



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th September 2022

We are deeply saddened by the death of Her Majesty The Queen and offer our condolences to the Royal Family during this time of mourning. As our monarch, Her Majesty The Queen led by example in her devotion to public services and frequently reminded the nation of the importance of community. We express our gratitude for her lasting contribution. We know that many will feel a deep sorrow at this loss and remind people to prioritise their mental health and take practical steps to improve their wellbeing. We will be observing a period of mourning for the next 10 days as a mark of respect to Queen Elizabeth II. During this time we will limit all communications to only urgent communications only.



Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to parents both old and new as we start a new year together. Thank you all for your support with ensuring our pupils attend school in the correct uniform. If anyone needs any additional uniform then please let the school office know as we have lots of spare second-hand jumpers. 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

We have had lots of children join us from other schools and we are so pleased with how well everyone is settling in. Our youngest pupils who started in Reception this week have made an amazing start to school life and we are delighted.

Staffing Update

We would like to welcome some new staff to our school. Miss Simpson has joined us as our new Year 5 teacher. Miss Grayson and Miss Emery have also joined us as teaching assistants in Year 1 and Nursery. They are settling in well and enjoying getting to know everyone.

Curriculum Newsletters have been uploaded to our school website and can be found in the 'Wider Curriculum' area.



Reception Class Big Welcome – Friday 30th September 2022

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 2022 – 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.

Busy Bees Childcare at Rosa Street

We offer childcare between 7.30am and 6pm at school. If you are interested then please e-mail the school office for a registration form and information booklet: rosastreet@durhamlearning.net. Once registered you can book and pay for childcare on our school gateway. This now includes bookings and payments for Early Bird Breakfast Club which operates from 7.30am each morning at a cost of £3 per day.

Breakfast Club

We have a Breakfast Club that starts at **8.15am** every day and all pupils are welcome to join us. This club is free to everyone. The club is run by our Teaching Assistants and there are a variety of items available for breakfast.

Winmarleigh Residential Visit for Year 5 and 6 pupils – Wed 14th September Parent Meeting at 5pm

We will be holding a meeting for parents of pupils who will be attending our Winmarleigh residential in September. We hope that you can all attend. If you are unable to attend then we can send the presentation out to you so that you have all the information.

Community Garden Project - Year 3

This half term Year 3 will be working with Groundwork at the community gardens based at Timothy Terrace allotments each Thursday afternoon. Sessions will start on Thursday 15th September for 6 weeks. As the children will be walking to the gardens to complete outdoor learning opportunities, please ensure children have wellies or outdoor shoes that can get dirty and warm clothing for the sessions.

Sports Update

Polite Reminder - Earrings are not to be worn for PE for healthy and safety reasons. Children should be able to remove earrings themselves for sessions or have them removed at home before school on PE days.

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.

Changed your contact details?

It is imperative that we have the most up to date contact details for your child so that in the event of an emergency we can get in touch with someone quickly. Please can you use the sims parent app to update phone numbers, addresses etc. If you are unsure how to use this additional instructions have been sent out following this newsletter.

School App

We need up to date e-mail addresses so that we can ensure you receive information via the school app. Please let the office know if your e-mail address has changed. If your phone or the app updates you may need to log back into the app. The app is our main form of communication now in school so please make full use of it. If the app goes quiet then it may mean that you need an update as we usually send lots of notifications. Please remember if your child has changed classes to update the settings for their year group so that you receive all the relevant information.

Helping Hands

Helping Hands would love to welcome you all back to school and a special welcome to all of our new parents and carers. Helping Hands is a group of parents and carers who support Rosa St school by raising funds, connecting with the local community and volunteering in school in various ways. Some people have plenty of time, others have very little, but we all help out where we can and enjoy getting to know each other too. We would love to invite you all to join us for our first meeting of the year on **Tuesday 27th September at 3.30pm** in school. You are welcome to bring your children along if you have no alternative childcare for them and we will provide a film and some snacks for them. There may even be cake for the grown-ups! It would be great to have some fresh ideas for fundraising and enabling the school to provide special treats and resources for our children. See you there!

School Lunches

A reminder that pupils who are in Key Stage 1 (Rec, Year 1 and Year 2) are entitled to a free school meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meals provision. If you are in receipt of benefits and would qualify for Free School Meals then you still must fill in the Free School Meal form so that we receive the correct funding. Pupils in **Year 3** and upwards will now need to pay for their school lunches unless they are in receipt of free school meals. The price from September 2022 is £2.25 per pupil per day or £11.25 per pupil per week. Payments can be made online through our school gateway.

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. We will share our analysis with you in the coming weeks.

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)

Term dates:

Holiday	Closing Date	Date re-opens
Summer Term 2022	Thursday 21st July 2022	Tuesday 6th September 2022
Autumn Half Term 2022	Friday 21st October 2022	Tuesday 1st November 2022
Christmas 2022	Tuesday 20th December 2022	Thursday 5th January 2023
Spring Half Term 2023	Friday 17th February 2023	Monday 27th February 2023
Easter 2023	Friday 31st March 2023	Monday 17th April 2023
May Day 2023	Friday 28th April 2023	Tuesday 2nd May 2023
Summer Half Term 2023	Thursday 25th May 2023	Monday 5th June 2023
Summer Term 2023	Friday 21st July 2023	To be confirmed

Free After-School Clubs – 3.15 – 4.15pm - Clubs will start week beginning **19th September** 2022 and continue until the half term holidays. 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 we will be offering are for pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 this half term (Reception pupils will be invited to join clubs once they have settled in after Oct half term). The clubs on offer are:

Ballroom Dancing Club with Mrs Gibbons on a **Wednesday**,

Netball Club with Miss Lowery on a **Thursday** Y4, Y5 & Y6 only.

Basketball Club with Mr Broadhurst on a **Thursday** Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 only.

Choir Club with Miss Darke will also be running on a **Friday** lunchtime. 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 let the school office know if you would like your child to attend.