

Newsletter December 2025



NEWS FROM THE OFFICE...

Dear parents and carers,

It has been really busy in school. We have undertaken Anti Bullying week plus lots of trips and visitors in school which has been lovely to see. It is lovely to hear the children singing songs and practising for the Christmas production. The production dates are at the bottom of the newsletter with specific days if your child is in Elephants of Tigers class. We will end the term with our traditional Christmas carol concert in school on the last day of term.

I would like to wish you a happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year,

Yours sincerely

Mrs Kelly

Headteacher



On Tuesday 16th December we will be having our indoor snowball fight to raise money for the sunken trampoline outside our new building.

If you haven't already, please pay £2 on Arbor to reserve a space for your child. The hot chocolate, marshmallows and snowballs are ready! Get ready for some Christmas fun!

Special points of interest:

- News from the office
- Snowball Fight
- School Council
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School Council...

We are thrilled to share that the School Council has been busy distributing all of these lovely new books across the school! These fantastic additions were purchased using £262 of the money raised from the Summer Fair. We hope the children enjoy exploring these new stories.



Lateness

Please ensure now winter is settling in you give yourself enough time in the morning to arrive to school on time. If you are going to be late please give us a call.

Attendance

Please remember that it is schools policy to telephone the school before 9am to inform us if your child is absent, you can also e-mail us at admin@risepark.nottingham.sch.uk.

Thank you for your continued support.

Messages from Mrs Lamb, our family support worker.

Candy Canes

It is that time of the year again when we shall be spreading some Christmas cheer. We will be selling candy canes from Wednesday December 3rd from 8:40 underneath the key stage 2 canopy. If you would like to send a message to family, friends or staff come along and complete a message for 50p. Candy canes will be delivered throughout the school day. They will also be on sale during break time. Candy canes will be sent home and will not be eaten in school so that you can monitor any allergies.

Navigating Neurodiversity

It is the second week of our Navigating Neurodiversity Parent Course. There are still a few places left. This is a great opportunity to learn all about understanding neurodiversity and gaining strategies to help your child. The sessions will continue on Tuesday 2nd December at 1:15pm-3:15pm. If you are interested in joining the sessions, please email admin@risepark.nottingham.sch.uk

Winter Crafts

Our winter crafts sessions have been extremely popular and there are very few places left. We will be holding 2 sessions. The first will be on Tuesday December 2nd at 2-3pm and the second one on Tuesday December 16th 2-3pm. It is essential that you book on to one of the sessions if you are interested. You will be unable to turn up on the day.



Dinner money , breakfast Club and Nursery Fees

Please can I remind you that Dinners, Breakfast Club and Nursery Fees must be paid for in advance. May I thank you for supporting us with this matter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Dec 4th - Year 2 Pantomime Trip
 Dec 9th - KS1 Nativity 10am and 2pm
 Dec 11th - EYFS Nativity 10am and 2pm
 Dec 15th - Nursery and Reception Stay and Play
 Dec 16th - Indoor Snowball Fight
 Dec 16th - Rock Steady Concert
 Dec 17th - KS2 Christmas Dinner Day And Christmas Jumper Day
 Dec 18th - KS1 Christmas Dinner Day And Christmas Jumper Day
 Dec 19th - Last Day of School
 Dec 19th - Christmas Carol Concert
 Jan 5th - Back to School

Boxercise

Our free boxercise sessions are still on offer and a few places remain. Join in with boxercise, keep fit and have some fun along the way. Young children are welcome to take part with you. The sessions are held on Thursdays at 2-3pm. Please note that there will be no session on Thursday 11th December due to the early years Christmas performance.

MHST coffee morning

Last week saw our first MHST coffee morning. These coffee mornings will be held on the first Thursday of the month and will be attended by our MHST practitioner. She will be available to give advice and support about topics to support the wellbeing of your children. The next coffee morning will be held on Thursday 8th January 8:30-9:30am. Children are welcome to attend from 8:30 and can go straight into their class at 8:50am.

Upcoming events

Keep a look out for information about what will be available in January. We have an early years course starting. There will be exciting activities to enjoy for children under 5. The first session starts on Friday 9th January 9:15-11:15am. If you would like to join the sessions, please express your interest at admin@risepark.nottingham.sch.uk

Please remember to follow us on Twitter @RiseParkSchool for regular posts about what your child is learning in school.

Thursday 11th December EYFS Nativity

10am—Elephants Class and AM Nursery.

2pm—Tigers Class, Nursery Full Time and Nursery PM.



Sweetogram

We will be spreading the holiday cheer once again this year whilst raising much needed funds for school.

Why not send your friend or child a sweet message that will be attached to a candy cane?

You can buy a candy cane and attach your message to send to your friends in school for just 50p.

They will be on sale before school under the KS2 canopy. This will start on the 3rd December and the candy canes will be delivered to class to your child's friends/child's class.

Children will not eat the candy canes during school times due to any allergies they may have. If you have any questions regarding allergies, please speak to Mrs Lamb.

What a lovely treat to receive .



RISE PARK ONLINE SAFETY

ONLINE SAFETY & TECH USE SURVEY

At Rise Park, we understand tech and connected devices play a big part in our lives, and want to support where we can in keeping our children safe - even when things change faster than we can keep up!

To help shape the activities we put together for children and families going forward, we would appreciate you taking the time to complete our online safety & tech use survey.

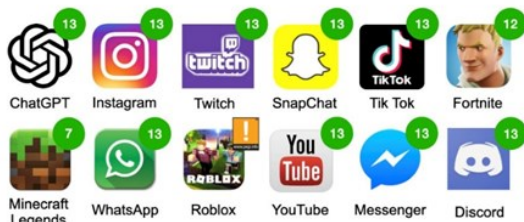
Please be honest in your responses - all entries are anonymous and the better we understand our school communities concerns, the better places we are to help.

Type the below link or scan to complete before the end of term.

www.bit.ly/RiseParkOnline



KNOW YOUR AGE RATINGS



For users under 18, a parent or legal guardian's permission may be required to use the service

NEW TECH FOR CHRISTMAS

If new devices arrive under the Christmas tree this year, please consider installing parental controls to keep your children as safe as possible. Guidance on setting up controls for a variety of apps and devices can be found here:

www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls

CHILD FRIENDLY SEARCH

Age ratings provide useful guidance for the suitability of apps. When using the open internet, things aren't always so clear!

If your child is using Google to find things, do research or build their digital literacy, consider switching to **Swiggle**, the child friendly search engine.

It is Ad-free and created by the UK Safer Internet Centre. You can even set it as the default search engine on their devices, so it works when searching straight from your web browser.

Go to www.swiggle.org.uk for more info.



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