

Rose Wood Academy Newsletter



July 2019

A Message from the Head

I would like to start by thanking all of you for the support you have continued to give the school this year. What a year it has been! This busy year has involved joining a new trust, being visited by Ofsted (which I hope you are as proud of as we are), entering so many competitions and events there are too many to list and having lots of academic success once again. Oh, and how could I forget, our fantastic attendance that has resulted in 'The Worm' amongst many other things. The thing of which I'm most proud is that children here at Rose Wood are able to reach their full potential and we are able to celebrate their many different successes. I hope that the many children that attend Rose Wood continue to achieve but, more importantly, continue to enjoy their time with us and love coming to school. This is the case for so many of the wonderful children who come here every day and it is supported by you, our amazing parents and community. I thank you all once more and hope you all have a fantastic summer.

Trips

At Rose Wood, we believe that trips and visitors really help bring our topics to life and stimulate learning, therefore we would like to continue to offer the children the wide range of experiences we do. Trips this year will continue to be subsidised by school and Friends of Rose Wood, therefore we are leaving the parental contribution at £20 like the last two years. If possible, please could this be paid at the beginning of the year but if you have any difficulties at all with this then please let us know. We are more than happy to discuss any options that could make it easier for you, if needed.

School Meals

The cost of providing school dinners has increased over the last 12 months. We have been absorbing this cost since Christmas as we didn't want to increase the meal price at the same time as changing to a new provider. We can no longer sustain this so we will have to increase the meals to £2.25 from September 2019.

Breakfast Club

The cost of providing our wrap around care has increased since we started the provision two years ago. We have been heavily subsidising this but we are not able to do this longer term. As a result, the cost of breakfast club will rise to £2.20 from September 2019. As things stand, the cost of after school care will not change.

Parents' Information Meetings

We want you to feel as informed as possible about your child's education at Rose Wood. We will be holding parents' information sessions for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 again, similar to last year. These sessions will give us an opportunity to tell you all about what will be happening in your child's year group, including the curriculum and expectations, whilst also giving you the chance to ask us any questions you may have. We will be offering a crèche during the earlier KS2 session for those staying straight after pick up time.

The dates are as follows:

Tuesday 10th September 5pm – KS1 (Years 1 & 2)
Thursday 12th September 3:15pm – KS2 (Years 3,4,5 & 6)
Thursday 12th September 5pm – KS2 (Years 3,4,5 & 6)

PD Days

Our PD Days for 2019/2020 school year are on the following dates:

2nd September
3rd September

4th October
29th November

20th July

Uniform

We haven't made any significant changes to uniform for the coming year, as we feel that children look really smart in our existing uniform. Can we please ask though that the uniform expectations are maintained, particularly regarding footwear, nail varnish and hair accessories. We try to remove the pressure for both parents and children by not having visible sports or designer logos as children always compare (and have an amazing ability to memorise the prices of a wide range of trainers!) If you choose trainers rather than traditional school shoes can the logo please be a black logo on plain black shoes. For the same reasons, we also ask that T shirts for PE are plain, or the school logo is fine.

The one change we have made for the coming year is with regard to hairstyles. Please could hair not be cut into elaborately shaved styles, particularly those where it is shaved up to the parting. Thank you for your support with this.

Everyday wear:

- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- White polo shirt or plain white school shirt
- Grey trousers or skirt (knee length, grey shorts may be worn in warm weather)
- Blue gingham dress in Summer
- Plain grey pinafore dress
- Black shoes or black trainers (no boots or heeled shoes)
- Girls may wear white, flat sandals in Summer

So that the year six children stand out as school ambassadors, they are allowed to wear a red sweatshirt. Year 6 children can also wear black or grey trousers or skirts.

Indoor PE:

- Navy blue shorts
- Short sleeved, white T shirt of appropriate length

Outdoor PE:

- Navy blue shorts
- Short sleeved, white T shirt
- Trainers or outdoor plimsolls
- Navy or grey jogging trousers and sweatshirts may be worn in cold weather

General requirements:

- No jewellery except watches or small ear studs (ear studs to be worn at own risk; for health and safety reasons these must not be worn for PE or swimming and cannot be removed by staff)
- No nail varnish, make up or tattoos
- Appropriate hairstyles (e.g. no colours, tramlines or elaborately shaved hairstyles. Long hair should be tied back.)
- Bows and other adornments in hair should be small and in line with the school uniform colours

Birthday Cakes

We would like to introduce a slight change next year regarding birthday cakes. We know how much children love to bring in something to share with their classmates on their birthday. However, it's often taking additional adults away from working with a group to go and cut a cake into many individual pieces! Many schools are therefore getting rid of this tradition, which we don't want to do. Could we ask instead that the cake comes in already cut into separate pieces, ready to serve. Alternatively, cupcakes or other individual options are fine too. We'll still happily hand those out on birthdays and celebrate with the children. (Just as a reminder, we are a nut free school due to allergies.)

Homework

We are tweaking the homework slightly next year. We will share more details of this in our parent information evenings in the new school year. We're not drastically changing our system, in that we won't be handing out weekly homework which needs returning. We will, however, be sharing specific year group expectations for you to practise with your child at home. These will link closely with what we are teaching in school and children will be quizzed regularly on them. These quiz marks will then be shared with you. We'll share more details in September.

Attendance

Safeguarding the children is always a priority for us at Rose Wood and part of that is always knowing where the children are when they are not in school. We always ring home if a child is absent without a reason given and it can become an issue when children are on holiday and we aren't aware. Please can we ask therefore that you always complete a holiday form before taking children out on holiday.