

NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2023



NEWS FROM THE OFFICE...

What a busy September we have had in school! I am sure you have heard about the new toilets that we have had installed over the Summer break. I would like to thank you again for your patience at the start of the term in some year groups as the installation was a little delayed but it was well worth the wait! Knowledge organisers and newsletters were

sent out at the beginning of the year and I am sure you will have now discussed with your child what their topics are this term.

Macmillan coffee morning has just taken place in school and it was lovely to see so many of you attend. Thank you also to you all for donating the cakes to such a worthy cause.

There are many exciting events that will be happening in school,

many of which are included in this newsletter. However, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any queries or questions at all.

I look forward to working in partnership with you this academic year.

Natasha Kelly
Headteacher

Special points of interest:

- News from the office
- PE and Sports at Rise Park
- Packed lunches
- Anti bullying
- Harvest Festival
- Dates for your Diary
- New Toilets
- Macmillan Coffee Morning and Future Events
- Arbor
- Holidays During Term Time

PE AND SPORTS AT RISE PARK!...

Hello Rise Parkers. My name is Mr Fisher and I'm excited to be joining the Rise Park team as your Sports Specialist on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. I have already spent time working with children from year 1–6 and have been impressed with their positive attitudes to sport and PE. They look very smart in their PE kits and I appreciate your support with the removal of earrings making sure

they are ready for lessons. I have a super team of Sports Ambassadors who will be working with me to develop lunch time activities designed to build on key skills and teamwork and can't wait to see this impact into lessons too. Over the year I will be collecting the views of the children regarding after school clubs.



Please remember to follow us on Twitter @RiseParkSchool to see what the children are learning in school.



REMINDER ABOUT PACKED LUNCHES...

Here at Rise Park School, we are a healthy school, we are a healthy school and part of this is ensuring that children eat a balanced meal every day. If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please ensure that it is a healthy lunch.

This might look like;

- A sandwich/ pitta bread / wholemeal pasta
- A piece of fruit or chopped up vegetables such as raw carrot/ cucumber/ pepper (If you have grapes, please cut them in half)
- Fruit yoghurt
- A drink; preferably water or fruit juice

We have also spoken to children about not sharing food. Please could you emphasise this at home.

HARVEST FESTIVAL ...

Our Harvest Festival is on Friday 6th October and we will be collecting donations for Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank, in our continued commitment to support the local community. We are very grateful for your donations and the foodbank particularly need:

UHT milk, soup, pasta sauce, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, tea bags, tinned fruit, beans. Please bring these to school on Friday.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY....

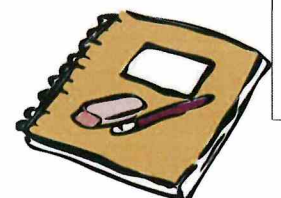
Oct 5th	Goose Fair Dinner Day	Nov 20th	Flu Immunisation's (Reception to Y6)
Oct 9th	Year 1 Curriculum Showcase	Dec 11th	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal 10.00am
Oct 10th	Year 2 Curriculum Showcase	Dec 12th	KS1 Nativity 10.00am and 2.00pm
Oct 18th	Parents Evening (within school)	Dec 13th	EYFS Dress Rehearsal
Oct 6th	Harvest Festival	Dec 14th	EYFS Nativity 10.00am and 2.00pm
Oct 20th	Last day before half term		
Nov 6th	School Re-opens		
Nov 14th	Year 4 Trip to Perlethorpe		

UNITED AGAINST BULLYING AWARD...

We are extremely proud to have achieved a 'United Against Bullying' bronze award for all of our work in anti-bullying and wellbeing for our pupils. This is a testament to the continued work that we do throughout the year to support our Risepartners. For example, our commitment to develop pupils' emotional literacy, our fantastic peer mediators and play buddies, our improved policy, to name but a few. Being 'United Against Bullying' requires a commitment from the whole school community, so a huge thank you to our KS2 pupils that took part in the questionnaire last year, and for your input and feedback about our anti-bullying policy during curriculum showcases.



Our pupils will take part in learning themed around 'Celebrating Growth' with each year group having an activity; Yr 1 - making bread, Year 2 - making Scarecrows, Yr3 - learning all about bees and honey, Yr4 - harvesting apples and making product, Yr5 - learning a Spanish harvest song and Yr6 - exploring Fairtrade.



NEW TOILETS...

I am sure you are all aware by now of our wonderful new toilet facilities in each year group from Year 1 to Year 6. The project commenced the last week of the term in July. As you can appreciate this has taken some time in planning and saving but we are extremely proud of the end result. If you can, try to have a quick look or talk to the children about how they have been vastly improved.



MACMILLAN AND FUTURE EVENTS...

Mrs Lamb writes...

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you for all your kind donations and support for our Macmillan coffee morning. We raised a massive £411 and this will go towards supporting Macmillan.

Look out for new parent courses and workshops that will be available throughout the new academic year. Our first workshop will be Robots and Coding. This is a 4 week course and you will get the opportunity to work alongside your child for part of the session.

We have our feel good families course starting on Thursday 18th April. This is an 8 week course that you attend one day

a week for 2 hours. It looks at positive behaviour and stress management. It even involves a free aromatherapy session!

Our 4 week coping with anxiety workshop will start on 20th June. This looks at strategies to enable your child to cope with anxiety and worry.

All information on the above courses will be distributed closer to the time.

If you are interested in any of our upcoming courses please e-mail admin@risepark.nottingham.sch.uk or look out for future information about booking!

I am looking to start a weekly craft afternoon for parents and children after half term and an exercise

session for parents with their baby or young child. Please look out for these and e-mail the admin address if you are interested.

Our monthly coffee morning will start again on Thursday 30th November at 9.00am. They will run on the last Thursday in the month. Please come along for a free hot and cold breakfast.

If you require any additional support in areas such as, financial difficulties, behaviour difficulties, require help with furniture or need any support, please pop in for a coffee and a chat!

ARBOR...

We now have 92% of our parents signed up to Arbor! If you have not yet registered then please provide the school office with your e-mail address so we can send you a welcome e-mail with instructions on how to sign up.

Please note that we will no longer be sending SMS messages so it is important that you are signed up and have access to the app in order for you to receive our messages.

Holidays during Term Time...

Please note that holidays during will not be authorised unless there is exceptional circumstances. Taking leave during school time the matter may be referred to Nottingham City Council (the Local Authority). For consideration of a penalty notice.