



Rosecroft Primary and Nursery School



Friday 21st October 2022

Newsletter 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy half term in and out of school. Our sporting fixtures against other schools have started (please see Mr Leather's report further down), as well as trips, visits and visitors. Information has gone out about the Y4 and Y6 residentials later in the year as well as other upcoming trips.

Our musicians have been busy with our Rocksteady bands preparing for their first performances at the end of term. Our music lessons have continued and well done to Grace in Y4 for obtaining grade 1 in the clarinet.

Hopefully, the dropping off and picking up situation has been eased by the opening of the loop road, but can we please request that parents do not park on it – this has been causing an obstruction at times.

We have continued to work together as a Federation and are currently working on our new Federation website. Staff have continued to work with colleagues across both schools and this week teachers met with colleagues from other schools in our cluster – Gt Ellingham, Rocklands, Hingham and Attleborough Primary to share good practice to improve outcomes for all pupils and are making this a regular activity every term. Building links with other schools is a valuable opportunity to enhance and enrich our experiences and opportunities for pupils and staff.

We are looking forward to another exciting half term in the run up to the festive season including our first Christmas Fair run by our Friends Association since COVID.

Have a restful and enjoyable half term.

Gayle Long
Executive Headteacher

Poppy appeal:

Poppies will be available to buy from school after half term. Other items on sale, which are part of the Poppy Appeal, will be: snap band rulers, wrist bands, reflector poppy clips and zip pulls.

Although we cannot ask for specific amounts, a donation of at least 50p/£1 would be gratefully received.

However all donations, whatever the amount, are welcome.

Flyers attached to this newsletter include:

- Norwich Cathedral, be a chorister for a day
- Robert Kett Primary Holiday Club
- Autumn Tennis Fun day
- Music hub leaflets

Staffing news

After many years at Attleborough Infants and then Rosecroft Primary School, Mr Williams is leaving us to explore new challenges. His last day with us will be 4th November.

We will all miss Mr Williams very much and wish him well.

Cross Country

On Monday 17th October Mr Leather and Mrs Briggs took the 16 members of our cross-country running team to participate in a Breckland School Sport Partnership event at Hockwold Hall. There were numerous other teams from the Breckland area taking part and we travelled there with our friends from Attleborough Primary School. Our whole team behaved superbly during the event and showed fantastic sportspersonship and perseverance throughout the day. All the team members ran their hearts out and we even came away with two silver medals (Lewis and Lucy) and three bronze medals (Mia, Frankie and Casey). Well done to everyone involved!

Mr Leather

Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

Parents and carers of pupils who are entitled to free school meals will also receive vouchers to support with the cost of living. Please ensure that these vouchers are used before the expiry date as we cannot reissue them.

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please follow this link for further information:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>

Drop-in and Share at St Mary's

Our church mice have noticed that some people are finding it difficult to make ends meet at the moment.

To help, donated food is available on

Thursdays mornings from 11am to 12 noon

which is free to take by anyone who is finding it hard to manage their housekeeping.

Please come and see if there are items which you could make use of. You are welcome to take something for a neighbour.



All items are free to take. There are no criteria or vouchers needed. This is help from the community to the community.

Any left over packaged goods will be donated to our Trussell Trust Food Bank Collection and any fresh produce will be left in the porch for anyone to take.

Helping the Community :: Reducing Food Waste



ST MARY'S
ATTLEBOROUGH

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BBC Children In Need non uniform day– Friday 18th November

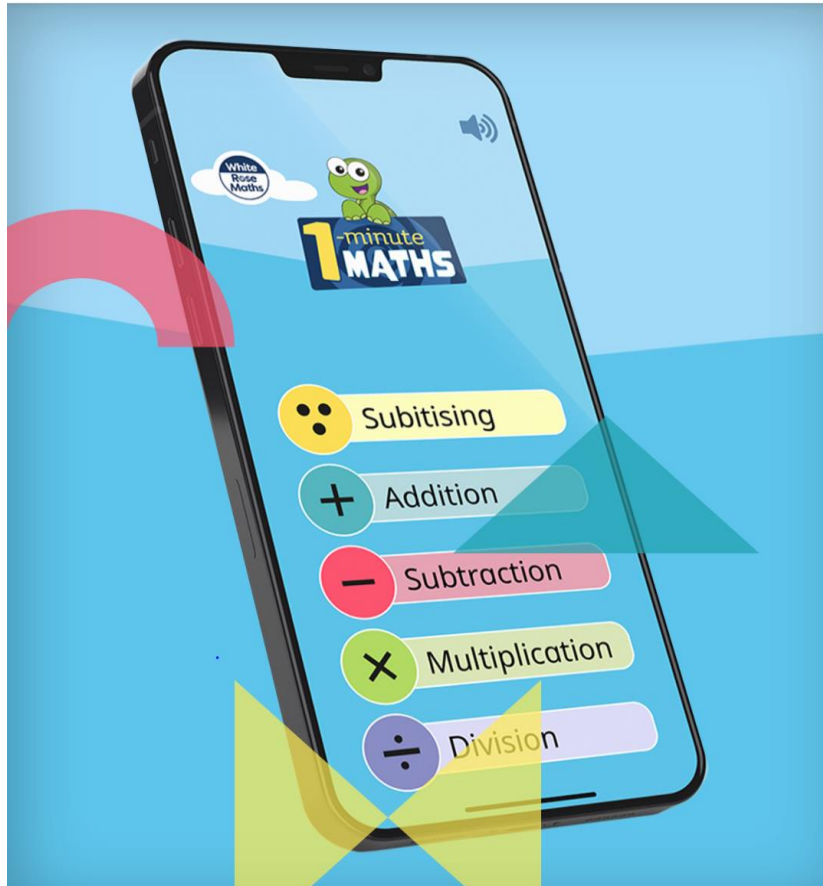
As always we will be supporting Children in Need. This year's theme is:



So start planning your outfits now! We will be asking for voluntary donations in support of Children in Need.

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

October:

21st Break for half term

31st Return to school

Week beginning 31st October Parent and carer consultations

November:

17th Information evening for 2023 prospective Reception pupils

18th Non-uniform day for Children In Need

December:

2nd Christmas Fair

Other dates for performances to follow asap.

Emails

Please email class teachers directly with any queries you have for them.

Please be mindful that teachers are busy teaching during the day and may not be able to respond quickly. If your concern is urgent, or needs to be seen same day, please contact the school office.

Christmas Cards

The children have been working on Christmas card designs which have today been sent off to a company that will turn their artwork into Christmas cards, wrapping paper, mugs, cloth bags and other gift items.

After half term the children will bring home a preview of their artwork and an order form. There is NO obligation to purchase anything. Should you wish to place an order then this can be done online – all information will be provided.

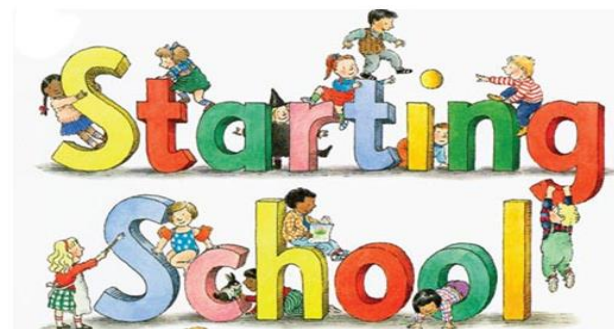
Our school will receive a percentage of all orders placed, so this will raise some funds for us too.

We look forward to seeing some of the finished products!

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2023?



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If so, we would like to welcome you to a meeting for prospective parents and carers

on Thursday 17th November 2022
at 5.00pm

You are very welcome to bring your child to come and meet our lovely Reception staff and to explore our wonderful Early Years learning environment, both inside and outdoors.

Please email the school office: office@rosecroft.norfolk.sch.uk to advise if you will be attending and how many adults and children will be joining you.

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 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/>

