aged children, as it is not appropriate.

ECO INFORMATION

Install & use water butts in the garden, if possible, use grey water on the garden.

ATTENDANCE



Attendance 7 February 2025 to Thursday 13 February 2025 94.81%

Number of pupils late at least once this week: 8

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



Did you know that if your child is just 5 minutes late to school each day, this is the equivalent of 3.4 whole school days in one year – that's 17 lessons!

LOST PROPERTY

Please take the time over the holidays to ensure all items of clothing are named - particularly coats, PE Kits, Forest School items and even Tupperware used in lunchboxes. Even if the items were named, the names may now be illegible or have washed out - please do check. We have two lost property bins located in the Sports Hall foyer that are overflowing with cardigans and jumpers and other items. If a child comes home with the wrong item, please send it back in and let their child's teacher know. We try our hardest to return items, but they really do need naming!

The lost property bins will be emptied at half term. Any named items will be returned to children, but all unnamed items will be given to charity or added to our 2nd hand uniform supplies. So please take a look in Lost Property tomorrow if you have lost something.

COMMUNITY



Don't forget the PTA Doughnut Sale after school tomorrow – bring your cash and receive a yummy treat!

I hope you all have a fabulous holiday and I look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 24th February. I'm hoping for a bit of sunshine – fingers crossed!

Corrine Penhale Headteacher