



# Rosecroft Primary and Nursery School



Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Newsletter 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm delighted to share our new federation vision with you all: to **achieve, collaborate and flourish**. Please see the vision statement and school code in full later on in this newsletter.

This week, we were reflecting back over the term in KS2 assembly, celebrating everything that has taken place outside of the classroom – there was lots! Sporting events including girls football and cross country. Our musicians have been busy with exams and performances, including this week's performance for parents and carers by our Rocksteady Bands. Our choir has been busy rehearsing and we are planning to take our choir to participate in Gareth Malone's 'Big Sing' at the Royal Norfolk Show in June. Also our trips to Gressenhall, Ancient House Museum in Thetford, Wroxham Barns and Banham Zoo. Many of our Y6s have recently returned from a week on the Suffolk Coast having spent the week engaging in a variety of challenging and fun outdoor pursuits. Our Y4s spent a couple of nights at Norfolk Lakes earlier in the term and our Y2s are preparing for their first residential to Kingswood early next term. Thank you to Parents and Carers for your ongoing support with this.

We explored how all these other opportunities help us grow, learn new skills and challenge ourselves ready to take on the 'next stage'. For some, this will mean preparing to move up to the next school year, for others it will be mean transitioning from Nursery to Reception, or Primary School to High School. Whatever it might be, we will do our best to ensure those transitions run smoothly and are positive experiences for all. As always, if you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

We will be marking the King's Coronation with a whole school picnic and other fun activities – more information to follow!

Have a wonderful Easter break!

Gayle Long - Executive Head Teacher

## Parking Issues

Please do not park your car on the loop road at the end of the day. This is for dropping off and collection only and the driver should not leave the car. It is imperative we keep the traffic moving to avoid issues with cars trying to pull in off the main road.

Also, we still have parents and carers parking on site who do not have permission to do so. This impacts on those who have a genuine need to use those parking spaces. Please show some consideration for others and help us keep everyone safe.

Only parents and carers with specific permission may park in the staff car park. This is to limit vehicle movements at peak times. Again it is to keep everyone safe.

We have had some communication from our neighbours by the rear exit gate. Some of our school community are walking across their front gardens and also parking across their driveways, meaning they cannot enter and exit their properties. Please show some consideration when using the back gate.

Thank you for your co-operation!

## Staffing news

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Brookson on the birth of their first child, Arthur who arrived safely on 9<sup>th</sup> February. 😊

Sadly, Mr Francis has left us at the end of this term. He will be greatly missed by pupils and adults alike and we wish him well with his new challenges.

## 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 8021

Calls can be anonymous.

Thank you.

Please find the following flyers attached to this newsletter:

- Free music workshop day with Attleborough Music Project
- Community book sake, Attleborough Town Hall
- Funded Big Norfolk Holiday Fun Places:
- <https://www.everymove.uk/providers/premier-education/activities/premier-education-multi-activity-holiday-camp-haf-wymondham-college-prep-school>
- Parent/Carer funded Places:
- <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/24173-818771/?back=1&location=Wymondham%20college>

## Rosecroft Twitter Page

Please remember to follow our Twitter page @RosecroftPri to keep track of what we are learning about in school. We are trying really hard to ensure there are regular updates here and it is a great way to see what life is like on any given school day at RPS. We also post school trip photos here!

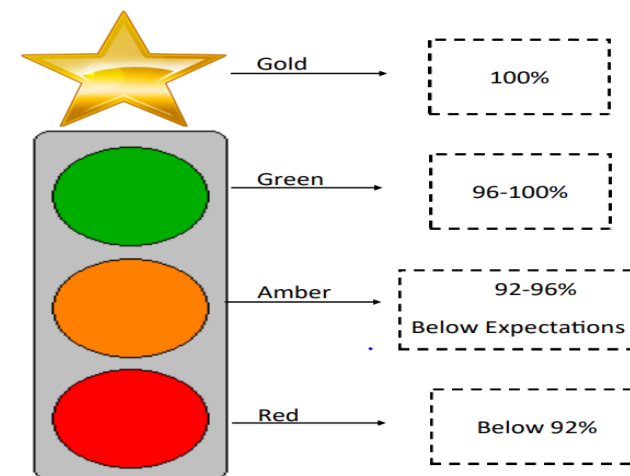
## Attendance

Our whole school attendance from September to today is: 94.52%.

Our school target is 97%. As you know it is important that children attend school every day unless they have a good reason. Thank you for your ongoing support to ensure your child/ren are given every chance to achieve their potential by attending school. Each week, children who have 100% attendance for that week are given a sticker and there is a class award for the class with the highest attendance.

## Attendance matters!

- \* **A student who ends the school year on 90% attendance will have missed four complete weeks of school.**
- \* **90% over 5 years at secondary school equates to half a school year and the achievement at GCSE will be one grade lower**



**Wherever possible please make medical and dental appointments outside of school hours.**



## Listen up, Speak up

With our free 10-minute digital training, we're empowering every adult to know what to do if a child needs help, and where to go if you need support yourself.

**Sign up and take the training**



This is a free 10-minute digital training that will empower every adult to know what to do if a child needs help, and where to go if you need support yourself. Please use following website and complete if you are over 18. This training is only available until the 19th February.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/listen-up-speak-up>

## Federation Vision

We are delighted to share our new vision statement for the federation:

### **The Attleborough and Rosecroft Primary Federation Vision**

Across our federation, everyone is given the opportunity to flourish academically, socially and emotionally. Our broad and balanced curriculum inspires our children to be curious, resilient and to naturally seek challenges.

With collaboration at the heart of everything we do, we are a nurturing community that celebrates diversity and individuality. We teach and model the skills our children will need to adapt, succeed and thrive in an ever-changing world.

### Our Federation Code

#### Being in school is important

#### **Our Federation Code**

Today I will...

**Achieve** my goals by trying my best

Allow the teacher to teach and others to learn

Respect each other, **collaborate** and value the differences we have

Take responsibility for my actions and show my friendly, caring attitude

Try to be resilient when tackling challenges

Be safe and enjoy a safe environment

**Flourish** as a person.



Here is our Federation Code. This is displayed within school and shared regularly during assemblies, lessons and restorative conversations.

It is something we all agree to and understand so that every child can flourish, whether they attend Attleborough Primary School or Rosecroft Primary School.

### Dates for your diary:

#### March

31<sup>st</sup> – break up for Easter

#### April

17<sup>th</sup> - Staff training day – school closed to pupils

18<sup>th</sup> - School reopens to pupils

25<sup>th</sup> – Parent NSPCC workshop 4 – 5pm

#### May

1<sup>st</sup> - Bank holiday - school closed

8<sup>th</sup> – Bank holiday – school closed

Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs

Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> – KS1 SATs

#### June

5<sup>th</sup> - School reopens to pupils

23<sup>rd</sup> – FORPS School Summer Fair

28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> – Sports days

#### July

14<sup>th</sup> Y6 Leavers Prom



### ART COMPETITION

Children are invited to enter a piece of art which celebrates the King's Coronation



Drawing ● Painting ● Sculpture ● Collage

£20 Voucher to spend on art supplies will be awarded in each of the following age categories

4-7 years   8-11 years   12-15 years   16-18 years

*Please add your name, age and contact number to the back of your entry*

All entries need to be taken to St Mary's Church by Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May and will be displayed as an art exhibition in the Church on the 8<sup>th</sup> May. The winner will be announced at 2pm on the day.

We will be celebrating on the 8<sup>th</sup> May with a craft market, organ recital, AMP voices choir, refreshments and BBQ in the church grounds from 10.00am – 2.00pm

### Allergies and medical issues

Please can you ensure you keep school updated on any medical conditions or allergies. We have had a few cases recently where children have told us about allergies that were confirmed, but we were not aware of.

Thank you!

Thanks to the generosity of the Rosecroft Community, this year to date we have raised the following for charity!

Harvest festival food donations for the local food bank, Children In Need – £298.24

Cardiac Unit at Great Ormond Street Hospital – £400 from Christmas performances, Children with Cancer UK - £400 from Christmas Performances, Poppy Appeal - £171.71, Red Nose Day – £304

**Grand total so far: £1573.95**

Many thanks to everyone!

## 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](mailto:chairofgov@rosecroft.norfolk.sch.uk) to arrange an initial chat. To visit our school website go to <https://arpfederation.org.uk/>