

The Russett School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2021

22nd October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our newsletter, we have lots of exciting news to share with you this week. As we reach the end of a very busy half term, I wanted to say a huge thankyou to all parents and carers for your support and patience in helping us manage a successful return to school. As parents and carers we value your on-going support and patience as we continue to safeguard children and staff against Covid 19. I am pleased to report that we have finished with 0 cases after a total of 9 confirmed cases since the start of September. Whilst this is very positive, it is important to recognise that local cases are rising and we must continue to follow government guidelines. The Department for Education have asked us to remind parents and carers of secondary aged pupils about regular testing over half term. If you are able to, please test pupils at home before students return to us as this will be key to us starting back in the best way possible.

I am pleased to say that it has not all been about Covid this half term!

We have enjoyed a range of exciting activities and creative learning experiences. We have also observed different celebrations days including World Mental Health Day, supporting our local food bank through Harvest Festival, Blue Day in aid of St. Luke's Hospice and our Macmillan Coffee Week. I would like to thank all staff for their efforts in marking these days and making them special, they were thoroughly enjoyed by all pupils and staff.

Our curriculum continues to grow and develop as a primary focus for 2021-2022, our staff INSET day on the 1st of November will focus on; Creating Inspiring Sensory classrooms and Sensory Approaches for learners with Autism.

Photo Gallery

Room 1

This week in Room 1 we have made collages of pumpkins, explored all about pumpkins and carved our own. We have also made some biscuit skeletons and witches broomsticks using breadsticks and cheese.



Room 11

On Thursday, some pupils from Room 11 (Post 16) enjoyed a visit to Petty Pool College. They were able to take part in a taster session in preparation for college life! They enjoyed seeing some of their friends who were past pupils from Russett.



Room 10

Room 10 have been practising their independence skills this week and making cups of tea.



Our Careers Team have put together a list of webinars for parents, carers and young people based around progression routes into employment. Please follow the link [Careers & Work Experience | The Russett School \(therussettlearningtrust.co.uk\)](https://therussettlearningtrust.co.uk)

For more photos and regular updates please follow our school Facebook & Twitter page, please remember that all comments are made in the public domain.

Website

We have been very busy updating our website please follow to the link to view changes; [The Russett School | Providing a World Class Education for All \(therussettlearningtrust.co.uk\)](https://therussettlearningtrust.co.uk)

Staff Updates

Liz Hanslip (Room 9) will be leaving us this half term. We would like to thank Liz for her contribution to the Russett School, we wish her luck for her future career. Amy McKay will be teaching full time in Room 9 until Christmas.

New pupils

We would like offer a very warm welcome to our two new pupils, Eleanor and Charlie. We said goodbye to Casey Mae and wish her lots of luck for her future at College.

Communication Workshops

The Russett School promotes a 'total communication' approach. We would like to extend our offer of help and support to parents/carers through hosting a range of communication training sessions. The sessions will be held virtually during the school day with the support of our commissioned Speech and Language Therapist; Jane Mullen. Sessions will aim to cover a range of topics linked to communication and we hope they will help support you to use at home. The content of the sessions will cover topics such as:

- [Visual supports](#) (Timetables / now / next and Traffic lights)
- [PECS](#) (a little on the structure and how to implement)
- [Makaton](#) (support for learning some basic signs and the idea and information behind Makaton)
- [Intensive Interaction](#) (what it is and why it is useful)

Dates: 11/11/21, 18/11/21, 25/11/21, 02/12/21

Times: 11:00 – 12:00

If you would like to book, please email admin@russett.cheshire.sch.uk with which training session you would like and preferred email. You will then receive instructions on how to join the session. We would also welcome any suggestions for future family workshops as we are looking to expand this offer.

Dates for your diary

Please see below for upcoming dates for after half term:

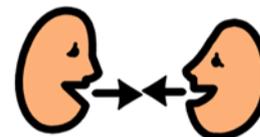
- 9th November -parents evening (face to face) & Speech and Language Therapy drop in session
- 10th November- Parents evening (virtual), Speech and Language Therapy to take requests for follow up calls.
- 23rd November- We are planning to host an open evening/hour from 3.30 to 4.30pm

A letter will be going home to parents after half term for parents to request a time and date for parents evening.

Student Voice!

Please enjoy hearing what some of our children and young people have said about us or shown us this week

- I built a Lego pirate ship with my friends – Adam
- Mazi carved her pumpkin for Halloween
- I enjoyed forest school this week, even though it was raining a lot – Daisy
- I was good doing my maths – Jaidon
- I can't wait for the spooky disco and carving my pumpkin – Finleigh
- "KABOOM" in science - Ryan



Parent Carer Forum

Information on behalf of the Parent Carer Forum:

Please find below a link to the PCF CW&C members news update with our upcoming events.

[https://mailchi.mp/634aabe3e5be/members-event-update-sept-2021-13432247?e=\[UNIQID\]](https://mailchi.mp/634aabe3e5be/members-event-update-sept-2021-13432247?e=[UNIQID])

Live Well

Live Well; formally known as the Local Offer is available by following this link; [Home | Live Well Cheshire West \(cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk\)](#) for Cheshire East please follow; [Live Well Cheshire East](#)

Key Contacts

School office: 01606 853005 or via email admin@russett.cheshire.sch.uk- please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

- Executive Headteacher- Emma Leach
- Deputy Head of Academy (Lower School) Jess Dennis
- Deputy Head of Academy (Upper School) Kathryn Richardson

Transport Co-ordination: Cheshire West 01244 973377 Cheshire East 01270 371489

Pupil Absence: Please ensure you ring the school office to report any pupil absence. It is important that we have a reason for any absences.

Parent View

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about The Russett School.

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

Covid 19

We are still required to quarantine and send home any pupils should they develop any of the following symptoms;

- a high temperature (37.8C or above)
- a new, continuous cough (this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours)
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste

Pupils are asked to self-isolate and get a PCR test. Pupils must continue to self-isolate until a negative PCR test result.

We kindly ask that you continue to remain contactable and available to collect your child as soon as possible should they develop symptoms. We will ask that you collect them as soon as possible to go

and get a test. Tests are now processed much quicker and we are happy and ready to welcome pupils back into school as soon as you receive a negative result.



This month we would like to wish a very happy birthday to...

Demi, Luke, George, Jamie, James, Caleb, Edward, Connor, Oscar, Brooke, Ryan and Adam

Finally I would like to thank our wonderful pupils for all of your hard work this half term, we are very proud of you all.

Wishing you and your family a happy and safe half term holiday.

Kindest regards,

Emma

Mrs Emma Leach - Executive Headteacher

