



Roselands & Stafford
Federation

FEDERATION NEWS

Friday 3 February 2017



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Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the one parent who came along to our Federation Parent Forum this week where we hoped to gain your views about a possible new system for booking and paying for clubs and various other school events. We had hoped that this forum would be a good way of gathering your views and giving you an opportunity to have your say, however, it does not appear to have had the take up we wished for.

We would still like to gather your views about Homework and Educational Visits which was the subject for the Federation Parent Forum in Term 2 (attended by one parent) so we will be sending a survey home with your child on Friday 10th February. If this is returned to your child's class teacher by Wednesday 23rd February, completed by both the pupil and parent or carer, your child will receive a team point.

We will also be holding a competition to "name the house". We are developing the old caretaker's house on the Stafford site to be used by pupils in the federation. It will have a sensory room and a small group room, an office/meeting room and downstairs a large group area and a kitchen. The garden will be developed into a play space with fixed climbing equipment and a quiet area.

During the day we will use it as a Nurture/Thrive provision to support pupils who need small group or individual support outside the classroom. It will also be used for clubs, for meetings for small group interventions and we also hope to start running a holiday play scheme soon. We would like a name that is chosen by our pupils.

Our Team Captains, a Governor, a parent and a member of staff will then short list all the suggestions until we have 5 to choose from. We will then hold a whole school vote to make the final selection.

Wonderful Wacky Science Week



As part of British Science Week, both schools will be having a Science Week 13th - 17th March. A visitor will be coming in on the morning of Monday 13th March at Stafford and Tuesday 14th March at Roselands to run Science Shows. We would like the children to dress up as scientists or have a science themed costume on Monday 13th March. This could be a crazy wig, back combed hair, a lab coat or a recycled robot costume.

Roselands Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book fair will be at Roselands Infant School during Book week – 27th February – 3rd March. There will be an opportunity this year to view the books at Parent Teacher Consultation Evenings. Further details will be sent out informing you of the Federation plans for Book week next week. Stafford will have a visit from Travelling Books in Term 5.



Parent Pay

Please remember that credit and choices for school dinners for children in Years 3 to 6 need to be made on line before 8:30 am. If you need to cancel a dinner, this also needs to be done by 8:30 am.

Educational Visits

Due to cuts in Education budgets, we are no longer able to fund the shortfall in the contributions towards school trips. At Stafford last year, the total cost of our educational visits was £60,000 yet the contributions made by parents was only £47,000 meaning the school needed to fund £13,000. This money would have been enough to employ an additional member of staff to help support the children's learning.

The amount of contribution requested is calculated as follows (using the recently cancelled Year 4 trip to Wakehurst place):

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| Activity cost (entrance/workshops) | £800 | Transport Cost (coaches) | £1155 |
| ParentPay Admin Fee (1.2%) | £23.46 | Total trip cost | £1978.46 |

This amount is then divided by the total number of pupils in the year group (120) = **£16.48**.

Concern has been expressed from some parents that they are subsidising the cost of the visit for other pupils. As can be seen from the calculations above, this is not the case. For any pupil entitled to Free School Meals, we allocate funds from the Pupil Premium Budget to cover the entire voluntary contribution.

As stated in our Charging Policy, unless we receive 85% of the total cost through the voluntary contributions and our contribution from the Pupil Premium fund, the visit will have to be cancelled. If we do receive 85% of the cost and the trip goes ahead, we still have to fund the remaining 15% of the cost. Last year, this would have been a total cost to the school of £9000.

Please complete the surveys that are coming home next week as there is a section about Educational Visits. Our pupils really enjoy these visits and they have a really positive impact on their learning.

End of Day

Please could we request that changes to the end of the day collection are put in writing to the teacher on the day. If you need to ring the Office, please could you make sure this is done by 2.30 pm to ensure that the message is relayed to your child in time.



Long Hair

Please can children with long hair have this tied back for school? It can be quite distracting when the children are working and of course can be attractive for headlice!



PTFA Events



Thank you to the PTFA at both Roselands and Stafford. There are some great events coming up including the Stafford end of term disco next Friday 10th February (parent helpers still needed – if you can help, please contact staffordptfa@gmail.com) and the Roselands quiz night on the 24th February. Tickets will be on sale next week after school on Wednesday and Friday for the quiz night. Come and join us for an evening of entertainment and test your general knowledge! (See PTFA posters)

Safety Concern – Before and After School

Children should not be playing on any of the equipment or ride their bikes/scooters in the playgrounds before or after school. This is for health and safety reasons. Thank you.



Lip Balms



Lip balms are coming into school without a name. As mentioned in a previous letter, please name these if your child requires one during this cold weather.

Have a lovely weekend – See you all on Monday.

ROSELANDS SUCCESS

| | Golden Book  | Star of the week  | Golden Table  | Cloakroom  | Reading Raffle Winners  |
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| Whales | | Finlay | Peggy | | |
| Dolphins | Thea | Nikola | Reggie | | Levi |
| Sealions | Cara | Anastasia | Leanna | Well Done | |
| Flamingos | Erin-May Oliver Carson | Solomon | Edie | | |
| Parrots | | Louis | Oscar | Well Done | Casper |
| Penguins | | Ruby | Jennifer | | |
| Panthers | Louie. Amelia Sophie. Ava | Phoebe | Phoebe | | |
| Tigers | The whole Class! | Dylan | Pearl | Well Done | |
| Leopards | Esme. Abigail Zachary. Jack R George A Isabelle. Lewis Archie. Harvey | Isabella | Dylan | | Abigail |

Birthday Assembly



Here is the rota for your class Birthday Assembly for Term 3 2017. Every third week at Roselands, your child's class will celebrate any Birthdays celebrated during this time. Parents are welcome to join their child's class to celebrate too. Children can bring a few of their Birthday cards to share and have the opportunity to tell the class about their presents and how they celebrated their special day. ☺

The Birthday assembly for your class will start at 9:00 am. Please sign in at the office and the class TA will walk you to the classroom. If your child has a Birthday in one of the holidays, you are welcome to join us on the first Birthday assembly for your class. The children enjoy these assemblies, sharing and listening to their friends. If you would like any further information, please speak to your class teacher. Thank you

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| 8 th February | Whales | Parrots | Tigers |
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Team Points – Well done GreenTeam!

248

229

174

264

Attendance Challenge

Well done to Tigers for **100%** attendance during the week beginning 23rd January 2017.

STAFFORD SUCCESS

Reading Raffle Winners

This week's winners were: Billie in 6 Oak, Luca in 5 Alder, Ben in 4 Ash and Louie in 3 Elm.

Attendance Challenge

The class with the best attendance for the week beginning 23rd January 2017 was 4 Ash with **99.6 %** Well done!

Team Points – Well done Red Team!

541

410

415

317

This Week's Stafford Stars

★ Year 3 ★

3 Birch – Orianna
3 Elm – Henry
3 Rowan – Eva

★ Year 4 ★

4 Ash – Theodor
4 Chestnut – Keira & Amy-Leigh
4 Beech – Thomas
4 Acacia – Eleanor

★ Year 5 ★

5 Alder – Xhoel
5 Larch – Angelina
5 Sycamore – Jessica

★ Year 6 ★

6 Cedar – Leo
6 Maple – Tyler
6 Oak – Rosie
6 Poplar – Logan

DIARY DATES

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

Monday 6th February – Year 1 Trip to the Sea life Centre in Brighton

Tuesday 7th February – Foundation Stage Teddy Bear's Picnic

Tuesday 7th February – Year 2 Trip to the Science Centre

Tuesday 7th February – Safer Internet Day

Thursday 9th February - ASD (Autism) Parent Support Group Meeting at Stafford at 1.30pm

Friday 10th February – Mufti Day – Roselands Raffle Prize – Stafford £1 - If you do not wish to contribute, please send your child to school in normal uniform. Thank you.

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February – Half Term

Friday 24th February 7:00pm – Roselands PFA Quiz Night at Roselands

Monday 27th February to Friday 3rd March – Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday 28th February – Parent Teacher Consultations

Wednesday 1st March – Parent Teacher Consultations

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

Monday 13th March to Friday 17th March – Science Week

Saturday 18th March 10:00am to 12:00pm – Roselands PFA Easter Fair at Roselands

Friday 24th March – Red Nose Day – School Council leading

Thursday 30th March – Interim Reports Home