



# Roose Community Primary School

## Newsletter October 2021

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

Dear Parents/Carers and Roose Families,

### Covid Update

As you will all be aware, we have been through a difficult period with a high number of children testing positive for Covid across a number of different classes. The situation is now looking much better and we only have a very small number of current cases. We therefore hope to be able to return back to 'normal' again soon. This means we will be able to begin afterschool clubs, eating in the hall again, assemblies in the hall etc. We will notify you of this and when clubs will be able to begin again, as soon as Public Health have given us the go ahead!

### Swimming

The children are really enjoying their return to the swimming baths. Please can we strongly encourage you to support us by paying for transport. We are subsidising the swimming considerably this year to allow all year groups from y1 – y6 to go. If we do not have the support of families with this, we may need to limit the number of year groups we can offer swimming to, in the future. Please pay on Lunchshop either weekly £2 or £20 for the term. Thank you for your support with this.

### Parking and dropping off

As you may be aware, there has been considerable discussion recently about parking around school at the beginning and end of the day. We have noticed a big improvement with the zigzags now being avoided by most parents. We are increasingly experiencing phone calls from residents who are concerned about cars parking across corners and also blocking entry to the back of The Green. We ask that you park safely and responsibly around the school. I have contacted the police about this matter.

### Questionnaire

We are sending home a questionnaire on Friday and we would appreciate you taking the time to complete this. We are finalising our School Development Plan for the year and welcome the input of parents and children in our future plans. Please return to school as soon as possible – thank you.

### Flu Vaccinations

The annual flu vaccinations will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. If you haven't returned your child's form, please do so as soon as possible.

### Librarian Visit

We are looking forward to a visit from the School Library Services on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October. The librarian will be going around the classes reading a selection of stories to the children.

### Science through Stories Day – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

We are looking forward to a special science and story-telling day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Our resident scientist, Miss Stevens, will be planning some science activities through stories for us to do. We are also delighted to be welcoming The Storyteller, Mark Borthwick to Roose. He will spend some time in each class telling the children some stories. Please can children come to school dressed up as a character from a Fairy tale or their favourite story? Thank you.





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### Parents meetings

We are hoping to hold Parent Meetings during the week of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November to give you the opportunity to speak with your child's teacher and find out how your child is settling into their new class and how they are progressing. We will be in touch with you before half term to arrange times and to let you know whether these will take place in person or over the phone/Teams.

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you in advance, you are always very generous with your donations.

### Open afternoon for new Starters

We will be holding an Open Afternoon on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November from 1.30 – 4.30pm for the parents of children who are due to start school in September 2022. This will give families the opportunity to look round our school before completing their application.

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](mailto: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
  - 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](mailto: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

### Transfer to Secondary School: September 2022

We have received a reminder from County for those parents who have not yet applied for a Secondary School place; the half term break is approaching and the closing date for applications is 31 October 2021. Parents can make an application online at:

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/lss/schooladmissions.asp>

Parents can contact the School Admissions Team, e-mail: [school.admissions@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@cumbria.gov.uk) or tel: 01228 221582

Thank you for your continuing support,

Best wishes,

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