



St Rose's Newsletter



St. Rose's
Inspiring Education, Therapy & Care

FEBRUARY 2019

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching half term.



Signs of spring are evident in the grounds and we hope that we have seen the last of the snow for this year. The bulbs planted by St Rose's Scouts and Explorers in the autumn make us hopeful that brighter and longer days are nearly here.

The students and staff have not been put off by the gloomy days and trips out have continued. Our students can often be seen in Stroud accessing community facilities, putting their learning into practise.

The Living Skills Room has lived up to expectation. All of the students enjoy their lessons and are keen to try out the washing machine and dish washer as well as cooking up special treats!



At the beginning of term we welcomed two new students. We hope Bailey and Josh and their families will be very happy as part of the St Rose's community. We also welcomed Karen (Teacher), Amber and Emily (Teaching Assistants) and Rebecca (residential Care Assistant).



Mrs Jacky Stewart was unopposed as Parent Governor and therefore will commence a new term of four years as Parent Governor on the Board of St. Rose's Governors. We are hoping to appoint a second parent governor in the foreseeable future.

The Parents Group held their second meeting this term. It is wonderful that the group has been re-established and we look forward to welcoming more parents to future meetings.

Students and staff have been thinking about our core value for this term which is Perseverance. I am proud to say that this is something we witness constantly at St Rose's as our students put so much effort into everything they do.

I wish you all a restful week and look forward to seeing you all after half term.



Sheila Talwar

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported our carol singing at Tesco on Thursday 13th December which raised £183.58.

Our next fund raising event is the Motor Show on Sunday 5th May.

We are looking for people to help us set up on Saturday 4th May and help put everything away on 4pm on Sunday.

If you are able to help please get in contact.

Thank you.

Elaine Fernandez

SR1 class have recently had a trip to the library, as part of our 'Out in the Community' curriculum, They joined in with the mother and baby singing group who were using the library and also enjoyed investigating the books and the library.



Boccia tournament - Cheltenham Ladies College - Monday 21st January 19

After competing locally at Archway School, Dylan, Gemma, Charlie and Lochlan reached the Boccia county finals at Cheltenham Ladies College.

We had a great day and the students did amazingly well. Gemma was awarded a determination certificate.

Dylan is going to take a request for a new ramp to Student Council.

Thank you to the staff and parents who help on the day.

Angela Voss

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Tesco UES has now changed to My Clothing.

You'll find all school uniforms on their website www.myclothing.com

The prices and the instructions to order will remain the same.

M & M Productions - Beauty and the Beast - Wednesday 6th February



Students and staff from Nursery, School and St Martin's were treated to a fantastic pantomime performance of Beauty and The Beast. An energetic cast sang, danced and acted their way through the enchanting story. The costumes were fabulous with beautiful Belle in a magical ball gown, Mrs Potts and Lumiere in amazing human sized teapot and candlestick outfits, and the terrifying beast who turned out to be a big softie.



Students were entertained with sword fights and comedy and a classic love story that ended happily ever after. The pantomime is one of the highlights of the St Rose's school year, and this year's pantomime did not disappoint. It was an outstanding performance from a great travelling theatre company.



St Rose's Scouts and Explorers visit The Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury

St Rose's Scouts and Explorers had their annual trip to The Roses Theatre Tewkesbury on Saturday 5th January 2019. We were treated to a very colourful and humorous performance of Dick Whittington, the last performance of the season.

A great time was had by all, "oh yes it was"!

The theatre staff looked after all of us and went above and beyond to make sure we were all well seated, comfortable and happy, a huge thank you to them all!



Nicki Burcher (nee Elkins) Scout/Explorer Leader

Liz Barton Assistant Scout/Explorer Leader



St Rose's Progress Evening (School only)

Monday 18th March 4.30pm—7pm. Please complete and return the reply slip as soon as possible indicating the teachers and therapists you would like to see. Thank you.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



Our 'Christingle Service' in December was a lovely occasion and thank you to all who participated and supported. It was also a chance to share all of the lovely displays the students had worked on as part of their RE work on Advent and Christmas.

Our gathering for Lent Mass will be on March 7th 2019 at 2pm all are welcome.

I hope everyone has a lovely half term.

Cheri Baxter Steele



ST MARTIN'S TRIP TO GLOUCESTER MOSQUE

Group A in St. Martin's went to visit Gloucester Mosque. Imam Hassan welcomed us and explained about the Pillars of Islam and talked about prayer. He took us to the ablutions room and showed us how people get ready for prayers. We were made to feel very welcome, and all enjoyed our visit.

Rachel and Juliette



Grandparents & Autism

**at The Milestone School
Gloucester**

**Sally Thomas, M.Ed and Grandparent of two boys,
with Autism, is offering a sequence of six
information sessions for Grandparents on
Autism-related topics.**

Thursday 28th Feb	10-12 -Communication
Thursday 7th March	10-12 -Sensory Issues
Thursday 14th March	10-12 -Supporting our children
Thursday 21st March	10-12 -Difficult or unusual behaviour
Thursday 28th March	10-12 - Going on trips
Thursday 4th April	10-12 - Tour of the Milestone School

**These sessions are free and informal and are not specifically
for Grandparents of children at The Milestone School.**

All are welcome.

For further information or to book a place please contact The Family Support
Team at The Milestone School on 01452 874045.

WHAT'S ON IN 2019



**WHEEL NUTS
MOTOR SHOW
Sunday 5 May 2019**



**SUMMER FETE
Saturday
15 June 2019
1.00pm to
4.00pm**



EVENTS - January – April 2019

Date	Time	Event
11 – 15 Feb		Science Week
18-22 Feb		Half Term
1 March		World Book Day
7 March	2.00	Lent Mass
15 March		Red Nose Day
25 March		Holy Week
25-29 March		Enterprise week
5 April	3.30	Students finish
8 – 18 April		Easter Holidays
19 April		Good Friday
22 April		Easter Monday
23 April		IN-SERVICE Training – Staff only
24 April	08:55	Students return

Need for Speed 16 – 18 April 2019

Wheelnuts Motor Show – 5th May 2019

Summer Garden Fete – 15th June 2019

Summer Scheme 12-16 August 2019

Rasmachaz Volunteers

Thank you so much for the donation raised by staff and students of St Rose's.

The money will go towards much needed aid for refugees struggling to survive in Europe and elsewhere. Please let everyone at St Rose's know how much their hard work to raise the funds is appreciated and how they will be put to good use. For example, we often send funds to the [Refugee Community Kitchen](#), based in Calais, which provides hot meals to displaced people (as well as running street kitchens for homeless people in the UK). Every pound raised pays for two meals, so the money raised by St Rose's would buy over 200 meals! Thanks again for your support.

best wishes,
the Rasmachaz volunteers

PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE TERM DATES FOR THE 2019-20 ACADEMIC YEAR



TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2019-20

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IN SERVICE DAYS ARE INDICATED IN PURPLE (STAFF ONLY)
OPEN WEEKENDS ARE INDICATED IN RED

Term 1: 5 Sept – 25 Oct 2019
Term 2: 4 Nov – 20 Dec 2019
Term 3: 8 Jan – 14 Feb 2020
Term 4: 24 Feb – 3 Apr 2020
Term 5: 21 Apr – 22 May 2020
Term 6: 1 June – 21 July 2020

In Service Days
3 & 4 September 2019
6 & 7 January 2020
20 April 2020

Bank Holidays	25 December 2019 26 December 2019
New Year Bank Holiday	1 January 2020
Good Friday	10 April 2020
Easter Monday	13 April 2020
Early May Bank Holiday	4 May 2020
Spring Bank Holiday	25 May 2020
Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2020

* 195 days are defined as "School days". In the school year 2019/20 pupils must attend for 190 days. Schools may decide individually or collectively which 5 days in the year are INSET or non-contact days (days pupils do not need to attend).

