



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Right of the Fortnight Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to parents both old and new as we start a new year together. Thank you so much for all your support with the changes that we have put in place to keep everyone safe in school. Our plans are working well and we are all adjusting to new routines. We will endeavour to keep you fully informed of our upcoming events through the newsletter, our website: [www.rosastreet.durham.school.uk](http://www.rosastreet.durham.school.uk) (where all newsletters are uploaded), twitter (@rosastreet4) and our school facebook page. Download our app to keep up to date with all school messages – for further details see our website.

### New starters

We have had lots of children join us from other schools and we are so pleased with how well everyone is settling in. Our youngest pupils who started in Reception this week have made an amazing start to school life and we are delighted.



### Busy Bees Childcare at Rosa Street

We offer childcare between 7.30am and 6pm at school. If you are interested then please e-mail the school office for a registration form and information booklet: [rosastreet@durhamlearning.net](mailto:rosastreet@durhamlearning.net). Once registered you can book and pay for childcare on our school gateway. This now includes bookings and payments for Early Bird Breakfast Club which operates from 7.30am each morning at a cost of £3 per day. I know there have been some teething difficulties with the payment system for new parents but hopefully things should be up and running now.

### Breakfast Club

We have a Breakfast Club that starts at 8.15am every day and all pupils are welcome to join us. The cost is £1 per day unless you are in receipt of free school meals, and then there is no cost. The club is run by our Teaching Assistants on a voluntary basis and we are also lucky to have some governors and parents who volunteer their time to help staff run the breakfast club.

### Virtual Assemblies

We have found ways to adapt to our new routines. As we are unable to gather together as a school in the hall we have all been enjoying our whole school assemblies on 'Teams' this week. It has been lovely for everyone to see each other and be together again – even if it is on a screen.





## App Update

We need up to date e-mail addresses so that we can ensure you receive information via the school app. Please let the office know if your e-mail address has changed. If your phone or the app updates you may need to log back into the app. The app is our main form of communication now in school so please make full use of it. If the app goes quiet then it may mean that you need an update as we usually send lots of notifications. Please remember if your child has changed classes to update the settings for their year group so that you receive all the relevant information.

## Changed your contact details?

It is imperative that we have the most up to date contact details for your child so that in the event of an emergency we can get in touch with someone quickly. Please can you use the school app to update phone numbers, addresses etc.

## Helping Hands

Helping Hands is our parent volunteer group who do a fantastic job of raising funds for our pupils. Their first meeting of the school year will be virtual and is planned for the end of September (date/time to be confirmed). They will be discussing new ideas for fundraising during this challenging time so if you have any ideas or would like to get involved then please contact the school office.



## School Lunches

A reminder that pupils who are in Key Stage 1 (Rec, Year 1 and Year 2) are entitled to a free school meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meals provision. If you are in receipt of benefits and would qualify for Free School Meals then you still must fill in the Free School Meal form so that we receive the correct funding. Pupils in **Year 3** and upwards will now need to pay for their school lunches unless they are in receipt of free school meals. The price from September 2020 is £2.10 per pupil per day or £10.50 per pupil per week. Payments can be made online through our school gateway.



## Term dates:

Holiday	Closing Date	Date re-opens
Summer Term 2020	Friday 17th July 2020	Wednesday 2nd September 2020
Autumn Half Term 2020	Friday 23rd Oct 2020	Monday 2nd Nov 2020
Christmas 2020	Friday 18th Dec 2020	Wednesday 6th Jan 2021
Spring Half Term 2021	Friday 12th Feb 2021	Monday 22nd Feb 2021
Easter 2021	Friday 26th March 2021	Tuesday 13th April 2021
May Day 2021	Friday 30th April 2021	Tuesday 4th May 2021
Summer Half Term 2021	Thursday 27th May 2021	Monday 7th June 2021
Summer Term 2021	Tuesday 20th July 2021	TBC

Some highlights from our first week back:

