



Friday 20th October 2023

Newsletter 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope your child has had a good start to the new school year and has settled in well to their new class and routines.

In our most recent Parent and Carer survey, you told us that you would welcome more information about what your child is learning and we hope that the Year Group newsletters and the face to face parent and carer meetings have helped with this. Next term we are looking forward to inviting you in to school for some meetings on phonics and reading and also some learning cafes, where you will be able to engage in some learning activities alongside your child in their classroom environment. More information on this to follow.

This first term has been a busy one with many trips and visitors. We have had visits from the emergency services, a visitor from Parliament UK, trips to Gressenhall, with more planned this term including Indian dancers/Diwali celebrations, a trip to Ancient House Museum in Thetford, a history activity day, a visit to Norwich Cathedral and much more before we launch into Christmas.

Looking forward to the Spring Term, we are really excited to have secured a visit to the Houses of Parliament for our Y5 pupils – more details to follow. Mr Leather has been busy holding trials for a cross country sporting event, that we will be sending a team to and you should have received some information regarding some new school run after school sports clubs – something else you shared in the survey that you would welcome!

We are working hard to provide our children with many opportunities to enrich their learning through new and exciting experiences and thank you for your support with this.

Wishing you a restful half term.

Mrs Jackie Drew – Head of School

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:

- Sugar appeal poster
- Norfolk Hoop Stars

Sugar collection

The Buckingham Emergency Food Appeal (BEFA) have asked us to support their sugar appeal for the homeless by collecting bags of sugar. We are hoping to collect as many 1kg bags of sugar as possible. Please send in any donations to the office by 8<sup>th</sup> December 23. Please see attached poster for more details. Many thanks for your support with this worthwhile cause. 😊

### Christmas Cards

As we have done previously, 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!

### 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>

### Reading/phonics meetings for parents

Please see an email that will have come out today inviting EYFS/KS1 parents and carers to a phonics meeting on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and for KS2 parents and carers, the meeting will be on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

These meetings will both be in the school hall at 3.30pm and should last approximately 20 – 30 minutes.

This is a great opportunity for parents and carers to find out what you could do to support at home.

We look forward to seeing you there!

### BBC Children In Need non uniform day– Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

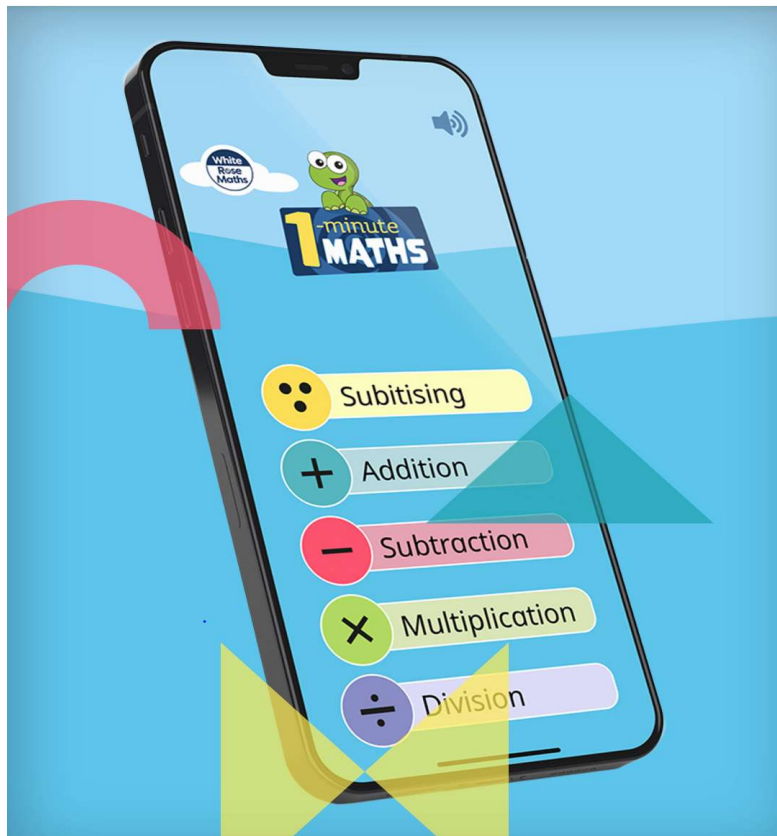
As always we will be supporting Children in Need. This year's theme is:



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

Also [safeguarding@rosecroft.school](mailto:safeguarding@rosecroft.school)

Calls can be anonymous.

Thank you.

### Diary dates – Autumn Term

#### November:

7<sup>th</sup> Paramedics visit to YR

8<sup>th</sup> Y2 trip to Ancient House Museum

9<sup>th</sup> Y3 trip to Gressenhall, YR Diwali celebrations

13<sup>th</sup> Bikeability training all week for Y6 pupils who have signed up to this

14<sup>th</sup> Information evening for 2024 prospective Reception pupils

14<sup>th</sup> Flu vaccinations

17<sup>th</sup> Non-uniform day for Children In Need

27<sup>th</sup> Y4 trip to Norwich Cathedral 'Christmas Journey'

#### December:

5<sup>th</sup> YR and KS1 Christmas performances

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7<sup>th</sup> School Christmas Lunch

13<sup>th</sup> Nursery performances

## 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.

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2024?



## Rosecroft Primary School



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

on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
at 5.15pm

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](mailto:office@rosecroft.norfolk.sch.uk)  
to advise if you will be attending and how many adults and children will be joining  
you.



