



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

## Right of the Fortnight

Over the next two week we will be exploring the following right: **Article 2 – non-discrimination:** The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

### Dear Parents,

We are enjoying a busy time in school planning for our upcoming trips and visits. It is so exciting to be making plans to visit different places (locally, nationally and internationally) with the children. Thank you to Year 5 parents and pupils for supporting us in a day all about 'Ancient Greeks. The children looked fantastic in their costumes.

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 are beginning to see a slight decrease in cases of Covid-19 in school. 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 not currently required. 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.

### School Trip to Gran Canaria in May 2022

We are finalising plans for this exciting trip which has been fully funded for pupils by the British Council as part of our International Schools work. This will enable 32 (Year 5 and 6) pupils from our school to visit our partner school in Gran Canaria and also explore the island. Letters have been sent out tonight to children who have been allocated a place. A reserve list has been created for children who have expressed interest but for whom have (at present) not been allocated a place.

### Parent Questionnaire Update

We have created a more user friendly version of our safety questionnaire and resent it to parents on the app. The closing date for responses is **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February.**

Please include your child's details and you will be included in a draw to win a £25 Asda voucher. The form can be found under the survey tab.





### Helping Hands

Thanks to those that attended the Helping Hands meeting. There are minutes available on the school website if you would like to see what was discussed. Work on the stage should begin very soon and look out for news on an event in school soon to celebrate reading. If you would be interested in being more involved with events and supporting the children in school please do get in touch via the school office.

### 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!

### Year 1 Fairy Tales Day

Our English focus this term is on Fairy tales and we are having **Fairy Tales Day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February**. Children can come to school in a Fairy Tale outfit or costume. Please just use what you have at home, there's no need to go out and buy costumes. Fairy tale-themed clothes, pyjamas or accessories will do nicely! We do have a few spare costumes in school if anyone is struggling to find one. We will be reading and acting out stories, making up our own stories and doing some fairy tale-themed cooking!

### Sports Update

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

**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

Our Reception and Year 1 children have produced some lovely work based around Chinese New Year. This work will form part of the celebrations in Durham Market Place and Town Hall on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February. The children's work will be displayed in Clayport library on the day of the event and throughout the week following week.

**Mind**



Mind provide advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem. Please visit [www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk) if you feel like you would benefit from their services.

### **Year 4 Residential**

Year 4 will be going on a 2-night, Anglo-Saxon residential to the Kingsway Centre in Middleton-in-Teesdale from 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> March. There will be a meeting for parents/ carers on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 4:30pm.**



**Year 3 Church Visit** – On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February Year 3 will be visiting St. Paul's Church in Spennymoor for the afternoon. This is part of their work on Christianity in RE. As we will be walking to the church children will need appropriate footwear and clothing for the weather,

### **Safer Internet Day**

Safer Internet Day 2022 will be celebrated on 8th February with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. The day was designed to celebrate young people's role in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content, or interacting with their friends and peers. In school, the children have been working on projects linked to the different areas of online safety and they will be sharing these with you via a video to help all of our community stay safe online.