



NEWSLETTER

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Dear parents and carers,

I know that we are all starting to think about Christmas and are getting excited about being able to celebrate the holiday with our families this year. Usually by this time we would be asking you to put dates in your diary for Christmas concerts and performances. However, we are very aware of the need to keep everyone safe and well over the holiday period. We are thinking very carefully about how or if we will be able to have Christmas concerts this year. As soon as we have decided how to do this, we will let you know. Thank you for your patience, I know that you will want to make sure that we celebrate in a way that keeps everyone safe

INSET DAYS – Changes to dates

We have decided to move the Inset Date scheduled for Thursday 16th June 2022 to **Wednesday 5th January 2022**. We would like to be able to do a concentrated piece of work on our curriculum and two consecutive INSET days would make this possible. This means that following the Christmas break **Rosendale will reopen to pupils on Thursday 6th January 2022 and school will be open on Thursday 16th June 2022**. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Spring Term After School Club Activities 2022

The timetable for our spring term activities is now available. You can download the [timetable and frequently asked questions here](#).

Please note that places are limited and bookings must be made as soon as possible. Payment should be received by **Friday 3rd December, please bear this in mind if you are paying by vouchers**. You will receive confirmation of your child's place before the end of this term.

If you have any queries relating to after school club please contact Teresa Smyth at teresasmith@rosendale.cc.

Please remember that there is no after school club on the last day of term, Friday 17th December.

Covid 19

We have been notified of two positive Covid cases this week.

Winter Wonderland Windows

As it's getting dark earlier, get ready to spot windows that are decorated across Norwood as part of their Winter Wonderland. We will also be decorating our classroom windows. We hope you enjoy seeing them over the next couple of weeks. Here is a link to find out more about the project that you can get involved with yourself! <https://www.windowwanderland.com/event/norwood-2021/>

Children in Need

A big thank you to everyone who dressed up and donated money to Children in Need. We raised a whopping £770, which is fantastic.

Parent Zone – a digital friend for 8-11 year olds

Ollee is a digital friend for children aged 8-11 - created by Parent Zone and funded by BBC Children in Need's A Million & Me initiative.

It helps children explore their feelings around subjects like school, family, friends, their body, the world and the internet, and seek the support of their parents or another trusted adult. So how can parents and carers get involved? The first step is to download and use Ollee, either as an app or via a web browser. You can download the app [here](#).

The next step is to complete a short online survey to help us understand how you used Ollee, what you thought of it and how we can improve it in the future. You can access the survey [here](#).

Winter Fair Saturday 11th December. We can't do it without you!

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to help with the fair. Lots of prep is happening behind the scenes but if you haven't yet volunteered and would like to please email rosendalepta@gmail.com.

Please note the Fair will be CASH FREE. Tokens (worth 50p) will be available to buy on **Friday 10th December** in the playground at pick up.. or on the gate at the Fair on the day. Tokens will be used for smaller items, games and craft activities whilst card machines will be available for bigger items, the bar and Dave's Dogs!

DONATIONS - Please start thinking about what you could donate to the fair – we are looking for:

- raffle prizes,
- Chocolate tombola prizes,
- Second hand books – for all ages;
- Cakes!

Please leave any book and raffle donations at the school office.

MARKETPLACE - We'll be hosting a small marketplace outside for local businesses and people interested in hosting their own stall. The cost is £30 for a table in the playground. Please contact katharine@wigwamfamily.co.uk if you are interested.

Walking Lines

The Rosendale walking line continues with a prize draw for participants including £5 Wigwam Toyshop vouchers! Our lovely local businesses are showing their support for our green travel initiatives. Join the wonderful walking line on Wednesdays, sign in using the QR code and you'll be automatically entered into the prize draw. The line runs every Wednesday morning and leaves Herne Hill Park Gate at 8.40, 8.45 at Rosendale Road Park Gate and strides onwards to school. Please walk, cycle or scoot - don't pollute.

Junior Open Mic

Set up by Rosendale parents some years ago, this is an amazing chance to see some super talented youngsters get on stage and perform in front of a live audience. The next Youth Event is at Off The Cuff Music Bar, London SE24 - 12-5pm Sunday 5th December. Ages 4-18. For more info email please email andyq.coms@gmail.com.

Get involved!

As parents and carers of Rosendale children everyone is a member of the Friends, but if you are interested in getting a little more involved or hearing a little more, and ways to take part please do join our 21/22 PTA WhatsApp group by dropping us a note with your mobile number to rosendalepta@gmail.com.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kate Atkins