



FEDERATION NEWS



Friday 18 November 2016

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Head of School/Deputy Head: Mr Mike Walton and Mrs Carol Wallis

Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we held Open Days for parents and carers considering Roselands for their child in September 2017. All three meetings were really well attended and I was reminded that last year at the same meetings parents expressed some reservations about their child transferring to Stafford at the end of Year 2, however, this year many parents were anxious to know that their child would definitely get a place at Stafford.

What amazing progress Stafford has made with sharing the great work it does. It can take a long time to change a school's reputation but Stafford is well on its way to ensuring everyone knows what a great school it is!

We are looking forward to meeting many more parents and carers next week at Stafford's Open Days. If you would like to come along but cannot attend the dates given we can arrange another time for you to come to meet us and have a tour. Just contact the school office and they will arrange something for you.

Roselands Santa Event

Roselands PFA is excited to announce that Santa is coming to Roselands on Friday 9th December for our Christmas event. This will be an after school event and more details will follow soon. There will be a raffle and refreshments. We are asking that your donation for mufti next week is a prize for this event please.



Junior Girls Football Tournament



On Saturday 12th November, 5 girls went to Ocklynge School, in the pouring rain, to play in a "7-a-side" girls football tournament. We had to borrow a player from other schools during the tournament as we only had 5 players but we were still playing with only 6 against teams with 7. To come 3rd was a huge achievement for the girls and I was extremely proud of all of them who showed their commitment, determination and effort throughout all the matches! After the tournament, I received an email from Mandy Trevett, the Chair of Eastbourne Schools Football who said "I was really impressed with the way that they persevered and committed themselves to each game and that it would have been very easy for them to lose heart, playing with less players, and let their heads drop, particularly considering the awful weather that they were playing in. They did not do this. They worked hard, gave every game their all and were an absolute credit to both you and the school. It was also lovely to see the encouragement they gave to players from others teams that came to join them. They demonstrated every value that we strive to achieve in Eastbourne Schools' football. Please pass on my thanks and congratulations." Well done girls! You really were brilliant! Thank you to the parents who stayed and watched in the dreadful weather and Miss Smith who gave up her Saturday morning to come and support. Mr Hester



Anti-Bullying Week at Roselands



This week we have been thinking about the issues raised by this subject. In Foundation, the children continued to look at how important it is to co-operate with each other and consider other people's feelings. They enjoyed the book Beegu this week. They talked about helping others and that we are all different. Year 1 discussed what the word 'Bully' actually means and thought about how we can appreciate each other's differences. We have also been passing lots of smiles, hugs and kind words around the class circle to our friends and teachers. The Year 2 children have been learning about the effects of bullying through watching video clips and reading short stories. They also looked at cyber-bullying where the children created a word bank, discussing certain words used in association with bullying to create speeches which they later presented to their classes. An anti-bullying leaflet will be coming home today for you to share with your child.



School Uniform

A plea for any unwanted school uniform to be donated to the school office please. If you have old uniform that your child has grown out of or you no longer need, please bag it up and bring into Roselands. Thank you!

Y5/6 Cross Country

On Tuesday 15th November, 14 children went to Hampden Park to participate in a cross country competition. 9 schools participated, each bringing up to 9 boys and 9 girls. The children worked extremely hard and we are pleased to announce that Mollie, who finished 9th in the girls race, and Ellis, who finished 3rd in the boys race, have been selected to represent Eastbourne schools in the county round. Well done to all the children who participated.

Children In Need



Across the federation we have been raising funds today for Children in Need. We were thrilled at the huge effort pupils and staff made to make this very worthy cause a fun and enjoyable event! Look out for newsletter updates next week to see how much we managed to raise!



Eastbourne Youth Radio

What an exciting week we have had with our EYR productions! All of the hard work we've put into our radio shows culminated in two fantastic live shows on Wednesday. We would like to congratulate all our children for producing such top-quality features for the programmes. We were also very proud of all our DJs, who presented the shows live from a professional recording studio. We were



very impressed, too, with the thoughtful questions our children put to the star-studded panels of VIP guests in 'Answer Back' and 'Meet the Media'. Well done, Stafford and Roselands! These photos capture a brief glimpse of our fabulous EYR experience. Don't forget, if you missed the live show or would like to listen again, there will soon be a 'listen back' feature. A link will be added to our school website once it becomes available.



Parent Workshop “How do we teach Maths & English?”

We are running two information sessions for all Federation parents on Wednesday November 30th at Stafford.

The times for these sessions are 9:15am-12:15pm or 5:00pm-8:00pm, each with a break for tea or coffee. We often have parents asking how best to work with their child on multiplication or adding and subtracting in columns and this is your opportunity to find the best ways to support your child at home. We will also look at the English we teach and how best to support your children with reading, spelling and grammar. The session will be fun and an opportunity for you to ask questions and feel supported in the learning opportunities you have with your children. The session is a taster of further workshops we can run. Please contact Mrs Bateman if you would like to attend either session. Telephone 733434 or e mail staffordsenco@roselands-stafford.org



Scooters

A reminder to parents, please do not allow your child to ride their scooter on school premises. Whilst we do encourage children to walk, cycle or scooter to school instead of travelling by car, all pupils must come off scooters and bikes before they come through the school gate.

Have a lovely weekend – See you all on Monday.

ROSELANDS SUCCESS

	Golden Book 	Star of the week 	Golden Table 	Cloakroom 	Reading Raffle Winners 
Whales	Delilah	Rocco	Samuel	Well done!	
Dolphins	Harry, Tae	Sebastian	Bebe		Evie
Sealions		Jude	Aylin		
Flamingos		Isabelle	Oliver F	Well done!	
Parrots		Kai	Joshua W		
Penguins	Charlotte	Maria	Elsie		Lilian
Panthers	Rupert, Ashton, Imogen, Evie, Leela-Rose	Luke	Tyler		
Tigers	Lewis	Nina	Annabelle		
Leopards	Alberto	Max	Jamie	Well done!	George A

Birthday Assembly



Here is the rota for your class Birthday assembly for Term 2 2016. If you would like any further information, please speak to your class teacher. Thank you.

23 rd November	Whales	Parrots	Tigers
30 th November	Sealions	Penguins	Panthers
7 th December	Dolphins	Flamingos	Leopards
14 th December	Whales	Parrots	Tigers
21 st December	Sealions	Penguins	Panthers

Team Points – Well done red team!

268	215	258	264
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Attendance Challenge

The class with the best attendance for the week beginning 7 November 2016 was Tigers with 99.4 % Well done!

STAFFORD SUCCESS

Reading Raffle Winners

This week's winners were: Jessica in 5 Larch, Zachary in 4 Beech and Lily in 3 Birch .

Attendance Challenge

The class with the best attendance for the week beginning 7th November 2016 was 4 Ash with **99.6 %** Well done!

Team Points – Well done Green Team!

333

343

325

345

This Week's Stafford Stars

★ Year 3 ★

3 Birch – Keane
3 Elm – Hollie
3 Rowan – Rylee

★ Year 4 ★

4 Ash – Maisie-Leigh
4 Chestnut – Kimberlie
4 Beech – Amelia
4 Acacia – Zuzanna

★ Year 5 ★

5 Alder – Ashton
5 Larch – Jessica
5 Sycamore – Jacob

★ Year 6 ★

6 Cedar – Caitlin
6 Maple – Graham
6 Oak – Oakley
6 Poplar – Isaac

DIARY DATES

Diary Dates – Blue dates are Roselands / Red dates are Stafford

November 21st, 22nd & 23rd – PTFA collecting unwanted Christmas Decorations – After School

Friday 25th November – Mufti with donations for Xmas Fair Tombola/Roselands PTFA for Santa Event

Wednesday 30th November - Maths and English Parent Workshop at Stafford

Friday 2nd December – Cupcake Competition

Saturday 3rd December – Xmas Fair to be held at Stafford School – All welcome.

Tuesday 6th December - Federation Parent Forum – 5pm

Friday 9th December – Santa Event at Roselands – DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Monday 12th December – Christmas Foundation Stage performance at 1.45pm

Tuesday 13th December – Christmas Year 1 performance at 1.45pm

Tuesday 13th December – 6:00pm Y5/6 Christmas Concert at All Souls Church

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Dinner

Thursday 15th December – 1:45pm Y3/4 Christmas Concert at All Souls Church

Monday 19th December – Christmas Year 2 Performance at 1.45pm

Tuesday 20th December – School trip to Hippodrome – details to follow

Meetings for Prospective Parents September 2017

Children starting school for the first time in Reception at Roselands

Friday 25th November – 11.00am – NEW DATE ADDED

Children transferring to Year 3 from Roselands or another infant school

Thursday 24th November – 1.30 pm

Friday 25th November – 9.15 am

Parent Survey Results – November 2016

Thank you to everyone who completed our surveys at the parents' evenings last week. 242 surveys were completed across the federation and the results are listed below. They tell us the percentage of parents who answered either 'strongly agree' or 'agree' with each statement. We are pleased to report that we have seen an increase in all of the percentages, at both schools and across the federation, from the surveys conducted last year.

Please note that, for the question about bullying, we have included a second figure in brackets. This is the percentage of parents who answered either 'strongly agree', 'agree' or 'don't know' as we feel that if you don't know if the school deals with bullying effectively, it is because your child has not experienced bullying and therefore the school must deal effectively with bullying.

	Roselands	Stafford	Federation Average
My child is happy at this school	100%	98.6%	99.3%
My child feels safe at this school	100%	95.8%	97.9%
My child makes good progress at this school	98.6%	93.1%	95.9%
My child is well looked after at this school	99.2%	99.1%	99.2%
My child is taught well at this school	99.2%	93.1%	96.2%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	91.2%	88.1%	89.7%
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	95%	92.6%	93.8%
The school deals effectively with bullying	61.8% (98.6%)	57.9% (95.5%)	59.9% (97.1%)
The school is well led and managed	96.5%	92.4%	94.5%
The school responds well to any concerns I raise	86.9%	78.8%	82.9%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	96.5%	88.9%	92.7%
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	97.9%	97.2%	97.6%

Things that you have told us that we are doing well or that you liked at Roselands included:

- "My child has only been at Roselands for 7 weeks but seems to have settled in very well and has come home on many occasions saying how nice his teacher is. I have noticed progress in my child's abilities since he started school and his teacher seems very keen on helping him."
- "We're very happy with our daughter's progress at Roselands and would recommend this school to others."
- "Building work has been effective to improve the facilities appropriately."
- "The school has a wonderfully caring atmosphere in which pupils feel valued. My child already feels a lovely sense of pride in attending Roselands."
- "I think the teachers do a fantastic job under such high expectations from the governments new standards"
- "I am very happy with the progress my child is making."
- "Excellent school all round."
- "It's a great place to be!"

Things that you felt that we could do better:

My child has just started reception and I'm new to having a child at school and wasn't aware of the birthday assembly and felt awful when my son asked me where I was as I would have loved to have attended.	We're sorry that you missed your son's birthday assembly. In future, we will make sure that this information is shared at the parent information meetings at the beginning of the school year.
I do feel there is a lot of work for the kids to do out of school and I can't always get round to it. I work full time and I look after a relative, I would like to feel that the kids can relax and play afterschool - having said that, I do realise national targets are high and the school has to fulfil these.	There are many differing views around the value and purpose of homework. This is a subject matter that we will add to our parent forums.

<p>I wish that I was given more constructive feedback about how my son is doing. But I understand it must be a challenge to provide detailed feedback for a whole class. I like the school, and happy with the progress my son is making</p>	<p>We try to provide a range of information to you as often as we can. At the first parents' evening, we discuss how your child has settled and share targets for the year. At Christmas, you will receive an interim report highlighting the progress made towards these targets. In February there is a second parents' evening where more detailed discussions take place around your child's progress. This is followed at Easter with another interim report. In July, you will receive your child's annual school report.</p>
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Things that you have told us that we are doing well or that you liked at Stafford included:

- The transition from Roselands to Stafford was really effective. The staff are very approachable.
- The topics are very interesting. The homework tasks are varied and engaging. We are really pleased with how our son is progressing at school and how he has enjoyed both Year 3 and 4.
- Only positive things to say. THANKS
- My child is very happy at school. It is lovely to hear that she is developing more confidence in herself now she is in Year 5 and is willing to have a go even if she gets it wrong at first.
- I think that Stafford has really progressed over the time my children have been here. They have both had a great experience. Thank you!
- I am extremely pleased with how the communication is between parents and teachers. All my dealing with any issues I may have had have been dealt with appropriately and to my standards. I have a lot of interaction with the SENCO and I cannot fault her at all, to which I am very grateful for all her... so therefore I would recommend this school entirely.
- Keep up the good work the staff all do a great job!
- I really like the fact that the curriculum is topic led.

Things that you felt that we could do better:

<p>Please make the school trip costs mandatory for all parents rather than voluntary; I've heard some parents say that their children should be funded to attend trips by families where both parents work. It was really disappointing the recent trip to Wakehurst Place had to be cancelled due to lack of contributions.</p> <p>Can you please consider having just one dress up day a year? I appreciate it enhances learning, however it would be fantastic if the children could make the costumes as part of the topic.</p> <p>Finally, I think Golden Time is really important and a great way to reward good behaviour, although I believe students who have challenging behaviour who are persistently disruptive should be sanctioned in a different way.</p>	<p>The Education Act 1996 doesn't allow us to ask for mandatory payments for trips and this is the foundation for our Charging Policy which is available to read on our website. School budgets are stretched and we are unable to meet the costs of these enrichment activities without the support of parents.</p> <p>There are two elements to this. Firstly, if a year group holds a topic day e.g. Ancient Egypt and secondly whole federation dress up days. In future we will ensure that we map out in advance all dressing up days to ensure balance.</p> <p>Our behaviour policy does allow for adaptation for individual children according to their needs.</p>
<p>Being able to talk to a teacher easily when needed would help.</p>	<p>All of our teachers at Stafford bring their classes to the playground at the end of the day (except when they have PPA) and are available to talk to you then. Alternatively you can send an email via the school office and this will be forwarded on to the class teacher or phone to request that the teacher makes contact with you.</p>

<p>Parking wardens outside a school while trying to pick up your child is a nightmare.</p> <p>I'm made to feel like a criminal when all I want to do is quickly pick up my child and leave. (some of us work...I do not finish till 3)</p> <p>Sharing images of parents cars in your newsletter is disgraceful. We are parents, not convicts.</p> <p>I attempted to park for 5 minutes today on a single yellow line as instructed by your newsletter last week. A traffic warden told me this was not correct and ordered me to leave. Please find out what is legal and what is not to spare us parents embarrassment. Thank you.</p>	<p>We have sought further advice regarding parking and unfortunately, the information we shared via our newsletter was incorrect. Please accept our apologies.</p> <p>Rule 238 of the highway code states that you must not wait or park on the single yellow lines during their time of operation which is stated on a sign on the pavement. You may however stop to set down and pick up passengers but you cannot wait for 5 minutes as we informed you previously. In addition, it also states that you must not wait, park or stop to set down and pick up passengers on school entrance markings (yellow zig zags) during the times stated on the upright no stopping sign or on double yellow lines at any time.</p> <p>If you break this rule, then the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 Section 5 states: A person who contravenes a traffic regulation order, or who uses a vehicle, or causes or permits a vehicle to be used in contravention of a traffic regulation order, shall be guilty of an offence and could be fined/given penalty points on your license.</p> <p>We have a duty of care for all members of our community and are actively looking at ways forward to improve the situation for all.</p>
<p>I feel that at Stafford there are quite a few school trips. I recognise that these are very valuable learning experiences but do they need to be quite so frequent especially as parents are expected to pay for them.? Three a year would be roughly what we can afford and Year 3 has already had two... Could we please have a limit on these. Thank you.</p>	<p>All year groups plan a 'wow' for each term and these are mapped out at the beginning of the year and shared at the parent information meeting in September. The details are also emailed to you and are available on our website.</p> <p>Sometimes these are topic days in school which are free and sometimes these are a visitor to school or a visit out of school which may incur a voluntary contribution.</p> <p>We have had a lot of discussion in school around school trips and we are constantly reviewing our approach. We will include this item at one of our upcoming parent forums.</p>
<p>I would value more ideas about practical things I can do to encourage my child's progress at home. I don't feel the feedback at parents evening was completely helpful with where to go next with an area my child finds difficult.</p>	<p>Parents' evenings are time limited. If you would like to discuss your child's needs further, you are more than welcome to book a further appointment with your child's class teacher in the first instance.</p>

Communication

Last term we also sent out a survey about communications to which we received 59 responses across the federation and the results are listed below and tell us the percentage of people who either answered positively to the question. Please note that the federation average figure includes parents who indicated they have children at both schools.

	Roselands	Stafford	Federation Average
Do you receive our Federation Newsletter by email?	92.3%	58.1%	79%
Do you receive text messages from the school?	92.3%	96.8%	94.1%
Do you use our website?	84.6%	77.4%	85.1%
Do you visit our Facebook page?	46.2%	35.5%	42.8%
How useful do you find our current communications with you?	100%	96.8%	96.7%

Things that you have told us that we are doing well or that you liked about communication included:

“I think the communication has improved to a good level.”

Things that you felt that we could do better:

<p>Go back to newsletter or email them instead</p> <p>To receive emails maybe with newsletters instead of going on the website</p> <p>Send newsletters home with my child</p> <p>Email me the newsletter every week. The only way I find out info is via web page and fb. Up to date info on the website too.</p>	<p>We are a paperless school and now only send letters home in paper form if they have a reply slip.</p> <p>Newsletters can be emailed to you. Please email pfunnell@roselands-stafford.org with your child’s name and class if you’d like to receive the newsletter and other information by email.</p> <p>Newsletters are also available on our website www.roselands-stafford.org and a link is also placed on our Facebook page.</p>
<p>I emailed my sons name and school but I don't receive emails</p>	<p>We have had an issue with our text/email system communicating with our data management system which has now been rectified. Please email pfunnell@roselands-stafford.org with your child’s name and class if you’d like to receive the newsletter and other information by email.</p>
<p>Direct emails to teachers for swift communication</p>	<p>We are looking into this possibility. We have some concerns over urgent messages being sent to the class teacher and being missed because they are teaching and not able to check emails.</p>
<p>Just give as much notice as possible re events, trips and dress up days</p> <p>More advanced notice about fancy dress/dress up days</p>	<p>We do try! Year groups events are generally mapped out at the beginning of the year and shared at the parent information meeting and in curriculum newsletters. All of these items are emailed to parents and are also on the class pages on the website.</p>
<p>Yes - pass messages on from the office.</p>	<p>Messages received at the office are emailed to the teacher and a hard copy is also sent to the class at the end of the day.</p>
<p>My husband receives newsletters but I don't</p>	<p>Unfortunately, our email and text system can only send to one parent.</p>

We are exploring other means of communicating with you e.g. through apps on your phone and other social media sites. If you have any ideas as to how we can improve communication, please do email Mr Walton – mwalton@roselands-stafford.org