



## November Newsletter

**CIRCLE OF REMEMBRANCE** We will be holding our annual Circle of Remembrance on Monday at 11am. Your child is welcome to wear a poppy to school that day.

**PARENT PRESENTATIONS** Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our eSafety presentation and our Year 2 formal assessments presentation. We hope that you found these useful and we appreciate the lovely feedback that we have received. We understand that the timings of these did not suit everyone, so we will be sending out a flyer to see if there is a demand for running these two presentations at a different time.

**PARENT CONSULTATIONS** A few people have asked if there would be an opportunity to talk to teachers again before the end of the school year. Teachers are generally around at the end of every school day for an informal chat however we also are planning our next formal parent consultations in February 2018. Your child's end of year report will be delivered to you in July.

**FANTASTIC NEW SEATING!** Many thanks to the Friends of Rothbury First School for supplying our wonderful new circular benches. A big thanks to David Sant for putting them together, and thanks also to the band of volunteers who helped move them into position.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** We will be hosting a book fair in school from Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – please see the leaflet and letter coming out in bookbags. Parental help would be much appreciated – please see Mrs Brotherton.

**NURSERY/RECEPTION OPEN MORNING** Unfortunately we have had to reschedule our Open Morning planned for next week. However we have an open invitation to any parent wishing to join our school to come and see what we do.

**CHILDREN IN NEED** We will be celebrating Children in Need on Friday 17 November. If you wish your child to take part, please send your child to school dressed in a "rainbow of colours" with a pound for Pudsey (a good way to get rid of those old "round pounds"!



**FRIENDS OF ROTHBURY FIRST SCHOOL AGM** Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the FRFS meeting. A further meeting will be planned for the New Year. In the meantime, we would be extremely grateful for any offers of help with refreshments for the Bingo Night and Christmas Carols event. Please see Claire Davison, Claire Gonzalez or David Owen for further details.

**SCHOOL GOVERNOR** We would like to thank Katie Scott for volunteering to be our new co-opted School Governor. Katie has been a strong voice in the local hospital campaign and we are pleased to have her join our team.

**NEWCASTLE FALCONS** We are very pleased to have Newcastle Falcons working with our Year 3 and Year 4 children. This is a project which enables the children to receive specialist coaching in Tag Rugby and also learn British Sign Language. Please ask your children to show you what they have learned.

**SWIMMING** Parents have asked if their Year 1 children will receive the three swimming sessions – the answer is yes! We will swim for two weeks, then go to the theatre, then swim for one more week.

**EARRINGS** We seem to have had a flurry of children wearing earrings and other jewellery to school. Please may we remind parents that, in accordance with our uniform policy, **jewellery of any kind is not allowed in school.** We strongly request that any children wishing to have their ears pierced wait until the start of the summer holiday so that their ears will be healed by the start of next term.

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 would you ensure that your children adhere to this policy.



**Dates for your diary:**

Mon 13 Nov	R,1,2,3,4	Circle of Remembrance
Fri 17 Nov	Whole School	Children in Need
Sat 25 Nov	Singing Club	Rothbury Christmas Lights/Lantern parade/singing in church
Wed 6 Dec	R,1,2,3,4	Theatre trip to Alnwick Playhouse to see the Princess and the Goblin
Tue 12 Dec	3,4	Tag Rugby Festival with Newcastle Falcons
Thurs 14 Dec	all	Bingo Night! Further details to come
Mon 18 Dec	all	Lantern Parade from school and Christmas Carols at Rothbury All Saints Church (starting 5.30pm-ish)
Mon 18 – Fri 22 Dec	all	Christmas festivities in school
Fri 22 Dec	Whole School	School closes at 3.15pm for Christmas break.
Mon 8 Jan 2018	-	School opens at 8.50am

Term dates for 2017-2018 are available on the Northumberland County Council website:  
<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Holidays.aspx#schooltermdates>

**Please note that school will be closed for Teacher Training on the following dates:**

**Friday 29 June 2018**

## THE SCHOOL CAR PARK

We continue to be very concerned about the usage of our car park. The car park is primarily for the use of school staff, school transport and visitors to school. Our Governors will be reviewing the usage of the facility and how safety may be further improved.

Until this review is completed, if you wish to use our car park, follow our car park code:

- **School staff and school transport have priority** over the car park spaces
- **Drive slowly – 5mph on the ramp and within the car park**
- **Reverse into spaces** to reduce the chance of a child being knocked over
- **Accompany your children AT ALL TIMES.** If you are getting more than one child out of the car, take the other child to the fence to wait for you. Hold your child's hand whilst in the car park and walk them to the gate. *Staff and visitors have witnessed parents letting children out of the car to walk/run to the gate on their own whilst the car is still running. Children have also been seen running around cars both before and after school, and when attending a club.*
- **Keep the centre aisle clear.** *We have been sent photos of cars blocking the aisle and blocking the school entrance which is a safety hazard to school.*
- **Keep the emergency gates clear AT ALL TIMES**
- **Switch engines off** when waiting to reduce air pollution

We do appreciate the difficulties of dropping children off/collecting them by car however the safety of our children must be foremost.

Please consider other means of bringing children to school.

Something to think about: a recent survey of how our children come to school showed that most children who are driven to school would rather walk, cycle or scoot.

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## NO SMOKING ON SCHOOL PREMISES

A reminder that our school premises which include the buildings, the school fields, the yard and the car park are a NO SMOKING ZONE. This means that smoking is not permitted on any part of our school premises. **This restriction also applies to electronic cigarettes.**

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**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THESE NOTICES ARE PASSED ON TO WHOEVER DROPS OFF/COLLECTS YOUR CHILD, INCLUDING FROM AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS.**