



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## Right of the Fortnight

Over the next two weeks we will be exploring the following right:

**Article 13 (freedom of expression) Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.**

In assembly we have been reminding ourselves of some of the Rights of the Child, and that those rights are universal and unconditional.

### Dear Parents,

It continues to be a busy half term in school. Some of our children from Spanish Club enjoyed attending a music studio to record the Pharrell William's song 'Happy' in Spanish. They did a fantastic job and we look forward to hearing it. Thank you all for your support with our Children in Need Day last Friday. The children looked great! If you were unable to make your parent appointment to find out about your child's progress then please contact the school office to organise a convenient time to meet with the teacher.

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.

### Punctuality

Please could I remind all parents that learning begins at 8.45am which is when the school gate closes. Children who come into school after this time will be marked as late which will affect their attendance. Please ensure that you arrive between 8.35am and 8.45am to drop off your child. We do have a free breakfast club from 8am that anyone can attend which would ensure children are in school and ready for the start of the day.

### Staffing Update

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed a full-time teacher for Year 2. Mrs Gilbert is an experienced teacher and she will be joining us from January. She hopes to come into school to spend an afternoon getting to know the children in the next couple of weeks. We look forward to welcoming her to our school.

### Attendance Ladder



### **Pantomime Visit**

Our pantomime visit is taking place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November where we will see Cinderella at the Gala Theatre Durham. Please can all children come to school in full school uniform and be appropriately dressed for the weather with a warm coat on. The coaches will leave school just after 9am and return around 1pm for lunch. The show has a 20 minute interval so please can you send in a snack and a drink for them to enjoy as there will be no opportunity to buy anything at the Gala Theatre. Please can there be no fizzy drinks, no energy drinks and no glass bottles. Please can the snacks be nut free.

### **Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

If your child usually has a packed lunch and would like to have a Christmas Dinner on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** please complete the form on the app and send in a payment of £2.50 (in a named and sealed envelope) by **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November**. Any morning or afternoon nursery children who would like to stay are welcome – the cost of a nursery lunch is £3.00.



### **Christmas Performance for Rec – Year 6**

We are delighted that we will be celebrating Christmas with a wonderful performance by our children. Tickets are on sale at the school office for £2 per person. Our performances take place on: **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** 2pm and 6pm, **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** 9.15am and 6pm. It is really important that all children are brought back to school at **5.45pm** for the evening performance as it impacts on everyone if we have children missing.

### **Nursery Request for resources**

If anyone has any spare Christmas decorations or Nativity costumes they no longer need could you send them into nursery. We are also getting short of spare everyday clothes – if you have any girls' or boys' trousers, tops, jumpers and socks age 2-3, 3-4 or 4-5 please send them to nursery for our spares. We greatly appreciate your support!

### **Eco News**

We now have a recycling box for **unwanted small electrical items**. Please drop off any unwanted hairdryers, toasters, kettles etc and pop them in the box in the entrance. These will be collected and recycled by Durham County Council. It's another way we can help to reduce waste and stop so many unwanted items going to landfill. There is also a box for used batteries. Thank you for your support.

## Helping Hands

We are now taking orders for our school calendars that all the children have contributed to help make. Calendars are £3.50 each and will be available to order until Friday 1st December via the school gateway.



## Sports Update

Upcoming sports events:

**29<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 5/6 Hi-5 Netball

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November** – KS2 Wellness Festival



## 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)

## Cold Weather

If anyone has any spare hats, scarves or gloves please can you drop them into the school office so that we can give them to any children, thank you.

**Christmas Leaflet** – Please see our Christmas leaflet that is on the letters section of our website for all the upcoming Christmas dates.