



Rosa Street Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2017

Right of the Fortnight

Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.



Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to parents, both old and new, as we start another year together. We had an amazing year last year and achieved so much. It has been a busy summer with building repairs being undertaken in Reception and we hope to get re-decorated as soon as it has fully dried out. 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.

Key Stage 2 Progress Data 2017

On August 31st the progress data for Year 6 was published. We are pleased to say that we were above national in Reading with 1.5 and in Maths with 1. We got 0 for Writing which is national average exactly.

Staffing Update

We would like to welcome back Mrs Gibbons (formerly Miss Nicolson) from maternity leave and congratulate Mrs Campbell (formerly Mrs Dee) who has recently got married. We would also like to warmly welcome Miss McKee who joins us as class teacher in Year 3.

Rights Respecting Level 2

We are very pleased to announce that we have achieved Rights Respecting Level 2 status. I would like to thank Mrs Deinali for leading this area across school. I would also like to thank all the parents, children and staff for their contributions towards this.



School Photographs – Friday 15th September – Families with pre-school children from 8:30

A letter was sent out on the app today with information about pupil photographs. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Winmarleigh Parents Meeting - Wednesday 13th September at 5pm

We will be holding a meeting for parents of pupils going to Winmarleigh on Wednesday 15th September at **5pm**. This is an opportunity to get some additional information and ask any questions.

Big Welcome – Reception Pupils and Parents – Friday 22nd September at 1.30pm

Three years ago we held a grand opening for our new Reception parents and pupils to celebrate the brand new Early Years Setting and we all had a fabulous time. We have continued this tradition since then, but renamed our celebration a 'Big Welcome' event for Reception pupils which will take place on Friday 22nd September. Our Reception children really enjoy showing parents or other family members around the setting and we will celebrate their new start with juice and cakes.

Breakfast Club



We have a Breakfast Club that starts at 8.15am every day and all pupils are welcome to join us. The cost is £1 per day unless you are in receipt of free school meals, and then there is no cost. The club is run by our Teaching Assistants on a voluntary basis and we are also lucky to have some governors and parents at present who volunteer their time to help staff run the breakfast club. If anyone else would like to volunteer their time to help with Breakfast Club it would be a huge help to us – even only 1 morning a week would be great. If you can, then please contact the office for further details.

Jack in the Box Childcare at Rosa Street

Just a reminder that we offer wraparound childcare which has proven to be very popular over the last 2 years. If you are interested in finding out more about our wraparound provision, please contact the school office for further details.



School Lunches

A reminder that pupils who are in Key Stage 1 (Rec, Year 1 and Year 2) are entitled to a free school meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meals provision. If you are in receipt of benefits and would qualify for Free School Meals then you still must fill in the Free School Meal form so that we receive the correct funding. If your child is in Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 or 6) and you are not entitled to free school meals then the cost is £2 per day.

Online Payments for Dinner Money

Another reminder that you can now make payments online via your debit/credit card for dinner money. If you have already updated us with a valid mobile number and email address, you will now be able to create a secure account where you can make payments to school. You can download the app 'School Gateway' or visit the website www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'New user'. You will receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to log into School Gateway. If you are having trouble logging on it will be because we do not have your up to date e-mail details, so pop them into the office if you want to use this new system. This is a great way of making payments for dinners etc.

App Update

We are so pleased that so many people have downloaded the app. If your phone or the app updates you may need to log back into the app. The login details are always available on the website if you need to do this. The app is our main form of communication now in school so please make full use of it.



Samara's Aid – Donations for children

We are proud to say that we have supported Samara's Aid for several years and our school community has always been very generous in making donations. Samara's Aid provides practical help to displaced families who have lost everything. This year we are asking for donations for 'Smiley Bags' which are given to children. The contents include:

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| A warm hat | Sponge |
| Soap x2 bars (no liquids) | A small notepad |
| Toothbrushes (multipack) | A pack of crayons/pencils |
| Toothpaste | A pencil sharpener |
| Pack of pants 4/5 pairs | A small cuddly toy |
| A pencil case | |
| Washbag preferably with a child-friendly, fun design | |
| Pack of socks 4/5 pairs (Size guide: 3-5yr: 9-11/ 6-9yr: 12-3.5/10-13yr: 4-6.5) | |
| A small picture card game (e.g. snap/pairs) that doesn't require children to understand English | |

If you can donate any of these items then please send them into school. They need to be brought into school by **Friday 22nd September.**

Helping Hands



It is the Annual General Meeting for Helping Hands on **Monday 18th September at 9am** in school. All are welcome to come along.

'Helping Hands' has a **Facebook page** that they want to share with all parents it is called '**Helping Hands of Rosa Street**'. Please follow them on Facebook to keep up to date with extra-curricular events.



Sports Update

A reminder that all pupils must bring their PE kit into school on a Monday so that it is available throughout the week for any sports opportunities. No jewellery can be worn for PE earrings must be taken out.

Silver School Games Award

We are pleased to announce that we have achieved the Silver School Games Award which recognises all the sports opportunities available in school. I would like to thank Miss Davison for leading this across school along with the staff and pupils for their enthusiasm.



Dates for the Diary

(We are trying to give as much notice as possible, where we can. Sometimes opportunities present themselves and they are too good to turn down so there may be times when things occur in school at short notice.)

Halloween School Disco – Wednesday 18th October (After school)

Harvest Festival Whole School Celebration – Thursday 19th October – 9.30am or 2pm

Parents Meetings Week beg: Monday 6th November- After School appointments Monday and Afternoon appointments will also be available, to be confirmed nearer the time.

School Nutrition Action Group meeting – Tuesday 14th November at 2pm

Holiday	Closing Date	Date re-opens
Autumn half-term 2017	Friday 20 October 2017	Tuesday 31 October 2017
Christmas 2017	Friday 22 December 2017	Monday 8 th January 2018
Spring half-term 2018	Friday 9 February 2018	Monday 19 February 2018
Easter 2018	Thursday 29 March 2018	Monday 16 April 2018
May Day 2018	Friday 4 May 2018	Tuesday 8 May 2018
Summer half-term 2018	Friday 25 May 2018	Tuesday 5 June 2018
Summer 2018	Friday 20 July 2017	TBC

After School Clubs 3:15 – 4:15 – Use the app to fill out an after school club form

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 Year 1 to Year 6 this half term. When our Reception pupils have had a chance to settle in, after half term they will be able to join in too. The clubs on offer are: **Cookery Club, Knitting Club, Art Club, Outdoor Adventure Club and Eco Club**. 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 complete the form on the school app to give permission for your child to attend their chosen club.