



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th October 2022

Right of the Fortnight

Over the next two weeks we will be exploring the following right: **Article 24 – Health and Health Services**. “Every child has the right to the best possible health”.

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much to the parents and carers that attended our Reception Class Big Welcome. Everyone had a lovely time and enjoyed spending time with their child and getting to know the environment. Thank you also to those of you who were able to attend our reading meetings to find out more about the Little Wandles phonics scheme and how this has changed the way we teach reading and phonics. 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.

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 Sleeping Beauty for our pupils in school. We have had them visit us in previous years and the pupils and staff thought they were fantastic. Helping Hands have agreed to subsidise some of the costs and we will use school funds to pay for the rest.



Nursery Update

Our new nursery is up and running and all our September starters have settled in wonderfully. Could we remind parents to put children's names on jumpers, cardigans, bags and water bottles please?. Could we also remind parents that our session times are as follows: **8.30am - 11.30am for mornings, 12.15pm - 3.15pm for afternoons and 9.00am - 3.00pm for full days**. We ask that you do not drop your child off earlier than the beginning of their arranged session and that you collect your child no later than the end of the arranged session. This helps us with smooth day-to-day running of the nursery and helps our children with transition times. If you require



wrap around care, this is available for 3-year-olds, and should be booked in advance on the school gateway. Thank you 😊



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.



Halloween Disco – Thursday 20th October 2022

All pupils are invited to the Halloween Disco which will take place after school. For pupils in Reception, Year 1 and 2 (Early Years and Key Stage 1) it is 3.30pm - 4:45pm. Children in KS1 can bring their clothes and staff will help them get changed after school. For pupils in Year 3, 4, 5, and 6 (Key Stage 2) it is 5:00 – 6:30pm. Entrance is £2.00 each which includes a hot dog and a drink. There will be crisps, sweets and drinks on sale too. Infants are allowed to bring money for the tuck shop in a sealed, named envelope. In order to reduce our carbon footprint (and because tickets also get lost or forgotten) we will be operating a ticketless system. If your child brings in money for entry to the school disco they will be marked off on the list in the office which will be checked against the pupils at the disco on the evening. **Please ensure that Disco tickets are purchased by Tuesday 18th October so that we can ensure that we have enough hotdogs etc. Tickets available from Monday 10th.**

Packed Lunch Policy - Healthy Eating

We held a SNAG (School Nutrition Action Group) meeting on Monday. A huge thank you to our parent member for joining staff and children in discussing food in schools. As a result of this meeting, we will be sending out a questionnaire to find out more about parent and pupil views on food in school. Look out for the questionnaire in the coming weeks.



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.

Harvest Festival – Friday 14th October

We would like to invite parents to our Harvest celebration 'Harvest Rocks' (this will be performed twice – once at 9.30am and also at 2.00pm), there will be a raffle. The 2 performances will **include all pupils** and they will be exactly the same so that you only need to attend one performance and then hopefully everyone will get a

chance to see it. To try to ensure enough room in the hall, we are going to use a ticket system (maximum of 2 per family). To reserve a seat please contact the school office.

We will be collecting harvest donations which will go to the foodbank at St. Paul's Methodist Church to support our local community. Please send in any tins, cartons or packets with your child from Monday 10th October 2022.

Rockstar Day

On **Friday 4th November**, all children are encouraged to dress as a 'Rockstar' for the day to re-launch our 'Times table Rockstars' resource. All children will be engaging in activities linked to counting, multiplying and dividing during the course of the day. We will also be having some live online battles with the children from our partner school, Cleves Cross Primary.

Times Tables Rockstars Competition

We are still continuing to have a competition with the pupils from Cleve Cross until **1st November** by playing on 'Times Tables Rockstars' as much you can. All pupils from Years 2 to 6 have login credentials to access the resource online.

