



Rosa Street Primary School Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2017

Right of the Fortnight



Article 3: The best interest of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.

Dear Parents,

We have had another busy few weeks in school and we would like to thank you for supporting the Lumiere event that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We were pleased that so many of you could attend the Open Afternoon yesterday and the children really enjoyed sharing their work with you. We managed to raise £161.71 for Children in Need last week so we would also like to thank you for your support with that. 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.

Attendance Update

We appreciate the improvements that have been made in attendance this term. Research has shown the impact that this has on pupils achieving their full potential. Our whole school target for attendance is 96%. The table below shows the benefits of excellent attendance:

Table of attendance figures			
Percentage	Days Absence	Comment	Achievement
Above 97%	Less than 6 days absence per year	Excellent Attendance	These children will almost certainly achieve their full potential in school
95-96%	10 days absence per year	Missing 2 weeks of school every year	These children are likely to achieve but could still improve their attendance!
90% - 94%	19 days absence per year	Missing one month of school every year	These children will find it hard to achieve their best in school
85% - 89%	29 days absence per year	Missing six weeks of school every year	These children will find it very difficult to keep up with work in school and are unlikely to achieve their potential.
80% - 84%	38 days absence per year	Missing a year of school over the time spent in primary education	These children will find it almost impossible to keep up with their work.

Rosa Street Choir

The Choir will be singing at the Trinity Methodist Church, Spennymoor on **Saturday 25th November**. Children and accompanying adults are asked to meet at the church at 10:30am. The children will also be singing at Trinity Church for the Age UK Christmas Dinner. This will take place on **Tuesday 5th December** at 1:15pm. School Staff will accompany the children to this event.



Year 2 Visit

Y2 will be visiting the Trinity Methodist Church on Thursday 29th November (AM) to take part in the Christmas Journey. This is part of their RE work this half term.

Christmas Dinner – Friday 15th December



If your child is on packed lunch and you would like them to have a school dinner, please let the office know and send your payment in by Monday 27th November. The cost is £2 per pupil. Pupils who already have a school dinner will automatically get Christmas Dinner.

Happy Birthday Jesus!

Happy Birthday Jesus – School Christmas Production on Wed 13th and Thurs 14th Dec

Our Christmas performances take place in school. We have 4 performances over 2 days to ensure that all families get to enjoy the show. It is always a fantastic event and very well supported by yourselves. It is important that all pupils attend the evening performances as this ensures that the show runs smoothly and can be enjoyed by all. The performances will be on the afternoon and evening of **Wednesday 13th December at 2pm and 6pm and the morning of Thursday 14th December at 9.30am and 6pm.** Tickets are priced at £2 each and are on sale from today (24.11.17) and initially they will be restricted to 2 tickets per family per show. This will be for 1 week to ensure everyone gets the opportunity to attend the show of their choice. After 1.12.17 ticket sales will be open to everyone so that extended family members or parents/carers who would like tickets for extra shows can purchase them. Tickets will be on sale at the school office for £2.00 per person.

Christmas Craft Afternoons – 1.45pm

The Christmas Craft afternoon is an opportunity for you, a grandparent or family friend to come into school to join your child in creating a range of Christmas crafts. We will have a range of items available with all the resources and we welcome you into school to have fun with your child creating some Christmas decorations that you can take home.



Monday 4 th December	Xmas Crafts	Y6	1:45 – 3:15pm
Tuesday 5 th December	Xmas Crafts	Y4 & Y5	1:45 – 3:15pm
Wednesday 6 th December	Xmas Crafts	R, Y1 & Y2	1:45 – 3:15pm
Thursday 7 th December	Xmas Crafts	Y6	1:45 – 3:15pm
Friday 8 th December	Xmas Crafts	Y3 Mrs Hardman & Miss Mckee	1:45 – 3:15pm

Helping Hands

Rosa Street 2018 calendars are now available to pre order at the office for £3 each. They include lovely self-portraits of all the children and staff so do come and have a look and order yourself a copy.



We are also looking for volunteers to help with the washing up after Breakfast Club.

Our Breakfast Club numbers continue to grow and it can only stay at its very low cost of £1 per day if we get help from volunteers.



Sports Update

Events this half term:

1st December (AM) Year 2 Multi-skills Event at FBEC. This event is for children only.
5th December (10am -12pm) Gymnastics Festival at Spennymoor Pink Gym for **some Year 1** children. Children involved have already had a letter about this event. Parents and carers are welcome to watch. There is usually a small admission fee for spectators. At the moment we are unsure of when our time slot will be.

Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 15th December

We are asking pupils to come to school in their Christmas Jumpers and bring a donation for Save the Children. This charity aims to make sure that every child in the world grows up healthy and happy and we hope we can count on your support.



Christmas Parties

Please remember that we are hoping to have a visit from Santa if our pupils have been well behaved. The North Pole has been in touch and we should be getting a visit at each party at 2.30pm. Parents are more than welcome to come along and see their child receive a gift from Santa and take a photo too.