



A Message from Mr Maxwell

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Parent-Teacher consultations this week. It is so useful to have this time put aside to talk with you about your child's progress, attainment and effort. If you did not see your child's class teacher, please contact them to see if they can arrange an alternative time.

Some parents asked why the booking systems changed this year – it was basically a cost issue, as the online systems we used cost each school a LOT of money to run.

Thank you, as
always, for your
ongoing support.

John Maxwell



Punctuality Update

A polite reminder that the Stafford school day officially starts at 8.35am, and all children should be in by then. If they arrive up until 9.10 then they will be marked late. Arriving after 9.10am will mean they receive an absence mark for the rest of the morning session.

At Roselands, the school day starts at 8.45am and all children should be in school by then. Children arriving between 8.45 and 9.15 are marked late, and arrival after 9.15 will result in an absence being recorded for the session.

It is important that the children do start the day on time, it prevents a lot of anxiety and upset.

AutumnFest 2019 is Tomorrow!

The staff and children all seem to be very excited about tomorrow's Fireworks and AutumnFest. All the tickets are now sold out, so it promises to be busy and exciting! Please bring suitable clothes for wet weather – we plan to go ahead in all but the worst weather. Gates open at 5.00pm, and the fireworks are scheduled to start at 7.00pm



As well as the fantastic fireworks, there will be refreshments, activities and fairground rides, as well as the chance to visit Spooky Wood! We look forward to seeing you there.

Harvest Festival

Thank you for all your donations to our Harvest Festival – we were thrilled by your support.

The donations were collected up and taken to the Eastbourne Foodbank. Both schools received thank you messages from the food bank, and we were told that Roselands donated enough food for 147 meals! We are still waiting to hear how many Stafford donated.

Thank you!

Visit to the Range

On Tuesday, children in Year 2 were excited to have the opportunity to choose a new Christmas tree and Christmas decorations for the school! They spent a long time carefully choosing a range of decorations and lights which will make our school look very festive in December. This very kind donation was from The Range and we would like to say a special thank you to Mr Huggins and his staff for their generosity and assistance. What an exciting experience!

PTFA News

Our PTFAs are amazing, and the money they raise is so important to both schools, helping us buy things we might not otherwise be able to afford. They have invested in computing equipment, playground equipment, book corners and reading books, to name just a few. The two PTFAs will continue as separate groups, but plan to work increasingly closely together.

The PTFAs rely on your support. All parents and carers are automatically members of their child's school's PTFA, and we are so grateful for any offers of help or expertise. Please pop in and see Mrs Wallis or Mr Walton if you could help.

Bingo Children

You may have heard about our new Bingo machines! Every Monday, in assembly, we draw a bingo number and then find out which child matches that number on their class register list – for example number 1 matches the first child on the register list, and number 30 might match the last.

During the week members of the school's leadership teams will try to pop in and see that child in class, ask them to show us some work they are proud of, and have a chat about how they find school. It is a really good way to get to know the children individually, and also to find out their views about life at Roselands and at Stafford.

PTFA – Can You Help?

Our PTFAs are registered as charities, and as such must have certain positions filled by named individuals (e.g. chair, secretary, treasurer). The Stafford PTFA are particularly looking for someone with an interest in finance to be their treasurer. This wouldn't have to be an onerous task, but is a necessary one as the money raised from your support has to be accounted for accurately. Please see Mr Walton if you could help with this.

Federation Dates

Don't forget to add these to your calendar!

- **Staff training day – school closed**
Friday 25th October
- **AutumnFest at Stafford**
Friday 25th October, 5.00 – 7.30pm
- **Half Term holiday – school closed**
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November
- **First day of Term 2**
Monday 4th November 2019
- **Year 6 Residential at PGL Marchants Hill / Year 6 Activity Week in Eastbourne**
Monday 4th – Friday 8th November
- **PTFA Disco at Roselands**
Friday 8th November
- **Tea, Talk and Tour for next year's Reception**
Wednesday 13th November at 9.00am and 6.00pm at Roselands
- **PTFA Discos at Stafford**
Friday 15th November
- **Tea, Talk and Tour for next year's Year 3**
Wednesday 20th November at 9.00am and 6.00pm at Stafford

Year 4 Local Area trip

Year 4 had an amazing trip on Monday in our local area. We visited the Animazing Exhibition at the Pavilion, where we learnt all about TV and animation. We also visited the Story of Eastbourne Exhibition in Terminus Road, where we learnt lots about Eastbourne in the past. We ate our lunch on the beach and did some art using natural materials.

Thank you to all the parents who came along to help us on the day.



Eastbourne Youth Radio

Mrs Bradley is extremely proud of the Eastbourne Youth Radio team at Stafford for interviewing the local Councillors on Wednesday morning. They created some really strong questions which they all felt passionate about and conducted themselves in a really mature, confident manner.

The Councillors said it was the best interview they have ever had and they thoroughly enjoyed speaking with the children. They also commented about a litter clean up event they have coming up and how they would love to involve some of our children in it.

One child per class at both Roselands and Stafford is taking part in Eastbourne Youth Radio, in a number of different ways. The Roselands show is being aired on 13th November between 1 and 2pm, and the Stafford show follows it between 2 and 3pm, both on 87.7FM. Please tune in to hear our fantastic children.

