



FEDERATION NEWS



Friday 6 October 2017

Federation Headteacher: Ms Mandy Stewart Head of School/Deputy Head: Mr Mike Walton and Mrs Carol Wallis

Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past week, we have been analysing our pupils' attendance at school. Our attendance target is that our pupils will each have an attendance rate of 97% or more. We have looked closely at the reasons for absence for any of our pupils with attendance rates of less than 97% during the 2016/17 academic year and have found that holidays taken during term time are a major cause of low attendance. We have also been looking at our pupils' attainment data and know for our pupils who are not working at age expected levels poor attendance is often a factor.

During 2016/17, the attendance rate at Roselands was 96.7% and at Stafford it was 95.85%. For Stafford this was significantly below the 97% target. We would like to ask all our families to work with us to ensure that our pupils attend school every day and make the most of their learning opportunities.

I also need to inform you of a change in date for one of our INSET days this year which will enable staff to receive training that is only available in January. Therefore there will now be an INSET day on Tuesday 2nd January and there will no longer be an INSET day on Friday 9th February. I do apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Thank you all for your support.

Mandy Stewart

Lollypop Man David Puts His Feet Up.

Our much loved Lollypop Man, David, has decided to put away his Lollypop, put his feet up and take things easy. He is retiring on the 20th October and has made sure 100s of pupils at both schools have crossed the road safely for 12 years. If you would like to join us in saying a huge thank you and contribute towards a well-earned retirement gift, please send these into either school office in a sealed envelope marked 'Lollypop'.



Staff Vacancies



Both schools are recruiting Midday Supervisory Assistants to work 5 hours a week, term time only. Full induction, training and support is given. County contract and hourly rate of £7.78.

To apply to join our friendly teams, please visit our website and download a job description and application form.

Macmillan Cake Sale – Didn't we do well!



Thank you so much for all of the amazing cake donations for our Macmillan cake sale and for joining us at the event. We raised a staggering £323!



So Sussex



On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, Year 6 were able to take their learning outside with the 'Learning Without Walls' project led by So Sussex. The children were a credit to their classes and year group where they were able to use flint to create fire, learn about water filters and worked well within a team. Everyone had a brilliant time and really embraced the true meaning of perseverance and never giving up!

Parrot and Penguin classes also enjoyed working in the school meadow with So Sussex this week. The pond has been cleared and is more accessible in order to observe the wildlife. Flamingos will be joining Paul to continue the work on Monday.

Harvest Festivals



Roselands enjoyed two Harvest Celebration Assemblies with Linda Caroe, Kathy and Sue. The children learnt all about the importance of harvest and the names of some different fruits and vegetables.



At Stafford, the Rev. Mark Redhouse talked about what Christians believe and the children sang their harvest songs superbly.



Thank you so much for all of your kind donations of food and toiletries. The Salvation Army collected these on Thursday and were extremely grateful. All donations will be used to support the homeless in Eastbourne.



Are You a Whizz with Figures?

Are you a qualified accountant and able to audit accounts?

Do you have some spare time to look annually at the School Fund Accounts for both Roselands and Stafford?

If you are interested please could you get in contact with either Claire Maskell at Stafford or Maureen Pemberton at Roselands.



Sad News

Mrs Comfort, a well loved TA from Roselands, sadly passed away at the end of September. Many of our Stafford students will remember Mrs Comfort for her support, encouragement and kindness in their classrooms. Our thoughts are with her husband and two daughters. If you would like to donate to her chosen charities, please see Mrs Wallis at Roselands School.

Maths for Parents



The Community and Engagement Team at Sussex Downs College are very excited to be offering a FREE maths course for local parents, giving them the knowledge and understanding of the maths curriculum, to then better support their children at home. Do you have a child in Key Stage 2 and would like to support them to improve their maths skills? Why not join the FREE 4 week course at Sussex Downs College, Cross Levels Way, Eastbourne BN21 2UF, commencing 14th November for 4 weeks at 10.30 – 12.30. To find out more and to book call 030 300 38212 or email community.info@sussexdowns.ac.uk

Flu Vaccinations








The Flu Vaccinations for Year 3 and Year 4 will take place on Tuesday 28th November. Flu Vaccinations for Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 will take place on Thursday 30th November. The Immunisation Service webpage link is on the school webpage.

www.kentcht.nhs.uk/schoolflu

Have a fabulous weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

ROSELANDS SUCCESS

Week Beginning 22/09/17	Golden Book 	Star of the Week 	Golden Table 	Reading Raffle Winners 
Dolphins		Milo, Amanda-Lea	Luis	
Sealions		Daniela	Elsie	
Whales		Thomas	Ruben	
Flamingos		Grace	Scarlet	
Parrots		Reggie	Kaiden	Harry
Penguins		Stanley	Finley	
Panthers	Mikey, Ruby, Kai, Harry, Daniel	Daniel	Peyton	
Tigers	Bella, Sophie, Branden, Kai	Sophie	Joanna and Kai	
Leopards		Samuel	Jason	Isobella
Team Points	230	189	150	189
Well Done Red Team 😊				
Attendance	Congratulations to Flamingos for best attendance for week commencing 25 th September with 99.3%			
Pen Licence 	Athena has received her Pen Licence Certificate this week as she was absent to collect the Certificate last week. 😊			

STAFFORD SUCCESS

Reading Raffle Winners

This week's winners were: Lola in 3 Rowan, Amelia S in 4 Cedar, Dante in 5 Alder and Lola in 6 Maple.

Attendance Challenge

The class with the best attendance for the week beginning 25th September 2017 were 6 Maple with 100%
The whole school attendance figure however was a disappointing **94.4%** which is below our whole school target of **97%**. If your child had this attendance, this would be within the Persistence Absence Category and would mean that by the time they leave school, they will have lost a full year of education.

This Week's Stafford Stars

★ <u>Year 3</u> ★	★ <u>Year 4</u> ★	★ <u>Year 5</u> ★	★ <u>Year 6</u> ★
3 Birch – Rupert N	4 Ash – Winnie E	5 Acacia – Mack W	6 Maple – Liam T
3 Elm – Nicola F	4 Cedar – Louis G-G	5 Alder – Zuzanna S	6 Oak – Erin B
3 Rowan – Imogen I	4 Larch – Iwan C	5 Beech – Kiara F	6 Poplar – William A
		5 Sycamore – Grace L	

Team Points – well done Yellow Team!

614

645

567

562

DIARY DATES

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

Monday 9th October – Flamingos working with So Sussex – gardening clothes required
 Monday 9th October 7:30pm - PFA 'Welcome Evening' at Roselands. Enter via Woodgate Road
 Tuesday 10th October 5:30pm – Year 5 Marchants Hill Residential Parent Meeting
 Tuesday 10th/Wednesday 11th October – Year 5 So Sussex sessions
 Thursday 12th October – Whales working with So Sussex – gardening clothes required
 Friday 13th October – Sealions working with So Sussex – gardening clothes required
 Monday 16th/Tuesday 17th October – Year 3 So Sussex
 Tuesday 17th October - Year 2 Celebration Assembly for Parents 2:00pm
 Wednesday 18th October - Individual School photos - big smiles please! 😊
 Thursday 19th October – Dolphins working with So Sussex – gardening clothes required
 Friday 20th October – End of Term 1 – David our Lollypop Man's last day 😞
 Monday 30th October – Inset Day
 Tuesday 31st October – Start of Term 2
 Wednesday 6th/Thursday 7th December – Roselands Weight and Height Checks

Roselands and Stafford Federation

School Term and Holiday Dates 2017-2018

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Monday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Thursday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Sunday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Monday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Tuesday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Wednesday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Thursday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Friday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Saturday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Sunday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Monday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Tuesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Wednesday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Thursday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Friday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
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Bank and Public Holidays 2017-2018

Christmas Day	- Monday 25 December	Easter Monday	- Monday 2 April
Boxing Day	- Tuesday 26 December	May Day Bank Holiday	- Monday 7 May
New Year's Day	- Monday 1 January	Spring Bank Holiday	- Monday 28 May
Good Friday	- Friday 30 March	Summer Bank Holiday	- Monday 27 August

Key

Staff Training / INSET Day



Start of Term for Pupils



End of Term



Public Holidays



School Holidays



Term Lengths (Days)

Term 1	4 Sep – 20 Oct	35 days
	October Break	
Term 2	30 Oct – 20 Dec	38 days
	Christmas Break	
Term 3	2 Jan – 9 Feb	29 days
	February Break	
Term 4	19 Feb – 29 March	29 days
	April Break	
Term 5	16 Apr – 25 May	29 days
	May Break	
Term 6	4 June – 20 Jul	35 days

Summer Holiday

Total	195 days
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