

# WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR SCHOOL?

November 2023

*"Inspiring learning; nurturing minds; achieving for life."*

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had an enjoyable break with your children and are now looking forward to a very full half-term leading up to Christmas. I will start this newsletter with noting some achievements and celebrations from our first six weeks and I look forward to seeing you in school over the next two weeks during our parent/carer consultation evenings.

## Harvest

My thanks go to the Year 6 children, Mr Scott, Mrs Hulse and staff who supported our Harvest Fair. Also, our thanks go to all those who donated items to the fair. The event raised **£266** to fund our commitment via Action Aid. The food donations were also gratefully received by the Alsager Food Bank who distribute this to local families in need.



Dear Rodeheath Primary School,

To all of you who have kindly donated to your Harvest Festival collection for Alsager Food Bank we would like to say a big **THANK YOU**. We have had amazing support from many Churches, Schools and Groups in the area, in what continues to be very difficult time for everyone, as we all feel 'the pinch'

## Inter School Sports

Congratulations to our cross-country team as we continue to shine! We are so proud of their efforts. We are currently sitting in 3<sup>rd</sup> place! The football league will commence very shortly and all matches will be played at Sandbach Utd. We have also entered into a Y5 and 6 Crewe Alex football tournament and a Year 5 and 6 Girls football tournament.

## Parent, Teacher and Friend Association

I would like the opportunity to formally introduce our newly formed committee. We have very recently become a PTFA so that more members of our community can join us in working together for the benefit of our children.

### Our Committee 2023

Chair – Jill Margett (mum to Sophia Yr4)

Secretary – Natalie Curran (mum to Noah Yr1)

Treasurer – Mark Dimmock (dad to Harriet Rec)

Vice-Treasurer – Kay Nevitt (mum to Martha Yr5 & Roan Pre-school)

Ordinary Member – Hannah Knibbs (mum to Dougie Yr1 & Juno Pre-school)

PTFA aim to:

- Organise fundraising events which will enable us to purchase “extra” items for our school which are not within the school’s budget;
- To enhance our children's educational experience and environment;
- To bring together parents, grandparents, carers, pupils, teachers and the local community and create a positive link between all parties;

I would like to say a huge thank you to the committee and the volunteers who recently organised, set-up and ran a very, very successful Halloween disco. All of the money raised does go back into the school; the classrooms and really does benefit the children of our school. The PTFA are always looking for volunteers to help with events such as discos and the Summer and Christmas Fayres; and always open to new suggestions!

### Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

Yesterday was the first of our two autumn consultation evenings. Thank you to those who attended and thank you for the positive feedback – it is much appreciated. The second date is **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**.

### Christmas Productions

In a change this year, the children in Year 1 and Year 2 will be taking part in our Christmas Nativity together and the Reception and Pre-school children will take part in a joint Christmas Celebration. Both events will be open to parents/carers to attend. The children will be starting their rehearsals soon and I’m sure you will all be singing the songs in the not too distant future.... These will be ticketed events and information will come out in good time. Please see the calendar of events below for advanced notice of dates.

### School Tours

School tours for April 2024 starters in the Pre School and Reception starters for September 2024 are now underway. Please book an appointment via the school office. Email [admin@rodeheath.cheshire](mailto:admin@rodeheath.cheshire) or call 01270 314414.

### Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November		Parent Consultation Evening (by appointment)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Morning	Individual & Sibling photographs (Tempest)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December		Special Non-Uniform Day Cuddly Toy Donations for the PA Christmas Fair
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December		Parents’ Association Chocolate Tombola Competition <b>Donations Monday to Thursday - Weigh in Friday morning!</b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November		Y6 Manchester IWM trip
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November		Y4 Egyptian Day
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November		Y5 Space Museum trip
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	EYFS (Pre-School and Reception) Christmas Celebration (Ticketed Event)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	EYFS (Pre-School and Reception) Christmas Celebration (Ticketed Event)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	1:45pm	Key Stage 1 (Y1 and Y2) Christmas Production (Ticketed Event)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	6:00pm	Key Stage 1 (Y1 and Y2) Christmas Production (Ticketed Event)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Dinner Day
TBC	Morning	Year 5 lead our Carol Service at All Saints’ Church, Odd Rode Year 1 to Year 6 children to attend (school event only)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Morning	Christmas Jumper Day / Whole School Panto: (Kindly funded by the PA) School Closes for the Christmas Break

Year 4 have been looking a different religions and world views and asking the question: what makes some texts sacred?



We have been very busy in year 2 designing and making our hand puppets. We still have a little work to do to finish our designs but I think you will agree we have made a really good start particularly with our sewing skills.



Year 2 thought about 'Big Questions' today during our Religion & Worldviews lesson. We thought about the differences between little questions (those which can be answered easily), medium-sized questions (those that require a little more thought or research) and finally, 'Big Questions' (those which have more than one answer or are difficult to give an answer too).



Year 6 ran a really successful Harvest Fair, raising money for charity and providing food for Alsa Food Bank. Thank you to all for your support in this venture.



AMAVEN P.E Skills for everyone yesterday!



The Y4s were complimented on their listening skills today during their Ancient Egyptian workshops at the Macclesfield Silk Museum.



Thank you Mr Barr for giving up your time today to show the Y4s your bass guitar. It really helped with their understanding of pitch and volume. Great playing too.



Year 5 enjoyed some Yoga this morning!



Cross Country Runners (1st Race) 3rd position!



Year 4 rocked around the clock - or at least the classroom - with various instruments in our music lesson today.



Year 3 looking at digital and non-digital devices



The Y4s have been investigating which materials muffle sound the best.



Year 3 at the National Waterways Museum

