



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th October 2023

Right of the Fortnight

Over the next two weeks we will be exploring the following right: **Article 16 – Right to Privacy**. "Every child has the right to privacy. The law should protect the child's private, family and home life".

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the SEND coffee morning. We hope you found it useful and supportive. 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.

Staffing Update

We appreciate that staffing in Year 2 has been difficult this term due to Mrs Gibbons' promotion to Deputy Head Teacher. We would like to apologise for this and reassure you that we are putting plans in place to address this. We will be appointing a full-time class teacher for our Year 2 pupils and Mrs Gibbons will be joining Mr Broadhurst in Year 6 in order to ensure that our Year 6 pupils benefit from smaller teaching groups on a morning.

Nursery News



We are having a Halloween disco on **Wednesday 25th October 3.30pm-4.30pm** in nursery. If your child attends nursery that day you can send in a spooky outfit and collect your child at 4.30pm. If your child does not attend nursery on that day you can drop them off at 3.30pm and collect at 4.30pm. Hotdogs will be available for 50p, if you would like your child to have one please send the cash in with them in a named envelope on that day.

Save the date: We will be having a Christmas Stay and Play, followed by a Christmas performance in The Nursery. There will be two sessions to choose from on the parent app nearer the time. The options will be Tuesday 12th December 9.30 - 11.30am and Thursday 14th December 1pm – 3pm.



Eco Schools Green Flag Award



We had an Eco celebration on Tuesday, where we celebrated being awarded the Eco Schools Green Flag Award. Children who attended Eco Club last Spring and Summer received a certificate for their hard work towards the award. Well done to everyone for saving energy, encouraging biodiversity and picking up litter, to keep our school grounds tidy. We enjoyed raising the flag outside and then taking part in some Eco Schools activities in classes. We will have our Green Flag plaque proudly displayed in the school entrance. Eco Club will continue after half term with Mrs Tugwell so we can continue with our work. Watch out for our Eco Newsletter on the app.

Halloween Disco – Thursday 26th October (Rec – Year 6)



We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a Halloween Disco before the children break up for half term. This is for school aged children and will be afterschool.

EYFS and Key Stage 1 (3.30pm – 4.45pm)

Children in Rec, Year 1 and Year 2

Key Stage 2 (5pm – 6.30pm)

Children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Entrance is £2.00 each which includes a hot dog and a drink. There will be crisps, sweets and drinks on sale too. EYFS & Key Stage 1 are allowed to bring money for the tuck shop in a sealed, named envelope for the shop. Older children can just return to school with their spending money on the night. In order to reduce our carbon footprint (and because tickets also get lost or forgotten) we will be operating a ticketless system. You can book a place for your child on the school gateway. Please ensure that you book a place by **Tuesday 24th October** so that we can ensure we have enough hot dogs etc for everyone.

Harvest Festival – Thursday 26th October (Reception – Year 6 pupils)

We would like to invite parents to our Harvest celebration 'Harvest Praise' (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 16th October 2023.

Green Careers Week 6th-10th November

Green careers week will be taking place in school between 6th-10th November and the children will be learning about jobs that help develop sustainability and care for the environment. If you, or someone you know, has a job/career that links to this and would be willing to speak to the children in school, then please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Gibbons. We already have some visitors confirmed for this event and can't wait for the children to learn more about a wide range of careers for the future.

Helping Hands

We are running a little Halloween competition to raise some funds. Children can try to guess the number of sweets in the jar. 50p per guess and the winner gets to take home the jar. Closing date for the competition is Wednesday 25th October, the winner will be announced in the celebration assembly on Friday 27th October.



Sports Update



Upcoming sports events:

Wednesday 25th October – Year 2 sports festival at Whitworth Park

Thursday 9th November – Key stage 2 Sportability

PE Days

Please note the updated PE days:

Nursery AM – Tuesday AM

Nursery PM – Monday PM

Reception – Wednesday AM

Year 1 - Wednesday

Year 2 - Thursday

Year 3 – Tuesday

Year 4 – Monday

Year 5 – Friday

Year 6 – Wednesday (Swimming)



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.