



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th February 2023

Right of the Fortnight

This week we have been celebrating Rights Respecting Schools 'Rights Week' - 13th February. We focused on 'World Water Day' which links to **Article 24 – Health and Health Services** and **Article 27 – Adequate standard of living**. We completed a science experiment using different filters to create a filtration system to see which process worked best to clean our water. We thought about how lucky we are to have access to unlimited clean water.

When we return to school we will be focusing on **Article 17 – Access to Information**, **Article 29 – Aims of Education** and **Article 31 – Rest, Play, Culture, Arts** – relating to World Book Day which we will celebrate on Thursday 2nd March.

Dear Parents,

This half term has flown by. We would like to thank you for your continued support with all our events. Thank you to all of you who were able to attend our E-Safety assembly. Thank you also for your continued support with our disco and school nutrition action group.

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.

School closes today for February half term and will reopen on Monday 27th February. The government have announced an additional Bank Holiday on 8th May 2023 to take place due to the coronation of the King. School will be closed on this date.



Helping Hands

A big 'thank you' to those of you who were able to offer your time to help with the school disco on Thursday. The children all had an amazing time.

Sports Update



Next term we have the following sports events to look forward to:

Tuesday 14th March – Mixed football shield competition

Thursday 20th April – Key Stage 2 alternative sports festival



PE Days

Please note the updated PE days:

Nursery AM – Tuesday AM

Nursery PM – Monday PM

Reception – Thursday AM

Year 1 - Monday

Year 2 - Thursday

Year 3 - Tuesday

Year 4 – Wednesday (Swimming)

Year 5 – Wednesday

Year 6 – Wednesday

Parent Wellbeing Questionnaire

Thank you to those parents/carers who took the time to complete the recent wellbeing questionnaire. Your comments and suggestions are important to us. If you do have any further questions, comments or suggestions please don't hesitate to let school know in the future. We have sent a copy of the feedback out on the school app.

Key Dates for the Diary:

Year 2 visit to St Paul's Church – Wednesday 1st March



World Book Day Thursday 2nd March - Children are invited to wear their pyjamas to school and bring a bedtime story to share in class.

Year 3 Residential to Kingsway Centre 2nd & 3rd March

Children who are attending the trip should come to school at their usual time wearing their clothes ready for outdoor activities. We will be leaving for the centre around 10am. They will need a packed lunch to eat when we arrive at the centre. Please ensure all forms have been completed and medications are handed in at the office.

Children who are not attending the trip should attend school as usual on both days. They will be joining in with World Book Day activities in another class on Thursday in their pyjamas.

Year 4 Residential to Kingsway Centre 27th-29th March

An information meeting for parents will be taking place on **16th March at 4:30pm**. We're encouraging all children to join the residential trip as it will build stronger relationships in the class. Please let Mrs Wilson on the school office know if your child does not want to come on the residential trip as arrangements will have to be made for them to stay in school in another class.



Parents' Evening

Our parents' evening appointments will take place week beginning 6th March. Late appointments will be available on Monday 6th March and afternoon appointments will be available on designated afternoons. Please complete the form on the school app to select the most convenient time. If you are unable to attend in person then we can arrange for a telephone appointment so that you can keep up to date with your child's progress



Science Week

To celebrate Science Week, we are inviting all children to come into school on Monday 13th March dressed as a scientist! We will conduct a whole school science enquiry throughout the week which we will share with you on social media. Remember, science is in all areas of life, we have listed some ideas below:

Lab scientist	Marine biologist	Astronaut	Solar system
cooks	gardeners	beekeeper	Magnet
Skeleton	light	electricity	Zoologist

Choir Club

We are inviting parents to watch our choir performance on **Thursday 30th March at 2:30pm**, which will take place in our school hall. Choir club have been working so hard this last half term on a 'Greatest Showman' theme. We hope you can make it.



Easter Craft Afternoons

Parents and Carers are invited into school to work with their child on creating some Easter crafts. The dates and times are below:

- Nursery – Thursday 30th March 2-3pm and Friday 31st March 10-11am
- Reception – Tuesday 28th March at 2pm
- Year 1 and Year 2 – Thursday 30th March at 2pm
- Year 3 and Year 4 – Friday 31st March at 2pm
- Year 5 and Year 6 – Wednesday 29th March at 2pm

Year 5 & 6 Mathematics Challenge Afternoon

On Wednesday 15th February, a small group of children from Year 5 and Year 6 took part in a 'Challenge Afternoon' with our partnership school; Cleves Cross Primary School. They engaged in challenging problem-solving tasks and worked as a team; building their resilience and independence skills. Well done to all who took part!

SEND Update

Please see the attached information sheets regarding the Little Treasures support sessions for children and parents with Autism. These sessions are designed to provide opportunities for parents to meet with other parents of children with Autism and provide a range of activities for children to engage with. If you would like to attend one of the sessions or require further information, please contact Little Treasures directly (contact information on attached sheets).

We are also hoping to arrange a coffee morning for parents of SEND children to attend next half term. The coffee morning would be a chance to meet other parents who have children with additional needs and find out about any local support groups and resources that may benefit children in our school. If you are a parent of a child in school who has additional needs, and would be interested in supporting the coffee morning, please contact Mrs Gibbons.



Rec- Y6 Free After-School Clubs – 3.15 – 4.15pm - Clubs will start week beginning **6th March 2023** and continue until the week ending **31st March 2023**. 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 Reception to Year 6 this half term. The clubs on offer are:

Creative Writing Club – Wednesday after school with Miss Davison

Craft Club – Thursday after school with Miss Bennett

Outdoor Adventure Club – Wednesday after school with Miss Simpson and an Outdoor Adventure member of staff

Family Gardening Club – Thursday after school with Miss Wilson

Y5/Y6 Football Club - Monday after school with Mr Broadhurst

Choir – Friday lunchtime with Miss Darke

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 complete the form on the app (this can be found on the consent forms) if you would like your child to attend.



£4 per family, siblings welcome, 3rd Saturday
every month 10.30-12

Ferryhill Lego session



Venue: Dean bank institute, Ferryhill, dl17 8pp

Sessions for master builders and young people who can sit and build masterpieces

This group is for **AUTISTIC** young people who enjoy sitting and building Lego. These sessions are run by parents of autistic young people, they are safe environments for the young people to truly be themselves with no judgment from others while parents get peer support.

Age appropriate for children who can sit and build Lego, won't eat it, throw it or chuck it. These sessions are calming sessions for young people who enjoy building.

We hold various activities through the year for children to access, such as, relaxed kids, pet therapy, Christmas parties and much more!

We also offer level two government funded courses on and around autism for parents, we have various workshops for parents such as, sex education for children with autism, sensory workshops, anxiety courses and Makaton. For more details email littletreasures10@gmail.com



VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.littletreasuresautism.co.uk





£5 per family
1st sat every month 11-12.30

Ferryhill PRE TEEN session

Venue: Dean bank institute, Ferryhill, dl17 8pp

Sessions for young people aged 8-13

This group is for AUTISTIC young people who enjoy a calmer session, playing board games, video games, lego and playing on their tablets. These sessions are run by parents of autistic young people, they are safe environments for the young people to truly be themselves with no judgment from others while parents get peer support.

SIBLINGS WELCOME ONLY IF THEY ARE AGED OVER EIGHT YEARS OLD AND PARENTS MUST STAY!

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