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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are already well into the autumn term and would like to say a huge 'Well done!' to all of the children for settling into school so well!

We have enjoyed a two week 'transition curriculum' with a focus on Shakespeare, oracy and book making across the school. Year groups selected different plays and explored them with a focus on oracy and performance as well as enjoying some great workshops from the Globe Theatre. Do see the Latest News on the school website for more information.

Last Friday our Jeans for Genes Day gave our children a valuable opportunity to learn how to support children living with genetic differences. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser; the charity received £274.00 with your help.

Parent/Carer Breakfast

On **Friday 2nd October** we would like to welcome all parents and carers, new and continuing, to a 'Parent/Carer Breakfast' at 8.50 in the Main Hall to find out how you can support the school to ensure that your child benefits from new initiatives whilst they are here.

Our Parent Carer Forum representatives will be there to share information about how they support the school through half termly meetings when we discuss various areas of school practice and new initiatives. Parent/Carer Forum representatives will be able to let you know more about these developments in school and you will be able to join in with this if you are interested.

Our school PTA is called the Rockmount Friends and Community (RFC) and we have a great team of parents who were successful in fundraising last year when they supported the school to raised £18,000. This means that the school can now provide a new marked netball court for the school playground as well as beginning to replace the wooden trim trail climbing equipment. We are looking for more parents and carers to come forward and help to keep this going so that we can continue to offer great opportunities and experiences for the children.

This 'Parent/Carer Breakfast' is an informal opportunity for us to come together and everyone is welcome - we have about thirty different families represented in each class so we do hope that each class can have good representation to support throughout the year. We will have coffee, tea,



pastries and fruit and will have good quality pre-loved uniform pieces available too. Please do pop along and see how an hour or two of your time at some point this year can support the school so effectively whilst having some fun!

Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

A link to book your meeting for either Tuesday 13th or Wednesday 14th October will be sent to you on Monday. Staff are looking forward to meeting with you to share your child's progress.

Easy Fundraising

Just a reminder about the fundraising channel 'Easy Fundraising'. We have the potential to raise a lot more money through popular retailers **with no added cost to ourselves!** You can sign up in 2 minutes by scanning the QR code. Then, each time you shop, you can be prompted to add the 'Easy Fundraising' link which means that the retailer pays the school a small percentage without you having to make any additional payment. There are over 7,000 well-known brands that will donate to our school when you spend on their website including: eBay, Argos, John Lewis & Partners, Asda, Tesco, Currys, Nike, Expedia and many more. If everyone could use this when shopping online, we could raise so much money to support opportunities for the children.



Free School Meals for Everyone

From September 2026 the way schools receive funding for Free School Meals is changing, and it is now more important than ever that families check whether or not they are eligible as this helps us to access additional funding to directly support your child's learning. It takes a couple of minutes – please use this link so that we can make sure every child receives the support they are entitled to:

Please complete the checker here:

[Free school meal checker](#)

We are pleased to see that most children continue to enjoy a freshly prepared school meal each day. Remember that meals for all children from Reception to Year 6 are all **free** as they are funded by a Mayor of London initiative. We encourage all families to take advantage of this offer for a free meal; children are given a choice of meal and are only encouraged to try new things ... not forced to eat unfamiliar foods. Our Year 6 pupils enjoy a 'Transition Menu' on Thursdays with meals designed by Pabulum to support our eldest pupils in their journey to becoming secondary school-ready and to provide them with a special dining experience. Hussein and the kitchen team prepare beautiful dishes every Thursday and the children thoroughly enjoy them. The current menu cycle runs until the end of December. Please see the menu and check the website for any further information regarding school meals as well as examples of the Year 6 Transition dishes – link below.

<https://www.rockmountprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Healthy+School+and+School+Meals&pid=110>

Community Club

For the past few years we have held a Community Club gardening session on the first Sunday of each month from 10.00- 12.00. Based in the school garden at the back of the playground area, this is a fun community initiative giving the children an opportunity to learn how to grow and care for plants with Wendy, our gardener. Parents/carers help out with the much-needed weeding, cutting back in the garden and pond areas and generally supporting us to maintain the outdoor learning

environment. Refreshments are provided and some of the parents organised the cooking of sausages or chocolatey smores over the fire pit. This was supported by a group of parents who have now left the school as their children have moved onto secondary schools. We are keen to continue to offer this opportunity but need to know how many families would be interested in coming along to the sessions and if there are any parents/carers who will volunteer to support the sessions by organising the cooking of the food or by organising the job list for each session with Wendy. Please use the link below to express your interest in attending these sessions or to offer your support with them.

Click [here](#) to express your interest.

A Safe School Community

A local resident has raised a concern with us regarding the parking of cars on Eversley Road at drop off and pick up times. Cars are sometimes parked on both sides of the road and the area can become quite congested which limits traffic flow and sightlines. Please can all drivers carefully consider the safe parking of their vehicles.

We have also had several concerns raised about the safety of some pupils who ride scooters or bikes to school. Please speak to your children about the dangers of riding down the middle of the roads and from speeding out between parked cars so that they can be kept safe on their way to and from school.

Have a lovely weekend,

Helen Carvall