



Roose Community Primary School

Newsletter November 2021

'As a Caring Community, we learn and grow'.

Dear Parents/Carers and Roose Families,

We hope you had a good half term break despite all the rain. We are looking forward to this half term which is always so exciting for the children, with lots to look forward to!

Mrs Angela Bell

As you may be aware, Mrs Angela Bell, our year 2 teacher, has been absent due to ill health since September. She has now made the difficult decision to take early retirement due to health issues as it is unlikely she will be well enough to return, for some considerable time. Angela has been an excellent teacher and member of staff at Roose for 24 years, despite only coming to do a term's cover, all that time ago. She has made a huge contribution to our school life and community, instilling a love of outdoor learning in the Lake District and fell-walking in all the children she taught. Her knowledge and experience in Health and Safety and school visits is exceptional and she will be missed by us all; she is such fun and a good friend. We very much hope Angela is feeling better soon and is able to enjoy her retirement and we hope she will be well enough to come back into school before Christmas to say farewell.

Parent Meetings

Parent meetings are going to take place next Monday and Tuesday 3.30 – 5.30pm and for year 2 only Tuesday and Wednesday 3.30 – 5.30pm. This year we are offering a choice of phone appointments or face to face appointments in school – you may choose when booking which you would prefer. We are also trialling a new online booking system which we hope will make things much easier for our families and for the school office! Please be patient with us if there are any technical difficulties. The link has been shared on Seesaw for you. Remember to book separate appointments for each of your children's teachers. If you are unable to attend on either of the days, please contact your class teacher directly and I am sure they will be happy to see you at another time.

Remembrance Service and Poppies

Our Remembrance Day service will take place outside school round our memorial clock on Thursday 11th November at 10.45am. We would be delighted if you joined us for this! If the weather is wet, we will have to hold the service in the hall and unfortunately we won't be able to accommodate any other adults. We are selling poppies in school and also other items, including slapbands - £1.50, poppy reflectors – 50p and wristbands - £1.



School Photographs day

On Friday 12th November we are having a school photographer visit to take the children's photos. The photographer will also do 'siblings' photos if the sibling attends Roose nursery or school. Small photos and an ordering form will be sent home soon after for you to decide if you would like to buy one.

Children in Need Day

Children in Need Day is Friday 19th November and this year we are raising money by holding a non-uniform day. Please send in a donation. The children will take part in some team-building activities and Children in Need Day activities as the theme this year is 'Together we can change young lives'.



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Open day

We are delighted to be able to hold an Open Day for our new starters (parents and children welcome) for 2022 on Tuesday 23rd November between 1.30 – 4.30pm. We would also like to invite our current reception parents in during the afternoon as they have not been into school before! You will be shown around the school by a member of staff or year 6 pupils/school councillors. Tea and coffee will be available in the hall too. You do not need to book, please turn up!

Applying for Primary School

The closing date for applications is 15 January 2022. If you live in Cumbria and your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, they will be due to start school in Reception year group in September 2022. You must apply to Cumbria County Council for a place. Before you apply for a school place, please read through the Starting School in Cumbria 2021 (PDF 8MB) booklet. If you need a printed copy of the booklet, please contact the School Admissions and Appeals Team: Email: school.admissions@cumbria.gov.uk Copies are also available in all infant and primary schools and public libraries in Cumbria. Page 10 of the booklet explains what happens to applications that are received after the closing date of 15 January 2022. To apply for a Reception place for your child in September 2022, you can:

- APPLY ONLINE –

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrenservices/schoolsandlearning/lss/applyforaninfantorprimaryschoolplaceforsept2017/startingschoolinseptember2019.asp>

- complete a WORD version of form SA1 application form (Word 66kb), which can be completed electronically and sent to School Admissions by email to school.admissions@cumbria.gov.uk
- download the PDF version of the application form (PDF 267kb) and return it either to your child's preferred school or send it to School Admissions at: School Admissions and Appeals, Cumbria County Council, PO Box 415, Carlisle, CA1 9GU

Curriculum clubs

We are excited to have started our curriculum clubs this week and the children are so enthusiastic to join in. We hope everyone has got into at least one club which they chose. We sent a text home letting you know if your child got into an after school club. Staff will tell the children about the lunchtime clubs so they know which ones to go to. We have a waiting list for some clubs so will let you know if spaces become available.

Christmas Discos for KS1 and KS2

The PTA are busy planning a Christmas disco for Reception, year 1 and 2 on Wednesday 24th November and for Years 3 – 6 on Wednesday 1st December. Further details will follow from the PTA but please keep the dates free. We are hoping to have a special Christmas visitor at both discos!

Christmas jumper day

We are holding a Christmas jumper/non-uniform day on Thursday 2nd December. This is to get us into the Christmas spirit and the children will take part in some Christmas activities and decorating of the classrooms. Please can children bring in a donation of chocolate for the Christmas chocolate tombola which will be held the next day by the PTA. Further details will follow.

Christmas KS1 nativity performances

We are hoping to be able to invite our reception and KS1 parents/carers into school to watch our nativity this year. To make the arrangements as safe as possible, we will be holding 3 performances this year, 1 for each year group to limit the mixing of parents from different classes. We know this limits your choice in when you can come but feel we need to put some restrictions in place to keep everyone as safe as possible. Each child will receive two tickets and parents/carers can attend on the day of their class. Seats

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will be positioned around tables so that people are spread out. Tea/coffee and mince pies will be available to purchase before/after to raise funds through our PTA. The performance will also be available on our website for you to enjoy, if you are unable to attend. I'm sure you will appreciate that we can't have over 200 people crammed into the hall during these times and we hope the performance will be easier to see and more enjoyable in a small group. The dates will be Wednesday 8th December at 2pm for reception, Thursday 9th December at 2pm for year 1 and Friday 10th December at 2pm for year 2.

Year 4 Violin concert

Year 4 families are invited to attend a violin concert on Monday 13th December to see and hear the progress being made by our year 4 children. This will take place at 1.10pm in the school hall.

Panto Day

We are so pleased to be going on our annual traditional whole school trip to the Panto at Forum 28 during the morning of Tuesday 14th December. This year we are going to see a performance of Beauty and the Beast. This is a lovely end to our Christmas term and is enjoyed by everyone. Tickets cost £13 per child and includes transport. This needs to be paid via Lunchshop before the 30th November. Children will need to pay for this event to be able to attend.

Christmas dinner day

Christmas dinner will be served on Wednesday 15th December. Further details to follow.

Christingle

We are planning on holding our traditional Christingle service on the last day of term. We are unsure at the moment whether we will be able to invite families to this but it will definitely be recorded and put on the website. Further details will follow in the December newsletter.

Last day of term

Please note that we finish for Christmas on Thursday 16th December at **2pm**. Friday 17th December has been given as an additional bank holiday to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee as the additional day falls in May 2022 half term.

Swimming

Please can we ask that our families pay the £2 per week contribution for swimming transport ASAP? We have lots of children in year 6 and 3 who have still not paid and we have significantly reduced the amount we are asking for this year. Thank you for everyone who has paid for their support with this.

Boxes of Hope

Your child has brought a leaflet home for Boxes of Hope, our local shoebox charity. A small team visits Romania each year to distribute the Christmas boxes to children. The leaflet explains what to do and the ideal items to put in a box. Please try and ensure that there is a £2.00 donation with each box to cover the administration and transport costs. Can you return the boxes to school by Monday 15th November. Thank you in advance, you are always very generous with your donations.

Thank you for your continuing support,
Best wishes,

Jenny Redhead
Head teacher