



## A message from Mr Maxwell

Welcome to the first edition of the Federation Flier, our monthly newsletter sharing news and information from the Roselands and Stafford Federation. We hope you will enjoy it, and are also enjoying the weekly school newsletters from Mrs Wallis and Mr Walton. We see the newsletters and the flier as key ways to share important news, information and dates with you, as well as an opportunity to celebrate the wonderful children's many successes.

Don't forget, you can also check out the federation website, [www.roselands-stafford.org](http://www.roselands-stafford.org), or our official federation facebook page, [www.facebook.com/rsfederation/](https://www.facebook.com/rsfederation/)

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

*John Maxwell*



## Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating our Harvest festivals in both schools this week.

At Roselands, we collect donations all week, while at Stafford we are holding our Harvest Festival on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October. In both schools, we are collecting for the Eastbourne Food Bank, so any donations would be very much appreciated.



## AutumnFest 2019

I am excited to announce some of the details for this year's AutumnFest and Federation Fireworks. They will take place on the Stafford field from 5.00 – 7.30pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, which is a staff training day for both schools. The PTFAs of both schools are working hard to make this a wonderful experience for you all.



As well as the fantastic fireworks, there will be refreshments, activities and fairground rides, as well as the chance to visit Spooky Wood!

Tickets will be available soon, and are £3 for adults and for children over 4. Children under 4 can come for free.

## Presentation

We have had an early focus on the children's presentation across both schools – neat handwriting using our new black birros; underlining dates and titles with a ruler; drawing pictures and diagrams in pencil; and treating their books with respect so there is no doodling, and pages are not bent back or 'dog-eared'.

Your support to help them practise this at home is much appreciated.

## Autumn Weather

The weather has been somewhat variable recently, and the children have really enjoyed playtimes when they have been able to get outside.

Please make sure that your child has a water-proof coat or jacket and sturdy, waterproof shoes for running through puddles, as we try to get them outside for at least a little while in most weathers.

## PTFA News

It's really exciting that our two PTFAs are working more closely together than ever, as there is great potential in working in close partnership for the benefit of all the children – much like our schools now do.

All Roselands and Stafford parents are members of their PTFA, and we would like to invite you to our Annual General Meetings (AGMs):

- Roselands PTFA AGM: *Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Roselands hall*
- Stafford PTFA AGM: *Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 3.30pm in the Stafford hall*

## Federation Dates

Don't forget to add these to your calendar!

- **PTFA New Parents' Cheese and Wine evening**  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 at 7.00pm
- **Roselands PTFA AGM**  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.30pm
- **PTFA Mufti Day for AutumnFest**  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- **Stafford PTFA AGM**  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 at 3.30pm
- **Parent Partner Meeting at Roselands**  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 at 2.00pm
- **Parent Teacher Consultations at Roselands**  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019, 2.00 – 7.50pm
- **Parent Teacher Consultations at Stafford**  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019, 2.00 – 7.50pm
- **Staff training day – school closed**  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- **AutumnFest at Stafford**  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 5.00 – 7.30pm
- **Half Term holiday – school closed**  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019
- **First day of Term 2**  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019

## PTFA Cheese and Wine Evening

It can be daunting when your child starts a new school, and many parents tell us that not knowing anyone else on the playground can be difficult.

Our fantastic PTFAs therefore invite you to a Cheese and Wine evening at Roselands this Wednesday from 7.00pm, where you can meet other parents in the same boat, and start building friendships. This event is open to both Roselands and Stafford parents.

## Eastbourne Maths Challenge

Well done to the intrepid team of mathematicians who represented Stafford at the Eastbourne Year 5 Maths Challenge event at St Andrew's Prep last week.

We sent six of our Year 5s, working in three pairs. Overall there were 42 teams competing, representing state and private schools across the town. Our teams achieved 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> positions – a fantastic result.

Well done to our six competitors: *Dylan F, Gabriel G, Jacob W, Emilio S, Ben L and Max S*. Thank you also to Mrs Johnstone for organising for Stafford to participate, and to Mr Smith and Miss Griffiths for taking them.

## European Day of Languages

The children at both schools had a wonderful time last week, celebrating the European Day of Languages. It was a great opportunity for them to share languages which they might speak at home, and for their friends to learn new words in a different language. It was also an opportunity for us to celebrate Spanish, which is our official Modern Foreign Language.

My thanks go to Miss Taylor, who organised the day for Stafford and also liaised with the team at Roselands.



## Burger Day – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

On Thursday, we will be having a special burger lunch from our new caterers, Harrison's. We want to encourage all of the children to try a cooked dinner, as those children who do have a cooked lunch are raving about how nice the food is. Lunches for all children at Roselands are free. For Stafford children, a lunch costs £2.15, unless they are registered for Free School Meals.

The menu for the day is:

- Beef burger and chips
- Veggie burger and chips
- Pasta pots (Stafford only)
- Jacket potatoes

A full and very delicious salad bar is also available as usual.

For dessert, we have strawberry jelly, cookie and a juice carton or a choice of fresh fruit

## Uniform Reminders

The children look very smart in their uniforms, and we want to make sure that our pupils wear the correct uniform to school.

Please make sure that you label all of your child's uniform – one purple jumper looks very much like another, and I have seen parents resorting to sniffing lost property to see if it might be theirs! Writing the name in permanent pen on the inside is much, much easier.