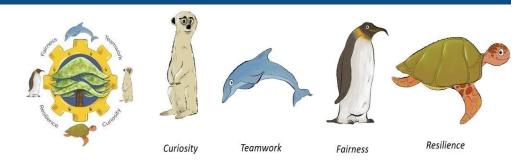


# Rode Heath Primary School

"Inspiring learning; nurturing minds; achieving for life."

October 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

Now we are in the second month of the academic year; it is very evident that the children are really back into their stride with new classes, teachers, reading habits and their fantastic attitude to learning. In order to ensure we maintain our high standards in teaching and learning, the senior staff have been spending a considerable amount of time in each classroom and it has been wonderful to see our school values of *curiosity, teamwork, fairness and resilience* shining through. It has been lovely to see so many parents and carers back onto the school playground at the start and end of the school day.

**Please remember that the play equipment should not be used before the school day**. At the end of the day, *it is for parents and carers to supervise their own children*. After a short period, Mr Chadwick will need to close the perimeter gates and hence all children, parents and carers will need to vacate the school site. Finally, could I remind families permitted on school premises.

#### **Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings**

Individual parent/carer consultation evenings will take place after the October half-term. These on-site meetings will take place on the evenings of **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November.** Information will be sent out shortly and booking will be via the Scopay system.

#### **School Office**

The office is open from 8:30am until 3:30pm each day (term time only). This is to ensure we maximise our funding to support the education of each and every child. Outside of these hours parents/carers can leave a message that will be acted upon as soon as possible. Contact for our All Stars before and after school provision (outside of office hours) is via 07778027570.

## Illness

If your child is ill and will not be attending school, please phone the school from 8:30am on the first morning of the illness to speak to a member of staff or you can leave a voicemail prior to this time. If we have not received a phone call by 9.15am the school office staff will contact you by phone asking you to contact school immediately. The safety of your child is paramount.

#### **School Tours**

School tours for January and April 2025 starters in the Pre School and Reception starters for September 2024 are now underway. Please book an appointment via the school office. Email <a href="mailto:admin@rodeheath.cheshire.sch.uk">admin@rodeheath.cheshire.sch.uk</a> or call 01270 314414.

### Pupil Premium Funding - Is your child eligible for Free School Meals (FSM)?

As you will know, all of the children in our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes receive a Free School Meal under the Government initiative "Universal Infant Free School Meals". However, some children will also qualify for Income Related free school meals due to their personal circumstances. Whilst this does not affect your child's receipt of a free meal, if you are registered for free school meals via the Cheshire East Council website, the school will receive additional funding. This funding is known as Pupil Premium and brings in up to an additional £1385 per child that is registered. Please follow the link to see if your child is eligible https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free\_school\_meals.aspx

We can use the extra funding in any way we choose to improve the quality of our children's education. Currently, we allocate each child £50 annually towards uniform, 50% towards the cost of day visits and overnight residential visits and attendance at an after-school club. The remaining funding supports educational programmes throughout school.

#### **Careers**

As an on-going part of our wider development curriculum, we are looking for adults who would be willing to talk to our children about their chosen careers. If anyone would be willing then we would love to hear from you – just contact the school office.

Our school website is regularly updated with school information. This monthly newsletter, parent letters and school holiday dates can all be found on our website.

Our school Facebook feed is also updated regularly: www.facebook.com/rodeheathschool

## **Pupil Voice**

We are very pleased to announce our new representatives for our school and we believe it is vitally important that the children in our school are given a voice. Alongside our pupil voice surveys, we also have three dedicated teams across our school. We have 14 school council representatives, 16 Eco Ambassadors and 4 House and 4 Vice-House Captains.

#### **Eco Team**



#### **School Council**



## The House and Vice-House Captains team photo will be with you in the November newsletter



Kind regards,

John Frankland