



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th December 2023

Right of the Fortnight

Over the next two weeks we will be exploring this following right, as we approach Human Rights Day on 10th December:

Article 4: Making Rights Real. 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.

Article 4: Best Law for Children Applies. If a country has laws and standards that go further than the Convention, then the country must keep these laws.

Dear Parents,

It is difficult to believe that this is our final newsletter of 2023. The year has flown by and we have achieved so much! I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our pupils, staff, parents, governors and directors for the energy and support that they put into making our school such a special place to be. I would also like to say a special thank you to the members of 'Helping Hands' for their amazing fundraising and support which makes a huge difference to school life. I know that Christmas is the busiest time of year for us all and I am so grateful to everyone who has spared some of their precious time to support our school.

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.

We close for our Christmas holidays on Tuesday 19th December and reopen on Thursday 4th January.



Congratulations – Christmas Card Winners

We were delighted that some of our pupils won prizes in the Spennymoor Christmas Card Competition. They were presented with their cards at the town hall on Sunday. Huge congratulations to Bobby McDonald and Alyssia Woodhatch.

Toy Day

Tuesday 19th December will be toy day. Children can bring toys and games (not electronic or valuable) into school to play with on this day.





Christmas Parties – Reception to Year 6

We hope to be having a visit from Santa at our Christmas Parties this year. The dates are on our Christmas Information Leaflet on the school website and below. If there are any parents who would like to come to see their child receive their present in Reception to Year 6 classes, then parents are welcome to attend at the times below:

Friday 15th December Reception - 2.15pm in Reception classroom

Friday 15th December Year 1 and Year 2 - 2.30pm in the hall

Monday 18th December Year 3 and Year 4 - 2.30pm in the hall

Tuesday 19th December Year 5 and Year 6 - 2.30pm in the hall

Pantomime Visit

Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the pantomime at the Gala Theatre last week. A huge thank you to everyone for supporting us with this visit. Thank you to 'Helping Hands' for subsidising the cost and to all the parents who came along to help. The children had a fantastic time, so we hope to visit again next year!



Breakfast Club Helpers



As we have a very popular Breakfast Club, we are looking for parents and carers who could help out with Breakfast Club from 8 – 8:45 on a regular basis. This would include making toast, serving the children and general tidying of the hall at the end. Please see the office if you think you have the time to spare to help us.

Reading books

We will be carrying out an audit of all scheme reading books in the last week of term. No new reading books will be given out next week whilst we complete the audit. Can all nursery children return their Nursery Library books before the holidays too? Thank you.

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 13th December** 2pm and 6pm, **Thursday 14th 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 News

We will be having a nursery Christmas party on **Monday 18th December 1pm-2.30pm**. Children can come dressed in party clothes or bring an outfit to change into. If your child does not attend afternoon nursery and would like to come, please let a member of nursery staff know so we can make sure we have the correct number of adults.

A reminder about applying for a school place

If your child is due to start school in September 2024 please make sure you have applied for their school place **before Monday 15th January 2024**. Please note that if your child attends Rosa Street nursery they do not automatically get a place in our Reception class. You can find the admissions form by following this link:

[School places and admissions - Durham County Council](#)



Helping Hands - Bauble Decorating Competition

Baubles are 50p each and available from the office. A winner from each class will be picked for a prize. Baubles need to be handed into the office by Wednesday 13th to be judged and then handed back. Winners will be announced Friday 15th.

Also our calendars featuring all our school & nursery pupils work are available to get from the office at £3.50 each

Sports Update

Upcoming sports events:

Wednesday 10th January – non-swimmers gala

Thursday 18th January – Move with Max festival for reception

Thursday 25th January – Year 5 net/wall/ball

Friday 26th January – Year 6 net/wall/ball



PE Days

Please note the updated PE days for Spring term are:

Nursery AM – Tuesday AM

Nursery PM – Monday PM

Reception – Wednesday AM

Year 1 - Wednesday

Year 2 - Thursday

Year 3 – Tuesday

Year 4 – Friday

Year 5 – Wednesday (Swimming)

Year 6 – Monday



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.**

Free After-School Clubs – 3.15 – 4.15pm - Clubs will start week beginning **8th January 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 Rec to Year 6 this half term. The clubs on offer are:

Lego Lunchtimes Club with Mrs Gibbons on a **Monday Lunchtime**

TT Rockstars Club with Mr Broadhurst on a **Wednesday Lunchtime**

Rec and KS1 Multi Skills Club with Miss Simpson on a **Wednesday**

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.

Safeguarding Advice for Parents

Mobile Phones - <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/phones>

Roblox - <https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/roblox-checklist-new.pdf>

Reporting Online Concerns - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-reporting/>

Laptops - <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/laptops>

Tik Tok - <https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/tiktok-checklist-2021.pdf>

Twitter - <https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/twitter-checklist-2020.pdf>

Online Sexual Harassment - <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/report/talking-to-your-child-about-online-sexual-harassment-a-guide-for-parents/>

[StopItNow](#) – Preventing harmful sexual behaviour in children - Stop It Now provides a guide for **parents, carers** and professionals to help everyone do their part in keeping children safe, they also run a free confidential helpline.

[Action against abduction](#) - Building children's confidence and abilities rather than simply warning them about all strangers and [Clever never goes](#) – the new campaign that teaches children how to stay safe from abduction whether they are outside or online.

Game Consoles - <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/games-consoles>

Snapchat - <https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/snapchat-checklist.pdf>

Apple Screen Time - <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT208982>

Parent Survey Feedback

Thank you to all the parents and carers that took the time to complete the recent parent questionnaire. Feedback from the survey is included below. We have also listened to feedback and adapted the questionnaire to include a comments box for all future surveys. In the meantime, we would welcome comments and feedback on the high expectations staff have for children. Please add comments to the form on the app.



99% of parents/ carers said they were made aware of what their child was learning across the year



99% of parents/ carers said their child is happy and feels safe at school.



90% of parents/ carers said school has high expectations for their child



99% of parents/ carers said any concerns raised had been dealt with properly.



99% of parents/ carers said they would recommend our school to others.