



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd September 2022

Right of the Fortnight

Over the next two weeks we will be exploring the following right: **Article 30:** Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.

Dear Parents,

The summer feels like a lifetime away as we are certainly feeling the autumnal weather. Please make sure your child brings a coat to school as the weather is very changeable. Please put names in your children's coats and jumpers as then they can be easily returned. There are lots of things happening across school this term. 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 in Nursery

We are delighted to welcome our 2 and 3 year old pupils into our new nursery this week. They have all settled in really well and are enjoying the new environment. We have some landscaping work to complete outside and we will continue to work on this over the coming weeks.

Childcare - October Half term for children aged 3-11yrs



We are delighted to be able to offer half term childcare in school. Childcare will run from 8.30am until 4pm. Children will need to bring a packed lunch. Each day we will have some themed activities on offer to entertain the children. This will include: Monday – Great Outdoors day, Tuesday – All things Autumn day, Wednesday – Games Marathon day, Thursday – Halloween Craft day and Friday – Halloween Fancy Dress (optional) with party games and a movie. The cost of the childcare is £12.50 per day or £50 if you book 5 days in

advance. If you are interested and your child already attends Busy Bees then please book and pay via the school gateway. If you are not registered with Busy Bees then please contact the school office to register and pay online. Bookings will need to be made and paid for by the **14th October 2022.**

Pantomime in school – Sleeping Beauty on Wednesday 19th October

We are so pleased that M&M productions will be performing Snow White for our pupils in school. We have had them visit us in previous years and the pupils and staff thought they were fantastic. More information to follow.



Open Afternoon for prospective school age children and current parents on Wednesday 12th October at 2pm



We will be holding an open afternoon for new parents to come and have a look around school and see what pupils are working on in their classes. This will be for prospective parents and our current parents. This event will be **for parents to see Reception through to Year 6**. We will hold separate stay and play events for nursery

throughout the year. More information will follow.

Can you help us? Parent Governor Vacancy

Are you interested in becoming a school governor? We have a vacancy for a parent governor. School Governors make a positive contribution to children's education by offering supportive challenge to help raise standards and monitor resources effectively. School Governors work as a team and come from a wide variety of backgrounds to add value to school life by offering their skills, expertise and time. Rosa Street Primary School is committed to raising educational standards and we are looking for dedicated individuals who want to make a difference in the lives of children and are willing to share their experience in an educational environment.

Preferable skills and competencies: We are looking for dedicated individuals who can offer their knowledge and expertise in one or more of these areas; finance, human resources, health and safety, communications or managing premises. If you have a passion for improving the life chances of children and can offer supportive challenge to the leadership of our school to help us to fulfil our vision, please complete and return a letter of interest, explaining why you would like to fulfil the role of Parent Governor. Letters of interest need to be emailed to rosastreet@durhamlearning.net by the closing date of **7th October at 12pm**. A discussion with the Head teacher and Chair of Governors would be offered to any interested parent. Governors do not need any formal qualifications but must be aged 18 years and over. **Closing date for nominations is 12pm on Friday 7th October 2022.**



Early Bird Childcare (3 years – 11 years)

Please could you book in for Early Bird childcare in advance on the School Gateway. This is to ensure that we have the correct staffing ratios for the pupils attending.

Halloween Disco – Thursday 20th October 2022 – Save the date

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a Halloween Disco before the children break up for half term. This is for school aged children.

EYFS and Key Stage 1 (3.30pm – 4.45pm)

Children in Rec, Year 1 and Year 2

Key Stage 2 (5pm – 6.30pm)

Children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

More information to follow



Packed Lunch Policy Health Eating

Thank you for your continued support with this. We have noticed that pupils are struggling to bring items in their packed lunch that comply with the school packed lunch policy. Our School Nutrition Action Group will be meeting shortly to discuss this. It would be great if we could have a parent or carer to join our group which consists of pupils, school staff and the school cook. If you could spare the time to meet once a term then please let the office know.

Reception Class Big Welcome – Friday 30th September 2022 at 2pm

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 continue to use 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds' as our chosen phonics scheme this year. The programme has been extended to KS2 to support children in need of additional support with reading. More information for parents can be found at: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

We will be sharing information with Reception parents as part of the Big Welcome on Friday 30th September. We will also be holding a phonics and reading session for parents in Year 1 and 2 who are not familiar or would like to hear more about reading at Rosa Street and the Little Wandle phonics programme. This session will be at **4pm on Monday 3rd October**.

Peppa Pig Open Day for New Starters 2023 – Saturday October 1st 10.30 – 12.30

We are inviting prospective children and their parents to our school so that they can look around our nursery and 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.



Winmarleigh Residential

Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils are spending the weekend at Winmarleigh Hall in Lancaster on an outward bound residential. We will be keeping in touch with parents and carers on facebook and twitter.

Year 3 Victorian Day – As part of our History work in Year 3 we will be having a Victorian Day on **Monday 3rd October**. Children can come to school dressed as a Victorian on this day and will take part in activities to show what it was like to be a pupil at Rosa Street School when the school was built in 1879. Children can wear black trousers, skirt, white top and a flat cap or cloth cap, if you have them. Please don't buy anything new for the day. We have some costumes in school.

Sports Update



This half term we have the following sports events to look forward to:

Friday October 7th – Hoopstarz training for Year 5.

Tuesday October 18th – KS1 dance and gymnastics festival.

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.

Helping Hands



Don't forget, there is a meeting next Tuesday straight after school for any parents that would be willing to volunteer in school from time to time and help out with some fundraising. We are a group called 'Helping Hands' and all parents and carers are welcome to join. Our first task will be helping the children to enjoy their Halloween disco next month which is lots of fun. If you would like to come, meet in the yard by the steps at pick up time on **Tuesday 27th September** and we will go inside together once the playground has emptied. Children are welcome and we will put on a film for them and have some popcorn. We should be finished by about 4.30pm. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Parent Questionnaire Analysis

Thank you for your responses to our parent questionnaire last term. There was some really useful feedback which we can use to further develop and improve our school. Our analysis has been sent out on the school app this week.

School Photographer – Tuesday 27th September

A photographer will be in school to take individual and sibling photographs of pupils in school. Please ensure your child comes to school in their school uniform and if it is a PE day then they bring their PE kit to change into.

Save the date – Harvest Festival – Friday 14th October (More information to follow)