



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## Right of the Fortnight

October is Black History Month, so over the next two weeks we will be exploring the following right: **Article 4 No Discrimination**. The convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

### 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](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.

### Staffing Update

Mrs Gibbons has been recently appointed as Deputy Headteacher at our school. We would like to congratulate her on her new role. Miss Buffton also joins our team on a permanent basis and we would also like to congratulate her and we wish them both every success.

### Grinton Residential for Year 5 and Year 6

I know the staff and pupils are looking forward to a fantastic week away next week. Unfortunately, Miss Simpson has injured her leg and therefore she won't be able to accompany them on the trip. Miss Davison has kindly offered to help so Miss Simpson will be teaching in Year 1 next week while Miss Davison is away on the residential.

### Nursery News

We are having a Halloween disco on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.





## Eco Schools News

We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in renewing our Green Flag accreditation. We will be having a celebration event in school on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, where we will raise the Green Flag and celebrate the achievements of the Eco Committee. Following the celebration, children will return to their classes and carry out Eco-related activities in the afternoon. Thank you to our dedicated Eco Committee for coming to Eco Club and helping us to make a positive difference to our school, and the planet!

### Show racism the Red Card – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Children are invited to come into school wearing something red for 'Show Racism the Red Card Day'.

### Halloween Disco – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> October** so that we can ensure we have enough hot dogs etc for everyone. **You can book from today (Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October).**

### Harvest Festival – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

### SEND Coffee Morning

We will be holding our first coffee morning on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 have an informal chat about support available as well as some of the challenges that having a child who has SEND can pose. As this is our first

coffee morning it will also be a chance for parents to voice what additional support they feel that they would benefit from, either from other agencies (e.g. CAMHS) or directly from school. We are pleased to confirm that a member of the SENDIASS (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Services) team will be attending to answer any general questions in relation to SEND. Please contact Mrs Gibbons if you would like more information regarding the event.

### **Green Careers Week 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> November**

Green careers week will be taking place in school between 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Young Carers**

We currently run a support group for Young Carers in school. We have several children who already attend the group, but we are also aware that there may be some children who are Young Carers that we don't know about. A Young Carer can be any child who has additional responsibilities at home. They could have a parent/sibling with a significant medical need, or they may provide additional support at home due to adult mental health needs. If your child is a Young Carer and you would like them to attend the group, then please contact Mrs Gibbons for more information.



### **Helping Hands**

We'd just like to say a big thank you to everyone who came to the meeting last week. It was lovely to see new faces.

We will be 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. **We will get a message sent out on the app to parents when the competition opens.**

### **Halloween Costume Swap**

Helping Hands will be running a Halloween costume swap in school prior to the disco. If you have old costumes that you no longer require please could you bring them into school by **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** and we will be running a stand with pre loved costumes on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** for parents and carers to look through.

### **OPAL News**

As the weather takes a seasonal turn, children will be required to wear wellies on a more regular basis, if they are playing on the paddock at break times. It is easier if children have their own wellies to wear during play times. Please clearly name each welly. We would also welcome any donations of old wellies that you no longer require to use as spares.



## Sports Update

Upcoming sports events:

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 2 sports festival at Whitworth Park

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### 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 would like to book all 5 days, please contact the office to book so that we can add the discount onto your account. 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 **14<sup>th</sup> October 2023**.



## Parent Support Information – Staying Safe Online

### Online Wellbeing

There are lots of positives for children being online, however there can be negatives too. For some it can become overwhelming trying to keep up with friends, and the pressure can mount. There is some helpful guidance and advice for parents in the link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/>



Parent Controls - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>



### Useful Facebook Tools

Facebook - <https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/facebook-checklist.pdf>

**National Crime Agency's** [CEOP Education Programme](#) provides information for the children's workforce and **parents and carers** on protecting children and young people from online child sexual abuse.

[Childline/IWF Report Remove](#) is a free tool that allows children to report nude or sexual images and/or videos of themselves that they think might have been shared online