



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

## Right of the Fortnight

Over the next two week we will be exploring the following two rights: **Article 7** – Every child has the right to be registered at birth, to have a name and nationality, and, as far as possible, to know and be cared for by their parents. **Article 8** – Every child has the right to an identity. Governments must respect and protect that right, and prevent the child's name, nationality or family relationships from being changed unlawfully.

## Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued support as we have navigated staffing shortages and pupil absences due to Covid-19. I know that keeping up with the government guidance is a challenge for us all and I hope we start to see a return to normal soon. 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.

## Covid-19 Update-

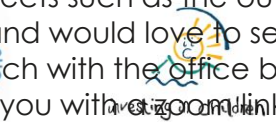
We continue to see a high number of cases of Covid-19 so please ensure that you do not send your child to school if they are unwell. The government advice has changed and confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be **temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January**. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. If your child is a close contact of somebody with Covid-19 then daily lateral flow tests will need to be taken for 7 days following contact. Staff continue to wear masks in communal areas in school as a precautionary measure. Updated government guidance has said that staff will no longer need to wear masks in communal areas from the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

## Parent Questionnaire Update

We have sent out a follow up questionnaire to parents on the school app to find out more about how we can address any concerns that parents may have around safety. Please include your child's details and you will be included in a draw to win a £25 Asda voucher.

## Helping Hands

Reminder: We are having our termly meeting for Helping Hands on Friday 21st January at 7:30pm. This meeting will be held on Zoom and everyone is welcome. We will be talking about how we can support the school this term and there will be updates on ongoing projects such as the outdoor stage. We are a small and welcoming group and would love to see new faces so if you are interested, please get in touch with the office before the end of the school year and we will provide you with a zoom link for the meeting.



## Be an Ancient Greek!

This term children in **Year 5** are learning all about the Ancient Greeks. To bring the topic to life we'll be holding a 'Be an Ancient Greek' day on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January**. Children can come to school on this day dressed as an Ancient Greek. Please don't spend money on costumes- homemade costumes are always the best! On this day



- we'll be completing activities such as wreath making, writing our names using the Greek alphabet, grape squashing (an Ancient Greek favourite) and much more.

## Year 3 Victorian school Day

Our history work this half term focuses on our school and the local area. We will begin the topic by comparing a typical school day from the Victorian times to modern day school. Children can come to school on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February** dressed as a Victorian. Boys would wear flat caps, white shirts and trousers and girls would wear pinafore dresses, white shirts, shawls, straw hats or cloth caps. Please just use what you might have at home and don't buy anything special for the costume. We will have the chalks and slate boards ready for a day of Victorian lessons!

## Sports Update

This half term we are looking forward to the following events:

**2<sup>nd</sup> February – Primary Sportsability** 15 Year 5 children will attend the Leisure Centre for the morning to take part in a carousel of activities.

**8<sup>th</sup> February – KS2 Multi Skills** Year 4 will attend FBEC for the afternoon to take part in a carousel of activities.

**16<sup>th</sup> February – Move with Max Festival (am)** Our Reception children will attend the festival to celebrate their work in PE using the Move with Max programme. This will take place at the Leisure Centre

**16<sup>th</sup> February – Skipping Taster Day.** Each class will have session with a skipping expert.

## 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.



## Lunar New Year

Due to the number of Covid-19 cases we will unfortunately not be performing at the town hall in Durham. However, we will be showcasing the children's work in a Chinese New Year display at Clayport library over the course of the event. The work will be from Reception and Year 1. More information regarding the dates the work will be on display will be sent out in due course.

## Year 2 Church Visit

As part of our upcoming R.E. unit on 'What does it mean to belong in Christianity?', the Year 2 class will be visiting St Paul's church. The visit will be on the afternoon of **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February**. As the church is local, we will be walking there and back so please can the children make sure they have a warm coat to wear. They do not need a packed lunch as we will not be leaving until after the children have had their lunch in school and we will be returning in time for the end of the school day.