



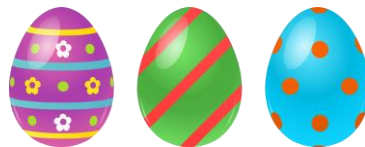
March Newsletter

SCHOOL NEWS

We say a very fond farewell to Mrs Laidler who will be leaving us on Wednesday. She has given many years of service to our school and will be hugely missed by staff and children alike. We wish her the very best for her retirement – and look forward to her return as a volunteer to hear readers!!!

We welcome Miss Owers who is working in our Early Years Unit during Mrs Hawkins absence. We wish Mrs Hawkins a speedy recovery. We also welcome Miss Stott who will be teaching with Mrs Duffield in Year 1.

Please let the office know if you are having difficulty receiving ParentMail. We had a number of families come to our Open Afternoon last week in response to our ParentMail, however we also heard that many were unaware of the event. ParentMail offers an app for iPhone/Samsung phones which should enable easier access to our communications. Whilst we have launched a Facebook page, we are not yet up and running with this for all school events.



EASTER CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

You are invited to join us for our Easter Celebration Assembly at 9.15am on Wednesday 28th March in the Dining Hall. Children in Reception to Year 4 will be taking part, and Nursery children will be coming to watch. The Friends' Easter Raffle will be drawn after the assembly and the Friends Easter Tombola will take place at the end of the day.

FORD CASTLE

Please remember to return all forms back to school by Thursday 29th March.

EASTER THEMED LUNCH

Our next Themed Thursday lunch will be on Thursday 29th March to celebrate Easter. For children who currently take a packed lunch and would like to join us, please let the office know - there will be a charge of £2 for children in Years 3 and 4.

NORTH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S CANCER RUN – SUNDAY 20th MAY

We have staff taking part in the mini mile and the 3/5 mile routes. Please join us and raise some money for this excellent cause. For further details, please see Mrs Brotherton.

SPORT NEXT HALF TERM

On Wednesday afternoons, Year 4s will be swimming, Year 3s will be taking part in Forest School, Years 2s and Year 1s will be doing PE. Parent volunteers for swimming would be very welcome. Please speak to the office if you are able to help.

Reception and Nursery will be accessing the outdoors throughout the summer.

FOOD IN SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you to everyone who has returned a questionnaire. These have been passed to our Governor Working Party who will analyse the results. We hope to report their findings and suggestions to you later this year.



EARRINGS

Please may we again remind parents that earrings and jewellery of any kind is not allowed in school. For those who have recently had their ears pierced, earrings must be covered with tape at all times to reduce the risk of accidents during play/PE. Please ensure that your children adhere to this policy.

MESSAGE FROM OUR CARETAKER: Please do not leave scooters or bikes at school overnight/at the weekend. We are having an increasing number of “unwelcome visitors” on the grounds when school is closed and we cannot guarantee that bikes/scooters won’t be damaged and/or stolen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thu 29 Mar	Whole School	School closes at 3.15pm for Easter break
Mon 16 Apr	Whole School	School opens at 8.50am
Friday afternoons	YR,1,2,3,4	Yogabugs (every Friday in the Summer first Half Term)
Wed 25 Apr to Fri 27 Apr	Y4	Ford Castle residential with Mrs Mathewson, Mr Grimes and Mrs Scott
Fri 4 May	Whole School	Friends Disco
Mon 7 May	Whole School	School closed for May Day Holiday
Thu 17 May	YR,1,2,3,4	Themed Thursday lunch – Royal Wedding
Sun 20 May	All + parents	North of England Children's Cancer Run
Thu 24 May	YR,1,2,3,4 + parents	Provisional date for Sports Afternoon – weather dependent
Fri 25 May	Whole School	School closes at 3.15pm for Spring Bank Holiday break
Mon 4 Jun	Whole School	School opens at 8.50am



From all of us at Rothbury First School!