



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

## Right of the Fortnight

This week we have been exploring the following right: **Article 42 - Everyone must know Children's Rights.** "Governments must actively work to make sure children and adults know about the Convention". We enjoyed focusing on Article 42 during our 'teams' afternoon' on Monday. We looked at rights that were important to us and designed a Rights Superpower shield or cloak for that right to help us remember them. We also created an obstacle course to show how things (like natural disasters, conflict and poverty) can act as obstacles that hinder children's access to their rights and need to be removed or overcome by positive actions.

### Dear Parents,

We are delighted to share our recent SAT results with you (detailed below). We have achieved above national results in ARE (age related expectations) for all subjects. I would like to take the opportunity to thank pupils, parents and staff for their support this year. It has been a busy year and the last few weeks have been particularly busy. Our events have been well attended and we have received lots of positive feedback from parents about the showcases that were held in place of a summer production. I would also like to say a huge thank you to 'Helping Hands' for their unending support with all our events and for raising money for our school. 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.

### SAT Results at Key Stage 2

Age Related Expectations	School	National
Reading	79%	73%
Writing	76%	71%
Maths	82%	73%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	73%	72%

Greater Depth	School	National
Reading	24%	Not available
Writing	9%	Not available
Maths	21%	Not available
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	26%	Not available



### **Staffing Update**

Miss Taylor will be joining us as Year 3 teacher in September. Our Year 2 pupils enjoyed spending the day with her on Monday. Miss Simpson (teaching assistant) will be moving onto new challenges in specialist education in September. We would like to thank her for her work during her time with us and wish her every success in her new role. Miss Carrick will be joining us in September as a teaching assistant.

### **School Meal Prices – Year 3 and above**

The Local Authority increased the price of school meals some time ago. As a trust, we have held back on this cost increase to support families. We will be implementing this price increase from September 2023 when the price of a school meal will increase to £2.50 per pupil per day – to reflect the rising costs in food. This charge applies to all pupils in Year 3 and above who are not in receipt of free school meals. If your circumstances have changed and you think you are entitled to free school meals, then please contact the school office to collect a form.

### **Nursery Meal Prices**

This applies to nursery children who stay for a school lunch. The price has also increased and is now £3.00. This is a higher price because we have to pay VAT on nursery lunches.

### **School Uniform Expectations**

We want to ensure that all children feel part of our school and our uniform is a key part of our identity. I would like to remind parents that children should be wearing black school shoes or all black trainers (no big white ticks or logos). Pupils should be wearing a plain navy-blue jumper/cardigan or a school logo jumper/cardigan. They should wear a pale blue or white polo shirt and black or dark grey trousers/skirts. We will be encouraging this and providing black plimsoles or replacement tops for anyone who requires them.



We would also like to remind all pupils that PE kit consists of a navy sweatshirt (this could be a school jumper), white round neck t-shirt and navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms. Pupils should not be wearing any other items for PE. We will be encouraging this next year and providing spare kit for anyone who requires it.

### **SEND Coffee Morning**

We will be holding our first coffee morning on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**. This will be a chance for parents and carers of children who have SEND to meet together and chat about support available as well as some of the challenges that having a child who has SEND can pose. Further information about the coffee morning will follow in Autumn Term.

### **Thank you from Mrs. Wilson**

Thank you to all parents, carers and governors for all your support over the past 11 years I've been at Rosa Street. I have so many special memories that I will cherish forever. Goodbye Rosa Street!

### **Helping Hands**

I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped out on our sports day and the school colour run. I think the grown ups enjoyed it just as much as the children. We've had so much support this year from everyone which we really appreciate.

We're always looking for extra pairs of hands so if anyone would like to get involved contact the office or send a message on our Facebook page.



## **Sports Update**

### **PE Days**

Please note the updated PE days:

**Nursery AM** – Tuesday AM

**Nursery PM** – Monday PM

**Reception** – Thursday AM

**Year 1** - Wednesday

**Year 2** - Thursday

**Year 3** – Tuesday

**Year 4** – Monday

**Year 5** – Friday

**Year 6** – Wednesday (Swimming)

### **Parent Wellbeing Audit**

Thank you to those parents/carers who took the time to complete this term's wellbeing audit. Your views, suggestions and ideas are really important to us, and we will do all we can to improve wellbeing in school for our pupils.

## Summer Parent Questionnaire Feedback

Thank you for your feedback in the parent questionnaire from summer term.

We value your opinions and strive to make changes in school in the best interests of our pupil's education and their wellbeing.

We'll be making a place for nursery to store helmets, bikes and scooters.

We will be purchasing more books to improve range of reading books we offer to our pupils.

There will be additional training provided for staff to support sensory needs.

We will continue to invite parents and carers to our class showcases at the end of the year.

We will continue to invite parents and carers to choir performances.

We will endeavour to make app messages and information on the newsletters as clear and timely as possible.

We will adapt our production times to try to suit parents working hours.

We will continue to hold discos for Halloween and Valentine's Day

We will be training new play time buddies from KS2 to engage in games and activities at play times.

We will be arranging more coffee mornings for parents and carers.

We will continue to invite parents and carers to open afternoon.

We will continue to invite parents and carers to stay and play sessions in the EYFS.

We will continue to invite parents and carers to our class assemblies.

We will continue to invite parents and carers to reading afternoons.

We will continue to invite parents and carers to 'Craftermoons' at Christmas and Easter.

## Summer Parent Questionnaire Feedback

Here's some of the positive feedback we received. Thank you again; we have shared it with staff across school.

Rosa street staff always have a smile on their face and always make you feel welcome.

Mrs Hart from nursery always friendly & makes my little girl love nursery .

Support from Mrs Rowley, with pastoral care. Has been amaz-

Miss Bufton has been amazing with our child helping her improve in her confidence in the lead up to SATs.

Miss Darke and Miss Anderson have been unbelievable in providing my child with the best start to school life.

Miss Bennett goes above and beyond for the children in her class.

I'm so pleased with the progress my child has made both socially and academically.

Mrs Gibbons has been fantastic with my daughter understanding, patient and so helpful.

I love that Mrs Gibbons truly understands what a sensitive sole my child is.

It feels that Miss Davison is very passionate about positive outcomes for my child.

All the new staff in the office have been both helpful and polite to talk to. They provide a welcoming atmosphere for parents.

Mrs Wilson has been supportive when dealing with SEND paperwork. She has listened to my concerns and shared hers.

The input from Mrs Wilson and Miss Lowery have been fantastic. They have a genuine passion for the development of my child.

Miss Simpson has had a great first year of teaching. She has got the measure of our child and supports her and challenges her.

Mr Broadhurst has been fantastic with my child, encouraging him to take part in sporting events