



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th September 2023

Right of the Fortnight

Over the next few weeks to begin the academic year, we will be focusing on **'Articles 1,4 and 41 – Make Rights Happen'**. This makes it clear that everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention and that Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to parents both old and new as we start a new year together. Thank you all for being so punctual and getting children to school for the new start time of 8.45am. Thank you also 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.

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

Reception Class Big Welcome – Friday 29th September 2023 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 extends 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 29th 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 Wednesday 4th October**.

Peppa Pig Open Day for New Starters 2023 – Saturday September 30th 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 £3.50 per day.

Breakfast Club

We have a Breakfast Club that starts at **8.00am** 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.

Holiday Childcare – (October, February and May half term)

We will be offering holiday childcare between 8.30am and 4.00pm (excluding bank holidays) during the half term holidays in October, February and May). More information about this will follow nearer the time.

School Photographer – Tuesday 26th September

The school photographer will be visiting to take photographs of individual pupils in school.

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 20th October 9:00am- 10:00am in school**. 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. We are hoping to have a number of outside agencies joining the coffee morning as well. This will be confirmed in the next newsletter. If you are the parent/carer of a child with SEND and would like to know more about the event then please contact Mrs Gibbons.



Helping Hands

If any of our new parents would like to help support our school through fundraising activities then please contact the school office for more information. You can also get in touch via our facebook page.

Sports Update



We have an exciting year of sporting activities ahead of us! Dates will be confirmed for these in the next newsletter.

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)

Save the Date – Thursday 26th October

Harvest Festival – attend either AM (9.30am) or PM (2.00pm), more information to follow nearer the time.

Term Dates

Holiday	Closing Date	Date re-opens
Summer Term 2023	Friday 21st July 2023	Monday 4th September 2023
Autumn Half Term 2023	Friday 27th October 2023	Monday 6th November 2023
Christmas 2023	Tuesday 19th December 2023	Wednesday 3rd January 2024
Spring Half Term 2024	Friday 16th February 2024	Monday 26th February 2024
Easter 2024	Thursday 28th March 2024	Monday 15th April 2023
May Day 2024	Friday 3rd May 2024	Tuesday 7th May 2024
Summer Half Term 2024	Friday 24th May 2024	Monday 3rd June 2024
Summer Term 2024	Tuesday 23rd July 2024	Wednesday 4th September 2024

Free After-School Clubs – 3.15 – 4.15pm - Clubs will start week beginning **18th September** 2023 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:

Spanish Club with Mrs Gibbons on a **Wednesday**,

Chess Club with Mr Broadhurst and Miss Lowery on a **Thursday** Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 only.

Science Club with Miss Simpson on a **Thursday**

Choir Club with Miss Taylor 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.