



**Rosebank Reporter**  
**Issue 19**  
**Spring Term 2016**



We've had another very busy term with lots of exciting events and trips! Read on to find out where we have been and for other news including:

- Friends of Rosebank
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Governors
- Family Support
- Sing Up
- A Big Thank You
- After School Club

**AND LOTS MORE!**



Some of the children reading up on the latest news... or stories.

For individual class newsletters, please visit your class page on the school website.



# Friends of Rosebank

It has been a struggle and continues to be a struggle to get help and raise funds, so why is that? There is a lack of support and help to drive it forward. That aside a huge thank you to everyone who has raised funds in the last 12 months every penny counts.

We still really really need your help!!

The charity is there for the benefit of all the children who attend the school!!

If we cannot raise funds then there will be no money and then there could be a situation where we simply cannot afford to do some of the wonderful activities that our children enjoy.

A lot of activities that your children are involved in has to be subsidised by the fundraising from Friends of Rosebank.

So whilst for example you as parents contribute towards swimming and that is great but in order to keep that affordable for you as parents Friends of Rosebank pays towards that activity so that it can go ahead.

Some of the activities and contributions that Friends of Rosebank make that your child enjoys are:



- Multi- sports
- Swimming
- Music Therapy
- Educational materials
- Books
- CAFT sleepover
- Trampolining
- Horse-riding
- Christmas party for the children
- TAC PAC



It is really important that we all pull together! You don't need experience, its relaxed and informal and its nice to chat with our people involved in school as we all have our children's best interests at heart. So if you can help then great!

# Quick Questions

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**Q. What is Friends of Rosebank?**

A. It is registered charity that is there to raise funds for our school

**Q. Who is involved?**

A. not many people!

**Q. what does Friends of Rosebank need?**

A. people to help out, people to fundraise, people to give what help then can.

**Q. Why do we need Friends of Rosebank?**

A. School budgets are year on year squeezed; there are no grants or money available for activities so Friends of Rosebank has to raise the funds to support the school.

All money raised by Friends of Rosebank goes for the benefit of our children.

Please ask employers some do match funding its worth asking! Or ask what their chosen charity is for the year? The school always needs things!

You can email me or contact me through facebook but please get in touch –  
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# Friends of Rosebank

## CLIMBING SNOWDON TO RAISE MONEY FOR ROSEBANK!



**Becky** (Jack's mum) and her friend **Claire**, are going to be climbing Snowdon to raise money for Rosebank.

They will be climbing the Pyg Trail to the top of Snowdon on

**Sunday 3rd April 2016,**

wearing blue to raise Autism awareness.



We really appreciate Becky and Claire's support and if you would like to sponsor them, please go to the Friends of Rosebank JustGiving site:

<https://www.justgiving.com/friendsofrosebank>

Thank you for your support.

**FRIENDS OF ROSEBANK**

National Confederation of Parents Association Reg. No: 100606

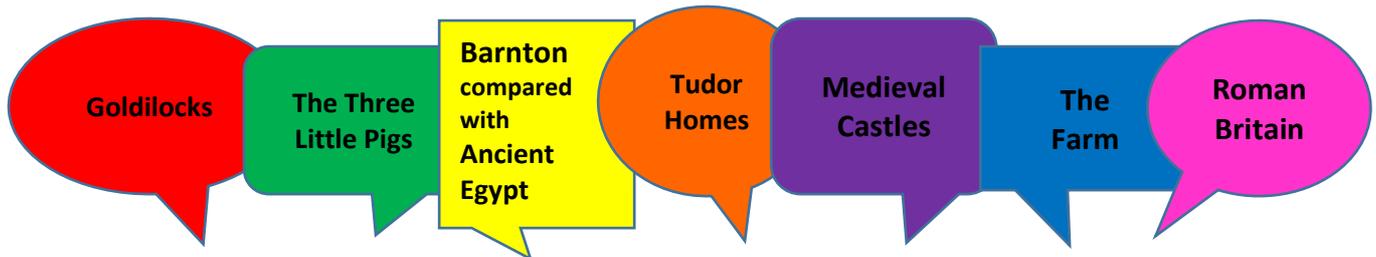
Registration of Charities Association Reg. No: 1023891 Becky Weir – Snowdon over Easter raise money Rosebank and autism awareness



## SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY

The new SLT Timetable, which had to be set up when Sally Conaway left us in December 2015, is now well established for all classes. Sally is enjoying her new role which combines some of her previous sessions at Greenbank with new additional ones at Wilmslow High Resource Provision.

Each group continues to have a morning or afternoon SLT session when for the most part, we are working in class. The curriculum theme this term has been 'Homes' and the language and communication topics have been very broad!



Alongside these, all the daily routine activities continue to provide plenty of practice for children at the early social and language partner stages to request and comment. Children who are at the conversational partner stage have been asking questions, retelling stories and enjoying social chat.

### Annual Review Meetings

This term has seen a busy schedule of Annual Review Meetings and we always make these a priority to attend. They do have quite a formal agenda though, so if you would like to set up a more informal get-together, please get in touch. Classroom staff will always pass on any messages to us that you put in the Chat Books.

*Contact us by e-mail (see below) or on the Rosebank School number- 01606-74975.  
We can catch up on the phone or arrange a time to meet.*

### Resources for the PECS & TEACCH Cupboard

Elaine, a local member of the Christ Church C of E community in Barnton, who volunteers some of her precious time on Monday afternoons, has had a busy term. She has been making sure that our visual timetable/schedule symbols are really securely laminated. This is a huge job as we use so many symbols across the whole school.

Thanks Elaine, you've saved us hours and hours!

group time



snack



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# Governor's News

## Spring Term 2016

What an exciting term ~ not only were staff and pupils very busy and successful, but the Governing Body have also been hard at work! Unfortunately our new Parent Governor, Michelle Palmer, appointed in December 2015, resigned due to changing commitments. In her place Kim Murray was elected Parent Governor in February this year. Vicky Modlin, a local business-woman joined us in December 2015, as a Co-opted Governor. The governing body would like to welcome them both and we look forward to working together. For the first time in a long time the Governing Body is now up to full strength.

Over the past few years Jane Nicolls has been clerk to the governing body. Jane has been meticulous in her record keeping, establishing routines and minute taking, encouraging governors to take up training opportunities and keeping governors up to date with government changes and policy. Jane will be greatly missed but we wish her well in her new venture.

Once again Key Stage 2 pupils had the opportunity to have an overnight stay at CAFT (Children's Adventure Farm Trust). It was all very successful. Governors would like to thank staff for arranging, planning and staffing the week. It takes a lot of organising and additional work for staff but it is well worthwhile as the pupils gain such a lot from the different experiences.

Our last piece of news is the most exciting that a governing body can announce! We have appointed a new Headteacher – Lucy Lee. Lucy is at present Deputy at Hebden Green Special School. Jude has been an exceptional Head teacher and Rosebank School has gone from strength to strength under her leadership. When Jude was successful in getting the headship at Dee Banks, finding her successor fell to the governing body – a huge responsibility. We initially advertised before Christmas but were very disappointed with the response. It was then decided to work with Red Apple, an educational recruiting agency. Working together, we were able to give the school and the post a much higher profile and were then able to attract a very good field of candidates.

The interview process was rigorous and the candidates had several tasks to complete ~ pupil panel, an informal gathering with members of staff, formal interview and presentation that they had to prepare on the day. This process was completed over two full days. The pupils had their opportunity to be represented by some of the members of the School Council. The panel of pupils were excellent and asked some very searching questions. We tried very hard to give staff opportunities to meet the candidates, to talk to them and to ask questions.

By the end of the two-day interview process the panel of governors who were present all through the process (five members), were unanimous in the decision that Lucy Lee was the best candidate and a worthy successor to Jude. Lucy recognised all the strengths at

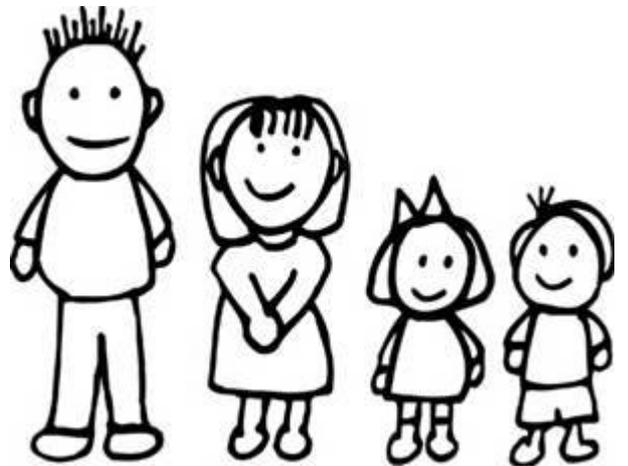
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Rosebank and the importance of the holistic approach to education. She intends to consolidate what is in place and then further develop certain aspects.

When I announced to staff that Lucy was the successful candidate I did so with the confidence of knowing that the governors, advisory members of the interview panel, staff and pupils were all happy with the decision. We all look forward to welcoming and working with Lucy and I'm sure she will be visiting the school prior to her taking up her post as Rosebank's new Headteacher in September 2016. We will be sad to see Jude move on to Dee Banks, but I'm sure we will maintain links and see Rosebank and its pupils continue to prosper.

# Family Support

**The Autism Support Hub & Resource Library** is open on Wednesdays 10am-6pm during term time at Rosebank School. Run by volunteers from the National Autistic Society, there will be regular Coffee Mornings, talks and events running throughout the next term. Drop in for a look at the resources to borrow, have a chat and find out more about support available for you and your family. To keep up to date with events, you can join the Facebook group



[www.facebook.com/groups/AutismLibraryRosebank](http://www.facebook.com/groups/AutismLibraryRosebank)

Follow on Twitter @autismlibrary or drop them an e-mail [autismlibrary@rosebank.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:autismlibrary@rosebank.cheshire.sch.uk). You can also ring in on Wednesdays 01606 74975 (answerphone at other times)

## PLAY THERAPY PODS

Due to demand we have extended our Play Therapy Pods service to under 3's.



Birth and up to 18 months



18 months and up to 3 years



3 years and up to 5 years old



5 years and up to 18 years old

Do you know a child who would enjoy or benefit from some very special types of toys?

**82%**

of parents had a better understanding of their child's needs.

Play Therapy Pods are loaned to families, free of charge, and delivered directly to the child's home.

**79%**

of parents say the Play Therapy Pod enabled them to enjoy quality time with their child.

**0800 902 0095**

Free from UK mobiles & landlines

NewLife Foundation for Disabled Children - Registered Charity Number: 1001817 in England and Wales

Have you heard of the New Life Foundation for Disabled Children? They have a variety of support services, including some grants for equipment. They also loan out sensory toys! You can borrow their Play Pods to try out different Sensory toys and equipment for your child free of charge.

For an application form go to [www.newlifecharity.co.uk](http://www.newlifecharity.co.uk) or give them a ring on the above number for a chat!



# SING UP

## Spring Term 2016

This term the 'Sing Up' Assembly paid tribute to a great musician, David Bowie by singing along to a "mash-up" of three of his greatest hits. (We've cut You-Tube videos to make these and always check that the lyrics are suitable in the sections we use.) Also we have sung some great songs linked to the Key Stage 2 theme 'Homes' and marked Pancake Day and Chinese New Year with some of our old favorites from the past.

Everybody is really familiar with our body and vocal warm up routines in the 'Sing-Up' session. Some children have even taken the leader/conductor role in front of the whole group. Well done to all of them!

The songs we have sung this term are:



- **Warm The Brain**, a rap-style chant with a series of actions.
- **United We Stand**, a repetitive phrase warm-up used to practise pitch variations.
- **Space Oddity/Jean Genie/Heroes**, David Bowie "mash-up"
- **Our House**, Crosby, Stills & Nash: a melodic gentle paced song
- **Our House**, Madness: a fun up-tempo song with a great hook.
- **There's a Pancake on the Ceiling**, an Out of the Ark song for schools
- **Dragon Dance**, an Out of the Ark song with a traditional Chinese Style backing
- **Sport Relief Song 2016**, a very energetic song with an accompanying dance routine.
- **Easter Jubilation**, a fast song in traditional Jewish folk style to mark the festival.

## Happy Easter Everyone!

### 1. Sing Up Spring Repertoire



### 2. Our Warm Up Routine

**Warm Up- Stretch**

- SLOWLY - Stretch up tall - flop arms down
- SLOWLY - Stretch up tall - flop arms down



**Warm Up-Shoulder Circles**

Backwards 1...2...

Forwards 1...2...



**Warm Up**

- Shrug shoulders
- Shoulders up
- Shoulders down





# After School Club

After School Club is still a big hit here at Rosebank. Tuesdays and Thursday evenings are getting better and better as the sun is starting to come out!

This term we have made pizza baguettes, had movie/games nights and outdoor games. If the good weather keeps up, we will start our trips on the minibus!

We have also had lots of lovely foods to munch on including popcorn, biscuits and crisps. Hotdogs and chip 'butties' have been the favorite so far!



Logan, Jamie and Harley making pizza baguettes



# OTHER NEWS

March, 2016.

## News from past and upcoming events at Rosebank

### ***DUCK RACE***

The annual **Duck Race** will take place again at the Hare and Hounds Pub in Crowton. The date has still to be confirmed.



### **50 club**



**Join our 50 club today.**

#### ***How do I Play?***

IT'S SO EASY TO WIN! YOU PAY £1 per month with an opportunity to win a cash prize in the draw every month

#### ***How much would I win?***

Currently we only have 30 names so we need to sell more numbers, the more we sell the bigger your prize!

#### ***How do I apply?***

Fill in the application form [here!](#)

A very happy Natasha (Yellow Class Teacher) walked away with £30 on our last draw with the other £30 donated to Rosebank.

## **40 years of Rosebank School**

### **SUMMER CELEBRATION!**

To celebrate 40 Years since Rosebank School opened its doors on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June - we're having a summer celebration!

More details to be confirmed. However, there has been talk of stalls, games, BBQ and inflatables!



## **A Big Thank You**

We are SO grateful for all of the money that has been raised and donated to Rosebank. Thanks to you, Rosebank have been able to keep our minibuses running, have weekly multi-skills sessions, playground equipment, garden and sensory garden and for general equipment that the children need and outdoor learning lessons!  
Personal thank you's below!

The Friends of Rosebank would like to say  
a massive **THANK YOU** to:-

Kath & Bryan Senior for creating weighted blankets and lap pads for Rosebank pupils

Mark Crutchley for making our delicious Quiz Night curries

The Hare & Hounds Pub at Crowton for hosting our Annual Duck Race

Samantha Tennant who ran her first 10k for Rosebank

Anne Holt who walked the length of Hadrian's Wall for Rosebank

The family and friends of Geoff Oakes who kindly donated a collection in his memory

Jude McGuinness who bravely flew across North Wales on a Zipwire to raise funds for

Barnton Co-operative Store for their generous donations towards our

Andrew Tennant who completed the Ring of Kerry Cycle Event for

Jane & John Nicholls and Keith Hitchen for their quiz expertise and fundraising

Yvonne Beatham who took part in the Great North Run for Rosebank

The friends and family of Carol Thurwell who kindly collected donations in her memory

Roberts' Bakery who have kindly provided us with bread for special

The Eric Kay Charitable Trust for their very generous donation of interactive whiteboards in all classrooms

The Hollies Farm Shop for their raffle

Becky Weir and Claire Johnson who will be climbing Snowdon for Rosebank on Sunday 3rd April

Mike & Miranda Carr for sourcing auction items for the Charity

Northwich Sainsbury's for their support

Accident Advice Solicitors for organising fabulous Charity Fundraisers and their generous donations of time and energy to support Rosebank

Everyone who has bought a raffle ticket, joined the 50 Club, donated a prize, sponsored someone, helped out at or attended a fundraising event - your support is amazing and Rosebank couldn't do what it does without you!

And not forgetting Father Christmas for taking time out of his busy pre-Christmas schedule to bring our pupils'

# Trips and Activities

## PETTY POOL

Children from Yellow, Blue, Purple and Pink Class had a fantastic day at Petty Pool Outdoor Centre this term!

The day consisted of team building activities, allowing the children to work together to succeed. It also provides an opportunity for the children to learn outside of the classroom... and having fun doing it!

Different activities required different skills, allowing the children to acknowledge what skills they have, and how they can use their skills. This included: leadership, patience, cooperation, planning and evaluating.



Pink Class on the wall!

### **Activities**

**Climbing wall** – Each child faced the climbing wall, with some children even climbing right to the top and abseiling down! Here's pink class having a turn...

**Zip wire** – The children whizzed down a zip wire, which was, 'as long as a football pitch'... very brave!

**Crate Challenge** – The children worked as a team to stack crates in turns. They kept stacking to see how high they could get, until they smashed it down!



Smashing down the crates!

Other activities included problem solving, playing on the adventure playground and den building.

After completing their challenges, the children enjoyed a well-deserved lunch break then visited some animals. They met guinea pigs, rats, and brushed some Shetland Ponies!



Happy team!

# Trips and Activities

## The Children's Adventure Farm Trust

Pupils from KS2 had a fantastic time at CAFT (The Children's Charity Adventure Farm Trust), joining in lots of fun activities, and then staying overnight!

Once arrived and settled, the children took responsibility in choosing which bed to sleep in and unpacking their clothes. They were so excited to share a room with their friends!

Throughout their stay, we were all kept very busy with lots of fun activities to choose from...

### THINGS TO DO:

- Feed the alpaca's
- Arts and Crafts
- Watch a Film
- Play in the Bouncy Castle and Ball Pits
- Meet the Dinky Donkeys
- Party Games
- Sensory Room
- Make Pizza
- EAT!
- See the Aviary
- Sensory Room
- Collect eggs

.... AND MORE!

CAFT provides a great opportunity for pupils to spend time with their friends outside of school and encourages independence, flexibility and accepting different environments. It also means the children have a well-deserved break from all their hard work at school!



# Trips and Activities



## Willow Tunnel

A BIG thank you to Sarah for visiting Rosebank and teaching us how to weave a willow tunnel! Throughout the day, each class took turns helping to dig holes, plant the willow and make beautiful butterflies and stars! Each class took on a different task and gradually the tunnel began to form! Once the willow was all tied together, it was complete! Our very own willow tunnel on the playground!



# WORLD BOOK DAY



A good time had by all on World Book Day where the children dressed up as characters from their favourite stories. Mr. Bump from Pink Class had an amazing costume made from foam. Fantastic Mr. Fox had a wonderful home-made costume too and won the Key Stage 2 prize. There were two woody characters who won the Key Stage 1 prize. We also read aloud a story from the 'My First Story' book, where Jurgen, Thomas, Jamie, Johnathan and Oliver had their stories published by the Young Writers Organisation. The boys will receive a certificate to remind them that they are now authors.



Fireman Sam, Chewbacca and Woody!

# Sport Relief

**WOW!! An impressive £190 was raised!**  
**During their trip to Petty Pool, KS2 were sponsored to do their activities (climbing wall and zip wire).**  
**Early Years and KS1 did their bit by dressing sporty, sending in donations and dancing to music in the hall!**  
**Well done everyone!**

