



Friday 8th September 2022

Newsletter 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I'd like to express how sad we were to hear that her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II passed away on Thursday evening this week. After careful consideration, we decided that it was appropriate for us to hold special assemblies today where we shared some photographs of The Queen and let the children know that any emotional reaction to the news is okay. We have also made sure that all of the children understand that, as always, we are all here if they wish to speak to us. The following links may be useful for you to support your children at home should they need it:

<https://www.winstonswish.org/> <https://www.childbereavementuk.org/> <https://nelsonsjourney.org.uk/>

During the next week and this period of mourning, the children will learn more about the significance of this moment in history at an age-appropriate level. I hope you and your families are coping as well as you can with the sad news. The day of the Queen's funeral will be a public holiday and school will be closed on this day. We will of course keep you informed as and when we know more.

Despite this being a difficult time, I'd like to wish you all a warm welcome back to school and hope that you have had a restful summer.

We have been busy over the holidays, preparing for September, updating and developing curriculum planning, developing the school site with our new secure zone and continuing to review the ways we work to ensure that Rosecroft Primary School and Nursery, is a thriving and successful Primary School.

This week we have held our Parent/Carer Welcome Meetings, which I hope you found informative and useful. If you weren't able to attend, please let us know so that we can make sure the information is passed on to you. Reception meetings are taking place on 22nd September.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to begin our second year as the Attleborough and Rosecroft Primary Federation and building upon the huge amount of progress made last year. Both schools continue to work together for the benefit of the children and the wider community and I'm looking forward to another successful year. One example of us developing as a federation this year will focus on responding to your feedback from our Parent/Carer Survey in May 2022; a common area that was identified to improve was communication between families and schools so this will be something that we be working on going forwards.

Thank you, as ever, for your ongoing support.

Gayle Long
Executive Headteacher

A reminder of Classes and staffing from September 2022:

Please see details of our current classes. We are asking that any queries directed at teachers are no longer sent via the office, but to teachers directly on the email addresses below. Please remember that teachers are teaching during the day and with after school meetings etc, it may take a couple of days to receive a reply. For anything urgent, please contact the school office.

Rosebuds Nursery:

Mrs Thomas – Mon, Tues, Thursday kthomas@rosecroft.school

Mrs Woodrow – Wed, Friday ewoodrow@rosecroft.school

Reception

Seacole Class – Miss Whittle (KS1 Assistant Head) Mon, Thurs, Fri awhittle@rosecroft.school

Mrs May – Tuesday, Wednesday mmay@rosecroft.school

Benjamin Class – Miss White gwhite@rosecroft.school

Year One

Sharman Class – Miss Chalk echalk@rosecroft.school

Pankhurst class – Mrs Allum rallum@rosecroft.school

Anning Class – Mrs Cooper - Mon, Tues, Wed. ecooper@rosecroft.school

Mr Williams – Thurs, Fri mwilliams@rosecroft.school

Year Two

Jemison Class - Mrs Codling scodling@rosecroft.school

Rashford Class – Miss Snowden lsnowden@rosecroft.school

Potter Class – Mr Gorrod dgorrod@rosecroft.school

Year Three

Parks Class – Miss Edwards eedwards@rosecroft.school

Hamilton Class – Mrs Brookson Mon, Fri – rclydesdale@rosecroft.school

Miss Astbury – Tues, Wed, Thurs kastbury@rosecroft.school

Clara Class – Mr Baldwin sbaldwin@rosecroft.school

Year Four

Tabei Class – Mrs Walton (KS2 Assistant Head) twalton@rosecroft.school

Year Four cont.

Tabei Class – Mrs Spall – Tuesday, Friday mspall@rosecroft.school

Ali Class – Mr Leather – rleather@rosecroft.school

Frank Class – Miss Brand – mbrand@rosecroft.school

Year Five

Obama Class – Miss Todd ctodd@rosecroft.school

Tubman Class – Mr Phillips nphillips@rosecroft.school

Keller Class – Mr Wilson kwilson@rosecroft.school

Year Six

Curie Class – Miss Catchpole kcatchpole@rosecroft.school

Johnson Class – Mrs Baber cbaber@rosecroft.school

Goodall Class – Mrs Roberts hroberts@rosecroft.school

In other staffing news:

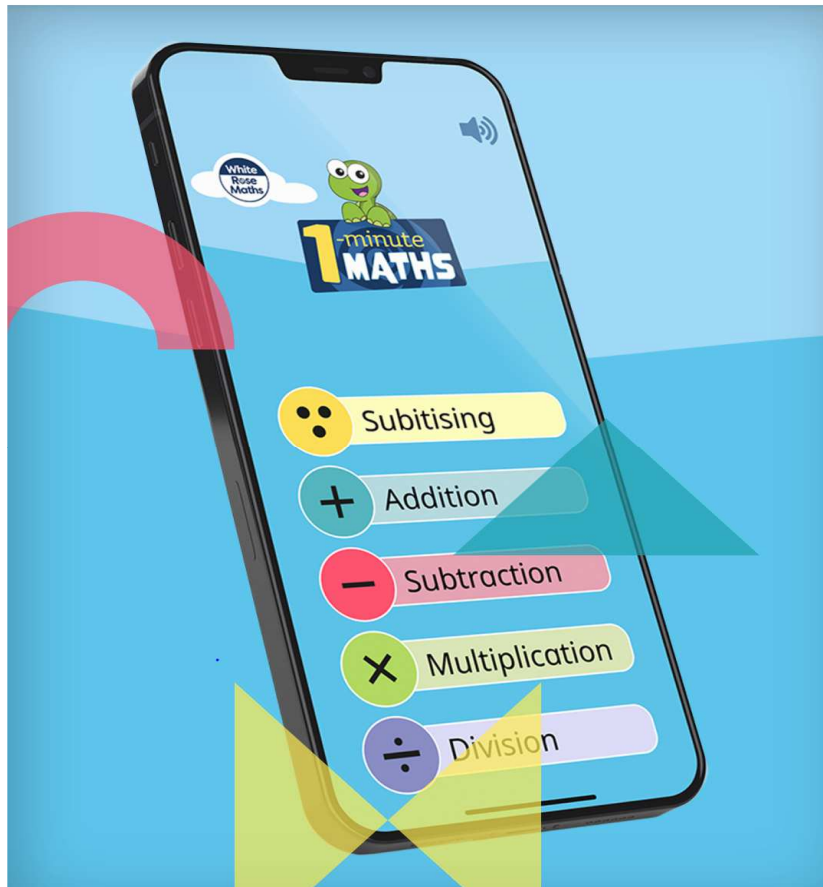
We are excited to share that Mr and Mrs Brookson are expecting their first baby in February. Many congratulations to them both.

Mrs Henton will also be starting her maternity leave in October to prepare for the imminent arrival of their first baby too.

Exciting times ahead! We wish Mr and Mrs Henton well and we look forward to having some news to share.

Fun maths app to support your child's learning:

In school we use a scheme called White Rose Maths. They have brought out a free and fun app called 'Minute maths'.



This is completely free and supports our maths teaching and learning in school. Further details can be found by clicking on the following link:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/1-minute-maths>

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns for the safety or welfare of a child at any time, but particularly during the holidays, please share your concern by calling either of the following numbers:

NSPCC – 0808 800 5000

Child Advice and Duty Service: 0344 800 8020

Calls can be anonymous.

Thank you.

Diary dates – Autumn Term

September:

22nd YR parents and carers welcome meeting 3.30pm

29th Harvest festivals for the whole school (please see separate information below)

October:

Week beginning 17th – parents evening

21st Break for half term

31st Return to school

December:

6th/8th – Yr and Y1 Christmas plays (details to follow- there will be 2pm and 5pm performances)

The Attleborough and Rosecroft Primary Federation Governing Board

We have positions on our governing board. If you have ever wondered what a school governor does or thought you might like to become one yourself, then please read on for more information.

What is a governor?

A governor helps our school run effectively. The governing board works with the Executive Head Mrs Long and also the Heads of School, Mr Copland and Mrs Drew, to plan the direction the school is going in, how money is spent, and objectively supports and challenges the school leadership.

Who are you looking for?

A governor is a voluntary position and you don't need to be a parent or have an educational background. A variety of skills make someone ideal to become a governor including problem solving and a positive and proactive attitude. It is often useful if a governor has professional experience, for example finance, project management, health and safety, or holding a position on a board, but this is by no means essential and we encourage a diverse representation. Governors can be from the local community (co-opted), local authority (e.g. NHS, emergency services) or parents of existing pupils.

Why does the school need them?

Governors are the overseers of the school and help improve the education our children receive. To do this, Governors support Senior Leaders to set the strategic direction, work with teachers to set and stick to subject policies, monitor the school budget and what it is being spent on.

What training is available?

All Governors have inductions, mentoring, mandatory training such as safeguarding, as well as a vast range of free online and face-to-face training, much of which is useful in any line of work. There may be lots of unfamiliar acronyms however support is always available and there's no such thing as a stupid question, in fact objectivity is welcomed to help challenge and make the school even better.

How much time would I need to commit?

You would need to attend approx. 6 governor meetings a year – usually in the evenings in term time. Additionally, there may be in-school observation activities, ad-hoc meetings and training, all together around 10-15 hours per month and you would be a governor for a term of four years on the governing body. This counts as public duties so employers are required to permit a 'reasonable' amount of time off for governor duties and training.

What is in it for me?

Being a governor is a hugely insightful, satisfying and fulfilling role. You'll learn how decisions are made at a strategic level at school and have a genuinely positive influence towards our wonderful school. To find out more please email chairofgov@rosecroft.norfolk.sch.uk to arrange an initial chat. To visit our school website go to <https://arpfederation.org.uk/>

Parent fundraiser

One of our parents Mrs Carla Gaskin, is running the London Marathon in October. On Friday 23rd September, Carla will be holding a cake sale outside the front of our school from 3 – 4pm. There will also be a coffee truck and a raffle. All money raised will go to 'Children with Cancer UK'. This charity is particularly poignant for us as a school as we currently have one of our own pupils, who is suffering with this disease.

If you are able to support this worthy event, all donations would be gratefully received. Either in the form of raffle prizes which can be dropped off at the office or with staff on the gate. Also, don't forget to bring some money for cake, coffee and raffle tickets on the day.

Thank you for your support!

Birthday treats

Some parents and carers like to send their child in with treats for the class on their birthday. There is no expectation for this to happen, but any treats must be shop bought please, so allergens can be checked.

Also the treats will go home with the children and can't be consumed at school.

Friends of Rosecroft Primary School

A huge thank you to the small army of willing volunteers, otherwise known as FORPS. They have organised our Christmas event (including our magnificent Christmas tree), supported at sports days, organised our amazing summer fair and our magnificent first Y6 leavers prom. They have also arranged discos for all of our pupils from YR – Y6.

FORPS not only raise much needed funds for our school, but more importantly, they have been instrumental in bringing our school community together, which after the last 2 years, is more needed and valued than ever.

If any parents, new or old, are interested in finding out a bit more about FORPS with a view to getting involved in some way please contact them via email on:

friendsofrosecroft@gmail.com or look out for their 'Friends of Rosecroft' Facebook page.

Harvest Festival

We will be holding our Harvest Festival celebration on Thursday 29th September. They will be led by Matthew Jackson, the Rector of St Mary's Church in Attleborough.

We work very closely with the Trussell Trust who support many families within our community via their foodbanks. In the current climate, more and more families are relying on this support and the Trussell Trust have reached out to us for the first time, to ask for donations.

Any non-perishable goods you are able to spare would be gratefully received, but in particular:

Tinned Soup
Tinned Fruit
Tinned Vegetables
Tinned Tomatoes
Tinned Rice Pudding
Instant Mash

Any donations can be brought in via your child's class.

If you would like to access support from our local foodbank, this can be done by contacting either Mrs Aldred lydiaaldred@rosecroft.school or Mrs Drew safeguarding@rosecroft.school. Any requests will be dealt with in strict confidence.

Many thanks in advance for your support.