



Rosa Street Primary School Newsletter
Friday 19th January 2018
Right of the Fortnight



Article 15: Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to everyone after our Christmas break, it seems such a long time ago now. We are looking forward to a busy half term with lots going on in school. We have found the feedback from the pupils and parents on after school clubs very useful and we will be using this to plan clubs in the future. We will endeavour to keep you fully informed of our upcoming events through the newsletter and our website: www.rosastreet.durham.school.uk (where all newsletters are uploaded) and on twitter (@rosastreet4). Download our app to keep up to date with all school messages – for further details see our website.



Early Bird Breakfast Club from 7.30am – 8.50am

We will be trialling an early breakfast club in school that will start after the Easter holidays. Pupils will be able to come into school from 7.30am. This additional club will be run by a paid member of staff so we need to charge £3 per pupil per day.

Lots of parents have expressed interest in childcare from 7.30am so we hope that it will be well used. If you are interested in using this club at any time in the future could you please express your interest on the form on the app or the bottom of this newsletter.

Year 6 Parents Statutory Testing Information Meeting – Thursday 25th January at 5pm

It is vital that you attend this meeting so that you know about all the changes the government has made to statutory testing since 2015. You will be given advice on how best to support your child as they prepare for these tests. If you are unable to attend this meeting we will contact you to arrange a more convenient time to share this information with you.

Helping Hands

Helping Hands are asking for donations of any bottle bags that you might have in the house after Christmas. These will be used on our wine and water stall at the school fayre. They are always looking for any volunteers to help out in school in any small way. If you think you could offer spare some time to help then please let the school office know or contact them via facebook at 'Helping Hands of Rosa Street'. Please follow them on Facebook to keep up to date with extra-curricular events.



Sports Update:

Y5/6 Basketball 23rd Jan pm - A selection of children will take part in a basketball festival. This event is for children only. More team details will be given soon.

Thursday 1st Feb -10am - 2pm - A selection of pupils will take part in Sportsability at Spennymoor Leisure Centre. Information for the children involved will be given out soon. This event is for children only.

Tuesday 20th Feb 12:30 -3pm - A selection of Y3 children will attend Sports Skills at The Alun Armstrong Centre. Additional information for the children involved will be given out soon. This event is for children only.

Mayor's Performance

The Mayor is organising a performance that will include children from all Spennymoor schools. I have included the letter that explains further details about this event.



E-Safety Assembly – Wednesday 7th February 9.30am and 2.00pm

We would like to invite parents to our E-Safety assembly. The children will perform and there will be the opportunity for some refreshments afterwards. 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. Tickets are 50p each and are on sale from the 22.1.18 and initially they will be restricted to 2 tickets per family. This will be for 1 week to ensure everyone gets the opportunity to attend the time of their choice. After 29.1.18 tickets will be open to everyone so that extended family members or parents/carers who would like extra tickets can purchase them. Tickets will be on sale at the school office for 50p per person. The money raised from tickets will go to the NSPCC who provide excellent resources and support for parents and schools to keep children safe online.

Valentines Day and Chinese New Year Menus

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a special menu on Thursday 8th February (please ensure that make your menu choice on the school app by Monday 22nd January). If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to have a dinner on this day then please let the office know by 22.1.18. We are also celebrating Chinese New Year with a special menu on Monday 19th February (please ensure that make your menu choice on the school app by Friday 26th January). If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to have a dinner on this day then please let the office know by 26.1.18.

Valentine's Disco – Thursday 8th February

All pupils are invited to a Valentine's Disco. Entrance is £2.50 (payable at the office prior to the event) and this will include juice and a hot dog for each child. There will be sweets and crisps on sale so children need to bring money in a sealed, named envelope. Reception and Key Stage 1 Disco: 3.30pm – 4.45pm. Key Stage 2 Disco: 5.00pm – 6.30pm. Reception and Key Stage 1 children can bring their disco clothes to school and staff will help them to get ready. In order to reduce our carbon footprint (and because tickets also get lost or forgotten) we will be operating a ticketless system. If your child brings in money for entry to the school disco they will be marked off on the list in the office which will be checked against the pupils at the disco on the evening.



International Schools Project

We all really enjoyed our visit from the Sri Lankan teachers in October 2017 and learned a lot from the experience. Mr Hornsby, Miss Lindsay and Miss Copland have already visited our partner schools in Sri Lanka. This time Mrs Harrison and Miss Davison will be visiting our partner school in Welligama, Sri Lanka. We will be taking work from the pupils to share with them. This has all been funded by the British Council Connecting Classrooms International Schools Project.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic book fair will be in school from Friday 26th January until Thursday 1st February. The fair will run every night on these dates from 3:15pm-3:45pm. Children will be given an opportunity to have a look at the books with their class teacher and leaflets will be sent home next week so that children can have a look at the wide range of books on offer. As a school we receive a commission on every book purchased that we then use to buy new books for classes and our school library, so the more books purchased the more books we can buy! We hope we can rely on your support for this event. Please see Mrs Gibbons if you would like any more information.



Name of pupil:

Year Group:

I am interested in using Early Bird Breakfast Club from 7.30am.