



## NEWSLETTER

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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Crisis at Christmas Appeal, and donned a seasonal sweater or hat for our traditional Christmas dinner yesterday. We had a fantastic time. The dinner was delicious, we played Christmas music, popped Christmas crackers and all the children had a "most wonderful time". We gave the catering staff a huge cheer and round of applause for all their hard work. And we raised over £770 for Crisis at Christmas.

I am really looking forward to our Winter Fair tomorrow. The weather forecast is looking good for us. Remember the Fair starts at 11.30am and will run until 1.30pm.

Next week we will be sharing the links to our Christmas concerts and performances on Seesaw and via the newsletter, we hope that you enjoy watching them as much as we enjoyed rehearsing and performing them.

This week we have been notified of eight positive Covid cases. Please remember to inform us immediately if your child tests positive and let us know if the test was via a lateral flow or a PCR. Positive lateral flows must be followed up with a PCR test for all members of the household.

We continue to notify Public Health England of all cases and we follow all their advice. We ask that parents and carers also refer to advice given by Lambeth Public Health, a [link to the Public Health guidance can be found here](#).

### **Winter Appeal**

We know that we have families in our community who may find this Christmas difficult. In order to support those families, the school will be making up Christmas bundles to distribute to our families in need. If you would like to support financially please [DONATE HERE](#). The Friends of Rosendale, in partnership with the school, will purchase those items most in need to include in the parcels. Any funding from this appeal which exceeds the amount required will be used to support vulnerable children to access the After School Club in the new term.

Thank you for your support. I am always overwhelmed by your generosity.

### **Coats and Shoes for children**

Has your child outgrown their coat? Do they have any unwanted nearly-new shoes? Instead of going to landfill or a charity shop we are collecting clean coats and shoes in good condition for children in our community. Please drop off clean coats and nearly-new shoes at the school office in a labelled bag with the size of the item by the 10th of Dec. All sizes needed but coats in bigger sizes are particularly welcome. Thank you!

### **Film and Podcast recommendations for a growth mindset**

Big Life Journal create tools and resources to help children and teens develop a growth mindset so they can face life's challenges with confidence and resilience. They have created a Christmas holiday pack with film and podcast suggestions. There are [suggestions for all the family](#), from toddlers to teens.

## **All Saints Church, Services for Advent & Christmas**

Everyone in the Rosendale community is invited to attend the Christmas services at All Saints Church, on Lovelace Road. For details of all their services and nativity, please [click here](#).

## **Winter Fair - Saturday 11th December – TOMORROW**

**Winter Fair Tokens will be sold in the blue hut at 3.30 today!! Get your tokens in advance to avoid queuing on the day!**

### **OUTDOORS! NEW TIME - 11.30am - 1.30pm**

With the weather forecast currently promising a dry morning on Saturday we are going ahead with the Rosendale Winter Fair outside in the school grounds.

Please enter the fair through the Turney Road Gate. We are planning the following stalls/activities

- Shopping - Rainbow Merchandise, 2nd hand books, Rosendale Cookbooks, 2nd hand Uniform
- Activities - Name the Elf, Tombola, Lucky Dip, Pieface Santa, Rudolph and Mincepies,
- Crafts - Making decorations and decorating cupcakes
- Food and Drink - cake stall, sweet stall, mulled wine, mince pies and savoury snacks
- Allotment - pick up your (pre ordered) Christmas Tree and guess the number of sprouts!

Plus of course our SANTA'S GROTTTO!

The Fair is CASH FREE so buy your tokens (worth 50p each) on Friday in the Blue Hut at pick up or on the day. All games, crafts and small items will be in increments of 50p and Grotto will be £3 (6 tokens). Bigger items will be card payments.

We will be putting in plans to cope with possible light showers later on, and also have Covid protocols in place such as social distancing for queues, spreading out the activities and a request to wear masks where appropriate. Please join us, wrap up warm and bring a brolly!!

**DONATIONS NEEDED** - please bring along to the office today or to the Fair tomorrow:

- chocolate for chocolate tombola
- chocolate and quality toys in a good state for the tombola
- cakes
- 2nd hand books
- 2nd hand uniform.

We can't wait to see you all there!

### **Volunteers needed to organise the School Library**

The library team has made an AMAZING start in getting our new school library into shape with shelves up, books sorted and systems a go go. If you are able to help organise the books and get the room ready to use please email Carmen who is leading on this project [cbtrelder@gmail.com](mailto:cbtrelder@gmail.com).

### **Walking Lines**

The Rosendale walking line continues with 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 & marches onwards to school. See you there - walk, cycle, scoot- don't pollute.

**Please remember that there is no after school club on the last day of term, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December, and that Rosendale will reopen to pupils on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

Have a lovely weekend and hope to see you at the Winter Fair,

Kate Atkins