



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

## **Right of the Fortnight**

We will be looking at the following article over the next two weeks: **Article 14** – Freedom of thought, belief and religion. Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights.

### **Dear Parents,**

It has been a very busy term which has flown by. We would like to thank everyone for all their support and understanding with the changes we have had to make due to Covid-19. Thank you so much for your continued support with all our events. The children thoroughly enjoyed elf day and it was lovely to see our Y2 pupils enjoying their farmer day along with our Y6 pupils experiencing some of challenges of life during World War 2. I would like to thank the additional help we've received with present wrapping– you know who you are! Christmas dinner day went off with a bang and the children loved pulling their Christmas Crackers. They all looked great in their Christmas jumpers too. We would like to say a huge thank you to 'Helping Hands' for their support. We would also like to thank all the parents who help us out throughout the year. Thank you also to our wonderful staff who work incredibly hard at this time of year to ensure Christmas is amazing for all our pupils. We wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year! 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.

**School will close on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December and re-open on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.**

### **Covid-19 Update- Plans for Christmas**

We are still seeing high numbers of Covid-19 cases across County Durham and we would not wish for our children, staff and parents to contract Covid-19 over the Christmas period. With this in mind, we will be filming our Christmas production for parents to watch in the comfort of their own homes. Our children will still have the opportunity to make Christmas crafts in class and Christmas parties will be scheduled for the last week of term. We will update you on the app as soon as the production is available to watch.



## Parent Questionnaire

Thank you so much for your responses. Your views are important to us and a really useful way to find out how we can build on our strengths and address any concerns that you may have. Unfortunately, the questionnaire was sent out anonymously (in error) so we are unable to identify a winner for the £25 voucher. However, we will be following up on some areas in spring term so we will ensure that there is the opportunity to win the voucher with a further questionnaire. The feedback from the questionnaire will be sent out following this newsletter.

## Christmas Party Dates:



**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**Year 3 and 4: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**Year 5: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**Year 6: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**We hope that Santa will be visiting our parties this year (Covid-19 allowing)**

## Absence Reporting

You need to notify the office of any absences before 10am. This includes alternative pick up arrangements and appointments (preferably notified in advance) for children. Please do not contact the class teacher for these messages as they are not always able to relay this information to the office. This can be done via email, telephone or in person at the office.

## Helping Hands

Thank you to those that have bought school calendars, we hope you enjoy having them displayed in your homes! Sadly we are unable to run the Christmas gift stall for the children this year due to a lack of parent/carer volunteers with enough time to make it happen. If you think you might be able to offer some time to volunteering for the school we would love to hear from you!

## Sports Update

We are looking forward to events after Christmas. On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January all classes will be taking part in a taster session with Yoga Mike. We will have Chris from Thrills and Skills working with Y3 and 4 on Monday afternoons for 5 weeks. The children will be taking part in Outdoor Adventure Activities and will need warm clothing for this. Year 5 will be going swimming on Wednesdays after Christmas. Due to the coaching allocations PE sessions for some classes will change for Spring Term 1. PE days are shown below.

**Rec – Monday (am)**

**Y1- Friday**

**Y2- Wednesday**

**Y3- Monday**

**Y4- Monday**

**Y5 – Wednesday (swimming)**

**Y6 - Thursday**



### **Half term holiday clubs**

Childcare will run in the half term holidays across the year. There will be holiday childcare from 8.30am until 4pm (excluding bank holidays) during February, May and October half term. This is available to book and pay for online. Our current prices are £12.50 per child per day or £50 for a full week if it is booked and paid for in advance. Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch. Please don't hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions regarding this.

### **Christmas Kindness Competition**

We are encouraging our children to spread a little kindness at home, in their local communities and around school this Christmas time. Please continue to share random acts of kindness through our social media and class email. Prizes will be given out in the celebration assembly on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

### **After School Clubs**

**Free After-School Clubs – 3.15 – 4.15pm** - Clubs will start week beginning **10<sup>th</sup> January 2022** and continue until the week ending 11<sup>th</sup> February. 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 on offer are:

**Outdoor and Adventure Club** with Miss Davison and Chris from Thrills and Skills (Year 2 and Year 3 pupils only) on a **Monday**

**Debating Club** (Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils only) with Mrs Gibbons on a **Monday**

**Computing 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 complete the form on the app