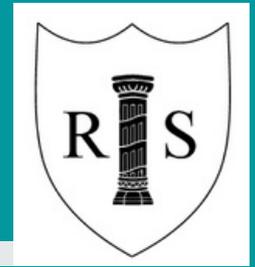


ROSLIN NEWS



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We hope everyone had a good break, it was lovely to welcome the children back last week. This week parent's appointments take place, again by phone. Our hope is that next time this will be in person. There is so much information to pass on that these newsletters will be monthly.

PANTOMIMES AND NATIVITY

Sadly both of the Panto experiences were cancelled recently so we have been working on rearranging these.

On 1st December the P4-7 pupils will be going to King's Theatre in Edinburgh to see 'Sleeping Beauty'. The performance begins at 2pm so the children will not be back in school until 5.30pm that evening. We will be subsidising the trip to keep the cost at just £7 a child.

We are organising an online Panto for the nursery to P3 children, this will be 'Puss in Boots' and will be no charge for families.

The week beginning 15th November is Scottish Book Week, this will be celebrated across the school with a theme that supports our focus on Equity and Diversity.

The P1s will be preparing a simple nativity this session, details will follow in the December Newsletter but the performance for families will probably be singing the songs they learn in the playground.

SCOOTERS AND BIKES

Can we remind everyone that scooters and bikes are welcome in school, but that given the number of people around these should be walked in and out of the grounds.

COVID UPDATE

There were only a few COVID cases this week, but thanks to the continued vigilance of staff and parents none of the people who tested positive had been in school after the holiday so no 'Warn and Inform' letters were sent.

Our expectation is that the next couple of weeks will be crucial as some people will be asymptomatic and continued vigilance with testing is much appreciated.

We do appreciate however that the children's' experience in school remains different and that the protocols in school are now quite different to those elsewhere. We continue to follow National and Midlothian guidelines which support us keeping the school open, but mitigations are relaxing slowly.



SCHOOL LIBRARY - Project Update

Dorothy Denham, who used to be part of the Roslin Team, has kindly agreed to support us as we audit and update books. New furniture has been chosen and ordered to improve accessibility to books for our youngest learners. We have also ordered the first 100 new books using lists some of the children provided.

The next step is to begin to decorate the space. Thanks to those parents who have offered to support this.

NEW STAFF AND STUDENTS

Thanks to funding to support recovery from COVID we have welcomed a new Learning Assistant, Eleni Bakopoulou. A maths recovery teacher, Jonathan Weedon will be working with Mr Burt in P6 on Tuesday afternoons and alternate Fridays. Part of his remit is to up-skill some of our Learning Assistants to further support maths groups.

We begin to welcome students back into school, we already have a Foundation Apprentice each Thursday in the Nursery and this month welcome four students from Edinburgh College who will be working throughout the school.

We also welcome Judith Mathers, who until recently was Headteacher of Mauricewood, who will be visiting the school on Thursdays to support P5 and some readers.



OUTSIDE LEARNING AND PE

We try to have outdoor learning often. As winter approaches we ask that your children come to school with a warm, waterproof jacket and to consider waterproof trousers and boots during wet periods.

On days when PE is planned the children should come to school in an outfit that is suitable for exercise, ideally this will include a change of shoes for the gym hall so avoid muddy shoes in school. If you are buying new gym clothes please avoid branded kit.



INSET DAY

The 25th October was a chance for staff to gather for professional dialogue. We spent time over the day considering a range of topics that included Gender Balance and Equity in STEM, thinking about the Cost of the School Day for families and our reading program.

It was decided that we will begin to replace the school's Reading Scheme, a long term project, beginning with replacing some of the sets of first novels.

We also undertook an evaluation of the last 20 months, as we should be developing a new normal for school, considering what has been positive and we should continue and those things that we did previously that we don't want to return to. We plan to continue this with the Parent Council and our P5-7 pupils.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 1st to 4th November - Parent Consultations
- 17th November - Press Launch of IOT Project
- 18th November NYCOS workshops for P4s and P5s
- 22nd to 26th November - P1 Registration for Aug 2022
- 24th November - Fishey Music session for P1-4
- 1st December - P4-7 Pantomime Visit
- 8th December - Nursery to P3 Pantomime online
- 22nd December - Term Ends. Have a happy Christmas holiday
- 10th January - Staff In-Service Day

REMEMBRANCE DAY - 11th November

This year to mark Remembrance Day all of the children will be sent home with a poppy. If you wish to make a donation this can be done using Parent Pay.



CHILDREN IN NEED 19th November

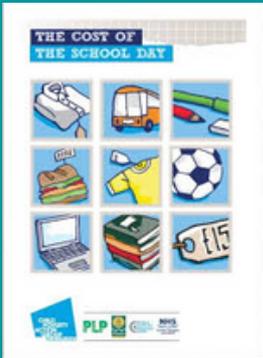
We plan to mark Children in Need with a dress down day, again a donation can be made using Parent Pay.



COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY

We would like to make sure that cost is not a barrier for any of our families accessing activities connected to school or even school itself. Talking about money can be difficult, but please get in touch with us if you would like to talk about, for example, trip costs.

You will begin to see changes to some of the activities in school to reduce pressure on families, like poppies being available for all children and alternatives to dressing up days. If there is anything else we can do to support your family please let us know.

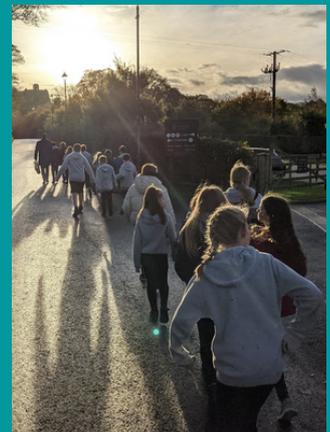


JUNIOR TOUR GUIDES

Our Junior Tour Guide program is now well underway, it is exciting to see groups of children practising around the school and to see them head off to the Chapel.

1st Nov to 5th Nov - P7 pupils visiting the Chapel in groups (mornings)

- 11th Nov - P5 visiting Rosslyn Chapel (am)
- 18th Nov - P3/4 visiting Rosslyn Chapel (am)
- 25th Nov - P4 visiting Rosslyn Chapel (am)
- 2nd Dec - P3s from P2/3 visiting Rosslyn Chapel (am)
- 9th Dec - P6 visiting Rosslyn Chapel (am)



DATA MONITORING

P6 are taking part in an exciting environmental monitoring project in conjunction with Edinburgh University this year. There will be a press launch of the project on 17th November.

Details can be found here - <https://dataschools.education/iot-in-schools/>

