

# Roose Community Primary School Newsletter November 2023

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

Dear Parents/Carers and Roose Families,

We hope you managed to have a good break over half term. The children are all settled back in school and have enjoyed their Halloween fun this week. This is a very busy term in school and we have lots to look forward to.

### <u>Melanie Griffiths – School Counsellor</u>

Our school counsellor, Melanie Griffiths is leaving us next Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. She has made the hard decision to go back to do further training related to her work and we wish her luck with this. Melanie will still be visiting to do some voluntary work related to her course. We would like to thank Melanie for all the fantastic work she has done to support our children, families and staff over the past 3 years and look forward to her working with us again in the future.

#### Harvest collection

Thank you for all the kind donations sent in for our Harvest Collection. The Food Bank were grateful for the generosity of our families.

### <u>Open Afternoon – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</u>

We will be holding an open afternoon on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November for any families interested in reception places for September 2024. If you know anyone in this position, please let them know about the date and time. People can turn up between 1.15 and 3.30pm – thank you.

#### <u>Guitar Lessons</u>

We have been contacted by a guitar teacher, recommended by Kathy Burton (who teaches piano and recorder) who is able to offer guitar lessons. These would take place after school in groups of up to 4 for a price of £12.50 per child, per week. Please phone the school office if you are interested in a place.

#### Remembrance Service

Our Remembrance Service will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November outside around our War Memorial Clock. The Roose community are invited to join us at 10.45. Poppies and other Royal Legion items will be for sale in school from Monday – prices ranging from 20p for a poppy and up to £2 for a snap band.

#### <u>Pantomime</u>

We are excited to be taking the whole school and nursery (3-4 room) to the pantomime at Forum 28 on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December in the morning, to see Jack and the Bean Stalk. If you wish your child to attend, please make a payment on School hub for £14 by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

#### <u>Attendance</u>

We are becoming increasingly concerned about the number of holidays which have already taken place this academic year. We currently have 60 children whose attendance is under 95%. Whilst we understand that illness is unavoidable, we would strongly encourage you to not book holidays



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in term time. If this rate continues, we will be forced to involve the local education welfare officer who will be keen for us to issue fines – which is not something we wish to do. If your child misses a week of school, it is difficult for them to catch up on missed teaching. Please help support us with attendance by avoiding holidays in school time – thank you.

#### School Nurse

We would like to remind our families about the support available from the school nurse. Please click on the link below for more details. The school nurse is available for online appointments where you can gain advice and information around a number of issues related to your child, which you may be dealing with e.g. children's weight, sleep issues, mental health and continence. We are hoping to run a number of workshops and sessions to support parents with some of these common issues soon.

https://files.schudio.com/roose/files/documents/Appendix 02 - POSTER school nurse.pdf

Date	Event
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Open Afternoon
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Dock Museum visit
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day service 10.50am outside the front of school
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day – non-uniform and a donation for the charity
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Non-uniform day – please bring a donation of chocolate for the chocolate tombola
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fayre 3.30 – 5pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm	2pm - Nursery Nativity
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	10am – Nursery nativity
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	5pm – KS1 nativity play
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm – KS1 nativity play
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school visit to the Pantomime at the Forum - AM
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	9am - KS2 Christingle led by year 5
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm – school finishes for Christmas holidays

#### Dates for the term so far....

Please note more dates and details will be added closer to the time.

Please remember we are here to help and offer advice so do contact us if you need help with anything.

Kind regards,

Jenny Redhead Head teacher