



## The Russett School Newsletter

Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

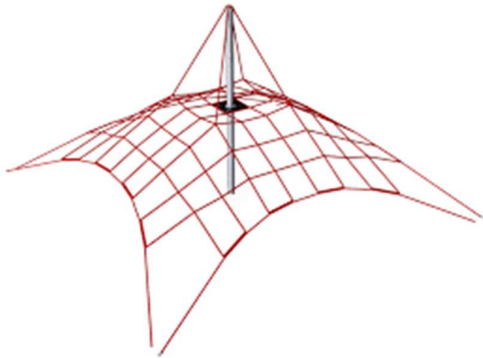
Dear Parents/Carers and families,

### Minibus

We have today taken delivery of a brand new Peugeot Boxer minibus which will increase the opportunities for learning outside the classrooms for all of our pupils.

### Donation

This week we received a very generous donation of £2,946.50 from Wychwood Park Golf Club. We will be using the monies to purchase an outdoor spider net climbing frame.



### Coronavirus

The government is closely monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus and is taking action at home and abroad.

The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains moderate. However we understand that people may be concerned where there are children, students or staff returning from abroad.

Public Health England and the Foreign Office have issued advice for anyone travelling to the area.

This can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-for-travel-to-china>

Latest information and advice can also be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus.

Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.



Pupils enjoyed World Book Day



Room 6  
have been  
busy in  
science  
this week



National Careers Week has been a  
huge success



Room 7 have been  
exploring sound  
waves



Room 10 had lots of  
fun at Forest School

### **Evisense Online Safety Coffee Morning**

Parents and carers are invited to an information Coffee Morning from 9.45am on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Academy staff will provide advice regarding Evisense which the academy is using in place of Tapestry. Guidance will be given around parents/carers logging into their accounts and also support for parents/carers to keep their children safe online at home. Questionnaires will be coming out shortly for parents/carers to complete prior to the Coffee Morning. Members of the Local Governing Committee will also be in attendance.

### **Pupil absence during term time**

Can I remind you that if a request is made for a pupil to be absent from the academy during term time, it will be unauthorised unless the circumstances are exceptional. The Local Authority will then issue a fine to parents/carers where the absence is for 5 consecutive days, in accordance with S.444 of the Education Act 1986.

### **Pupil Absence**

Can I remind you that it is the duty and responsibility of a parent/carer to contact the academy as soon as possible to inform us if their child is going to be absent from the academy and for what reason. This should be done on the first day of absence and if the child is absent for more than one day, the academy should be kept updated daily. This can be done by telephone 01606 855832 or by email to [admin@russett.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@russett.cheshire.sch.uk) or in writing via the escorts.

### **Coffee Morning**

We are hosting a coffee morning on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March in support of World Down's Syndrome Day. We will be selling gingerbread sock biscuits as well as other cakes, coffee and tea. Parents, carers, family and friends are all invited to join us. All proceeds raised will go to the Cheshire Down's Syndrome Support Group.

### **Parent/carer contact numbers**

It is important that we are able to contact you at all times and especially in the case of an emergency. Can you please make sure that if we have to contact a parent/carer in an emergency, that you are available. Ideally, we require three contact names and numbers for each pupil. Please also remember to update us with any change in contact details.

### **School Uniform**

School Uniform with the academy logo can still be ordered online through School Trends. In addition, uniform can be purchased from a local supplier, Bucanneer at The Old Fire Station, Chester Way Northwich 01606 212817. They have a stock of plain green sweatshirts, and embroidery of the logo can currently be arranged in 5 to 7 working days. Orders can also be placed online. Please make sure you compare the prices for the best value on the size you require.

### **Pupil Illness**

Please keep pupils off from the academy if they are not well. The Pupil Illness Protocol is on the academy website and advises of the reporting procedure and gives guidance on different illnesses.

## **School Meals**

As advised at the end of last term, the price of a school meal has increased to £2.55 (£12.75 per week.) All school meals must be paid for in advance at the beginning of each week. Please ensure that payment is in a sealed envelope with your child's name written on it. If you pay for school meals by cheque, please make cheques payable to The Russett School. Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive Universal Free School Meals. If you think your child would qualify for a free school meal, you can apply for a free school meal online by contacting [Benefits@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:Benefits@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk) or telephone 0300 123 7021.

## **Medical/Dental Appointments**

Can parents please send a copy of any appointment letters into the academy if they ask to collect their child early for medical/dental appointments etc.

Can I also please ask that parents/carers do not ask to collect their child early for medical appointments, etc. after 2:50pm; during the last 15 minutes of the day, each class requires all members of staff to support pupils in preparing them for home time and it would be disruptive to the class to release a member of staff to escort one pupil to reception during this busy time.

## **Facebook and Twitter**

As parents are aware, the academy has an official facebook page and it can be reached through the link on the academy website. Should parents/carers have any concerns or queries, please don't hesitate to raise them with the academy, we will be more than happy to discuss them with you.

Parents and Carers can follow the academy on our twitter account: @RussettSchool and also our Facebook page.

## **Queries or concerns**

The leadership team is always available to discuss any queries or concerns. If you feel that you need to speak to one of them please contact the academy to arrange a call.



## **Working with the community**

Our Family & Toddler Group for children with additional needs aged 6 months- 3 Years, will now be open for 2 sessions, Tuesday mornings 9.30-11.30 am and Tuesday afternoons 1.00-2.30 pm. We have lots of fun concentrating on communication skills through speech and language structured activities, run by our specialist staff. We also team up with others, such as Jo Jingles, Baby Yoga and Rhythm Time for taster sessions. Also look out for our one off special sessions that happen throughout the year, including some messy play and sensory play.

For more information visit our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/therussettschool/](http://www.facebook.com/therussettschool/) or our website: [www.coachingforinclusion.org](http://www.coachingforinclusion.org) or Phone: The Russett School on 01606 853005.

## **Cheshire West Local Safeguarding Board**

The Cheshire West Local Safeguarding Children Board works to ensure all children can be safe from abuse or harm at home and within our community. The website address is <https://www.cheshirewestlscb.org.uk/>

### **Measles**

Can parents/carers inform us if they or any member of the family have been in contact with German Measles, Measles or Rubella. Please inform the academy immediately.

### **Procedure for the supporting of pupils with medical conditions**

Please can all parents ensure that when information is requested by the academy under this procedure that it is returned. Under NHS Policies, the academy does not have access to medical information held by the academy nurses

### **Parent View**

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's academy.

Please follow the link <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/link-to-us> and support your academy.

### **Behaviour Policy**

A copy of our Behaviour Policy can be found on the academy website.



### **Amazon**

For all your last minute shopping, don't forget to go through our website when you are purchasing items on Amazon. Amazon give us 5% which helps the academy to provide those little extras for the pupils.

### **Transport**

If there are any changes to your child's transport arrangements, please ensure that you phone transport Co-ordination on either Cheshire West 01244 973377 or Cheshire East 01270 371489. There have been a number of occasions that transport have not been informed.



Jaidon, Joshua, Harley, Liam

## Key Dates

Careers Week	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Evisense Online safety Coffee Morning	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Down's Syndrome Coffee Morning	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Easter Service	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020
Academy closes for Easter	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020
Academy opens	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
May Bank Holiday	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
INSET Day	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Academy closes for Half Term	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020
Academy opens	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020
Academy closes for pupils	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2020
INSET Day	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2020
INSET Day	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2020
Academy opens for pupils	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2020

Thank you for your continued support.



Catherine Lewis

EXECUTIVE HEAD TEACHER