



NEWSLETTER

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Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your family had a lovely Christmas and are feeling refreshed and ready for the start of this new term.

We started the term with two very useful training days where we have looked in detail at the wider curriculum for this term. We are very excited about all the learning opportunities that the children will get across the curriculum. For example, in Art and Design we will be taking part in the National Gallery 'Take One Picture' project and will be exploring the painting 'A Shipwreck in Stormy Seas' by Claude-Joseph Vernet as a stimulus for Art and Design Technology.

We have been focussed on teaching and learning but I am aware that we will still face difficulties with the ongoing situation with Covid 19. We have looked again at our risk assessment and will continue with all the measures we have been taking this academic year. We know that our biggest challenge is likely to be staff absence and how we will cover classes if teachers and support staff are sick or isolating. We will try to cover classes with our own staff and supply agency cover staff. However, we have already experienced how difficult it is to get supply cover at the moment as there is such a huge demand from schools. This may mean that in exceptional circumstances some classes will have to learn remotely. I remain hopeful that we will be able to avoid this but I am realistic about the possibility of a short period of remote learning if there is no alternative.

Parents can support us by testing children who show any Covid 19 symptoms, including a headache and a temperature. Remember, children do not need to isolate if they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid. However, please give your child a lateral flow test if you are in any doubt. For guidance on the 7 and 10-day isolation rules for those who have tested positive, please [click here](#).

It is also important to make sure that your child arrives at school on time. Late arrivals put a lot of pressure on our office staff who are already very busy and puts them at an increased risk. It also means that your child is missing valuable learning time. So please help us by being in the school playground when the bell rings at 9am. If you struggle to get to school on time the school can offer support and we may well call you to ask how we can help if your child is regularly late.

We will do our best to keep you informed of the situation here at school. Thank you, as always, for your support.

Applying for a reception school place

A reminder for parents and carers with children of nursery age - the deadline for applying for a school place is midnight on Saturday 15th January 2022. Applications should be made through the borough in which you live.

School Payments

A reminder that all payments (extended care, school lunches, nursery fees) for this half term, were due by 17 December 2021. Please ensure that any debts are paid by midday on Wednesday 12 January, failure to do so may result in the cancellation of provision.

Please note that we are no longer able to accept direct payments into our bank account. When making payments please use SCOPay or childcare vouchers. If you have any queries please contact Teresa Smyth at teresasmith@rosendale.cc.

Pizza Party Lunch - Change to the advertised menu

On Thursday 20th January Harrisons are providing a special pizza party lunch. On the menu will be Margherita pizza, sweetcorn and mixed pepper pizza, or gram flour tomato, bean and herb parcel (this dish is suitable for vegans and those who cannot consume dairy or gluten), potato wedges, sweetcorn, broccoli and a salad selection. Jelly and ice cream or spiced chocolate gram flour shortbread with fresh fruit (this dish is suitable for vegans and those who cannot consume dairy).

If your child normally has a packed lunch, but would like a school lunch on this day, please inform the school office by emailing parentcommunications@rosendale.cc. The cost of a school lunch is £2.30. The deadline for ordering lunch is strictly Friday 14th January; unfortunately we cannot accept extra orders after this date.

January Jumpstart – Wellbeing Event - Saturday 15th January 2022

Hosted by the amazing Dexter's Playground; home to [BIGKID Foundation](#), this FREE event promises to share fun activities and wellbeing advice for all the family. The event is taking place at Dexter's Adventure Playground, 6 Montego Close, Railton Road, SE24 0HL from 11am - 3pm on Saturday 15th January. It's a day of health, food and fun for everyone.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kate Atkins