

The Russett School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2021

8th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our newsletter, we have lots of exciting news to share with you this week.

Thank you to all of our parents and carers for donating food for Harvest Festival, our school council have been busy sorting through the items and have planned a visit to our local foodbank to pass on our donations. They have also been invited to stay for a tour of the site.



Thank you to Tiny Steps for the donation of a sensory tent. We have had great fun exploring our new resource!



World Mental Day: Today classes worked hard to raise awareness of positive Mental Health & Wellbeing.

Our theme was 'Hello Yellow' and we enjoyed many planned activities to support 'Young Minds'. Staff and pupils enjoyed wearing yellow and a wacky hair competition!



Our new room has been named The Rainbow Room! Pupils are enjoying the space to engage in physiotherapy and specialist activities. We are hoping to start individual and group therapy work soon.

Covid 19 Update:

We have had cases of Covid confirmed in school. Parents & Carers have been notified as directed by our Local Health Protection Team. We are also experiencing a high number of absences of pupils and staff linked to Covid 19.

Twice weekly testing is still recommended for our secondary aged pupils and all staff. Please be reassured that we continue to adopt the highest standards in our risk management of Covid 19. I would like to thank all parents and carers for their support and understanding as we continue to implement government guidelines.

As always, please contact our academy if you have any questions or queries.

Online Safety

The NSPCC has lots of advice and support to help, including free online safety resources, from setting up parental controls to advice on online games and video apps, they can help you to understand the risks and keep your child safe. Please follow the link [Online Safety for Children - Tips & Guides | NSPCC](#)



Student Voice!

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

- I have enjoyed using puppets – Austin
- The shape monster game made me laugh – Rohan
- I have really enjoyed student council this week –Finleigh
- Making frames in forest school was great – Brooke
- Mazi has enjoyed reading and space week.

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])

Please also follow the link for information regarding vacant representative roles at present.

Photo Gallery

Room 1 we have explored all things Autumn. We have explored the leaves and made our very own trees with different colours, and a wreath with natural materials too.



Room 4 have really enjoyed learning about Harvest this week, we have had lots of fun exploring the Autumn season in Forest school, we made clay leaf prints and then painted them to look like the leaves that have fallen from the trees!



Room 3 have enjoyed exploring 2D shapes and their properties in maths this week. We had fun identifying, describing and making shapes as well as playing “guess the shape” and “shape monsters.” Our new text Charlie and the Chocolate Factory has inspired some exciting new sweet designs and character profiles.



Pupils across school enjoyed visiting our new Rainbow Room to participate in ‘Yoga with Will’.



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.

Social Media

The Russett School has an official Facebook page and it can be reached through the link on the academy website. Please do be mindful that any comments made are in the public arena. Parents and Carers can also follow us on our twitter account: @RussettSchool

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

I would like to thank all of our parents & carers for their ongoing support,

Wishing you all a safe & happy weekend,

Emma

Mrs Emma Leach - Executive Headteacher