



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th January 2022

Right of the Fortnight

We will be looking at the following article over the next two weeks:

Article 29 – Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to everyone after our Christmas break, it seems such a long time ago now. The weather has been a lot colder this week so please ensure that you send your child into school with coats, hats, scarves and gloves as playtimes can be chilly. 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.

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.

Parent Questionnaire Update

We will be sending out a follow up questionnaire to parents to find out more about how we can address any concerns that parents may have. We hope to send this out in the next 2 weeks and if you include your contact details you will be included in a draw to win a £25 Asda voucher.

Helping Hands

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 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 25th 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.

Sports Update

Unfortunately, our planned yoga taster day was cancelled this week, but it has been rearranged for March. This half term we are looking forward to the following events:

2nd February – Primary Sportsability 15 KS2 children will attend the Leisure Centre for the morning to take part in a carousel of activities.

8th February – KS2 Multi Skills some of our KS2 pupils will attend FBEC for the afternoon to take part in a carousel of activities.

More details will be given to the children involved in these activities soon.

16th 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

16th 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.



Winmarleigh Hall Residential



There will be a meeting in the school hall on **Thursday 20th January at 4:00pm** for parents of children in Year 5 and 6 who are attending the Winmarleigh Hall residential (11th-13th February). There will be a short information session followed by an opportunity to ask questions about the trip. Parents will also be provided with a packing list for the trip.

Lunar New Year

As part of the Chinese New Year celebrations, children from our **Year 6** class have been invited to perform at the Town Hall in Durham on **Saturday 5th February**. They will be performing a Chinese song that they have been learning with a student from Durham University. More information about the timings of this event will follow.



After School Clubs – 3.30 – 4.15pm

There are still spaces available on debating club see below:

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

This club starts on Mon 10th January – please contact the school office if you would like to book your child a place.