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**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 as we return to our more usual way of doing things. We are all adjusting to new routines and the children are enjoying their freedom at playtime. We will endeavour to keep you fully informed of our upcoming events through the newsletter, our website: 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.

Staffing Update

We would like to welcome some new staff to our school. Mr Broadhurst has joined us in Year 6 and Mrs Tugwell has joined us in Year 1. Miss Harrison has also joined us as a teaching assistant in Year 1. They are settling in well and enjoying getting to know everyone.

Reception Class Big Welcome – Thursday 30th September 2021

We are inviting our parents into Reception class so that they can see how their child accesses the areas and get to know a bit more about how children learn in Reception. This will be a lovely opportunity to spend time with your child in their school environment.

Reading meetings for parents (Rec, Y1 and Y2)

We are making some changes to the way in which we teach phonics in school. We will be using 'Little Wandles Letters and Sounds' to support our teaching of phonics. More information for parents can be found at: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>
We will be holding meetings online/in person (whichever is most accessible) for parents so that we can explain the changes and how you can support your child.
Reception class - Thursday 23rd September at 4pm. Year 1 – Monday 20th September at 4pm. Year 2 – Tuesday 21st September. Please complete the form on the app to let us know whether you will be attending your meeting in person or online.



Peppa Pig Open Day for New Starters 2022 – Saturday October 2nd 10.30 – 12.30

We are inviting prospective children and their parents to our school so that they can look around our classes, meet Peppa Pig and enjoy a bouncy castle and some refreshments. If you know anyone who is looking for a school place in the next few years then please ask them to come along.

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. 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.

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 and there are a variety of items available for breakfast.

Winmarleigh Residential Visit for Year 5 and 6 pupils

Letters have been sent out to pupils for the trip which is planned for February 2021. Please contact the school office if you have any questions. A non-refundable deposit is required to secure a place on the trip.

Sports Update

'Team Up My School' starts on Wednesdays for Y3,4 and 5 this half term. This aims to educate children about mental and emotional wellbeing.

Polite Reminder - Earrings are not to be worn for PE for healthy and safety reasons. Children should be able to remove earrings themselves for sessions or have them removed at home before school on PE days.

Assemblies

We are delighted to be able to hold our whole school assemblies in the hall again. The children are really enjoying the opportunities for interaction. We are all enjoying spending time together as a school.

Reading with Children

We would welcome any help from adults who would like to come into school and read with children. Please contact the school office if this is something that you could help with.

School App

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 sims parent app to update phone numbers, addresses etc. If you are unsure how to use this additional instructions have been sent out following this newsletter.

Helping Hands



Helping Hands is a group of parents and carers who support the school by helping at events like discos; raising money for the children; and volunteering with things like reading with children. We are a friendly group with often limited time but we are keen to help where we can. We would really welcome anyone who would like to join us. We are having our first meeting of the year on **Monday 20th September at 1.30pm**. We will be meeting outside on the school grounds so bring your layers and a folding chair if you have one! We will still meet at school if it is rainy and move to an indoor venue nearby. There will be cake and feel free to bring your own soft drink! Thank you!

We hope to hold our Halloween Disco on Thursday 21st October 2021 (Key Stage 1 3.30 – 4.45pm and Key Stage 2 5.00 – 6.30pm. As Helping Hands parents and carers usually serve the refreshments at school discos and run a sweet stall. We will need volunteers to help with both the key stage 1 and key stage 2 discos so please get in touch with the office if you are able to help.'

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 2021 is £2.15 per pupil per day or £10.75 per pupil per week. Payments can be made online through our school gateway.



Term dates:

Holiday	Closing Date	Date re-opens
Autumn Half Term 2021	Friday 22nd October 2021	Tuesday 2nd November 2021
Christmas 2021	Friday 17th December 2021	Wednesday 5th January 2022
Spring Half Term 2022	Friday 18 February 2022	Tuesday 1st March 2022
Easter 2022	Friday 8th April 2022	Monday 25th April 2022
May Day 2022	Friday 29th April 2022	Tuesday 3rd May 2022
Summer Half Term 2022	Friday 27th May 2022	Tuesday 7th June 2022
Summer Term 2022	Thursday 21st July 2022	TBC

Free After-School Clubs – 3.15 – 4.15pm - Clubs will start week beginning **20th September** 2021 and continue until the half term holidays. We are delighted to be able to offer a range of after school clubs this half term to pupils as teachers and teaching assistants have offered their time to enrich the curriculum. The clubs we will be offering are for pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 this half term (Reception pupils will be invited to join clubs once they have settled in after Oct half term). The clubs on offer are: **Movie Club** with Mrs Gibbons on a **Monday**, **Games Club** including Warhammer with Mrs Ashton/Mr Cooper on a **Monday** and **Book Club** with Mrs Grant on a **Thursday**. Places will need to be limited and will be given on a first come, first served basis but if you are unsuccessful in gaining a place this half term, there will be further opportunities with different clubs available, next half term. The clubs will be free of charge. We will try to ensure fair access for all children over the school year. Please let the school office know if you would like your child to attend.