



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

School News

Alwicks Food Bank asked that we pass on their thanks for the wonderful food collection last half term. This has been much appreciated.



We came back from half term to our eSafety Week. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our eSafety briefing. We hope that you found it informative.

On Monday 11th November, the children took part in our annual Circle of Remembrance - taking part in the two-minute silence at 11am to remember those who have fallen.

Last week was our annual AntiBullying Week. The children took part in workshops to learn how to recognise bullying, and how to improve relationships with each other. Our Anti Bullying Policy is on our website. If you would like to learn more about our approaches to bullying, please speak to Mrs Duffield, our Anti Bullying Lead.

We also celebrated Child in Need Day and raised over £90 for Pudsey! Thank you for your kind donations.

This week is our Book Fair. We hope that you can support this. It starts on Tuesday morning at 8.30am.

Children are making lanterns in school this week for the lantern parade on Saturday. If you would like to purchase a light to hang in the lantern, Diane Pringle has kindly supplied one for each child in school. These are available to buy at £1 per light.



Staff News

At the end of November we are saying a fond farewell to Mrs Scott. Mrs Scott has been working in school for almost twenty years. We are sure that you will join us in saying goodbye and a huge thank you for all of her hard work, support and kindness to the countless children who have passed through her care. We wish her the very best for the future!



Forthcoming Events

Tree Planting Mrs Walton will be working across school helping every child to plant a tree. BBC Radio Newcastle will be popping in to find out more about the initiative sponsored by the Woodland Trust. Parents are invited to a 'Celebration of Trees' on Friday 29th November at 2.30pm. Details will come out this week.

Christmas Celebration Our Christmas Celebration will take place at Rothbury All Saints Church at 6pm on Wednesday 11th December. Further details to come.

Early Years Christmas Party Our Early Years Christmas Party will take place on the morning of Tuesday 17th December.

The Snow Queen Theatre Trip Our Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 children will be travelling to Newcastle to see Northern Stage's production of The Snow Queen on Tuesday 17th December. Please note that we will be asking children to come to school for **8.30am** as the performance starts at 10am. If this will be a problem for you, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Christmas Lunch Our Christmas Lunch will take place on Thursday 19th December. This will also be our Christmas Jumper Day.



Messages from the School Office

Every child:

- Please make sure that your child has a warm coat (waterproof if possible) as they will be having outdoor play even if the weather is a bit drizzly.
- We do not allow earrings in school so please remove these before school.
- Please tie back long hair to prevent the spread of headlice.
- The only drink that we allow during lesson/play times in water bottles is water, so please do not send juice to school for drinking during the day (cartons of juice are permitted in a packed lunch).

Early Years Please can all children keep a named pair of wellies in school and a change of clothes on their coat peg.

All Day Nursery We are very pleased to be able to offer extended Nursery sessions to families eligible for 30 hours provision. We have also been awarded Community Powers, so we are able to offer any spare places, on a paid basis, to our other Nursery families. We currently offer places on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

Our Baby and Toddler Group is now taking place on Monday afternoons. The last session will be on Monday 2nd December.

Car Park If you wish to use our car park, you must follow our car park code.

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS: Children are not allowed to go onto the school field, explore the Forest School Area, or play on the wooden equipment at drop off/collection time or after school. They are only allowed in these areas under the supervision of a member of staff.

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS: For all the latest updates in school, follow us on Facebook <https://facebook.com/rothburyfirst/> or on Twitter @rothburyfirst.

Please note that the School Office is closed on Wednesday afternoons. If you need to contact school on Wednesday afternoons, please leave a message on the answer machine and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.



DATES FOR THE DIARY:

NOVEMBER		
w/c 18/11/19	all	Scholastic Book Fair Week & Tree Planting Week
Mon 18 Nov	Year 3/4	Dave Be Safe - workshop
Tue 19 Nov	Year 3	Visit to Cragside
DECEMBER		
Wed 11 Dec	all	Christmas Celebration at Rothbury All Saints Church (early evening)
Tue 17 Dec	Years N + R	Early Years Christmas Party
Tue 17 Dec	Year 1 - 4	Theatre visit 'The Snow Queen'
Thu 19 Dec	all (including afternoon Nursery)	Christmas Lunch

Term dates for 2019-2020 are available on the Northumberland County Council website: <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Holidays.aspx#schooltermdates>



Upcoming Friends of Rothbury First School PTA events:

Refreshments - 'Celebration of Trees' in school on Friday 29th November at 2.30pm.

Refreshments - 'Christmas Celebration' in All Saints Church on Wednesday 11th December from 5.30pm.

Please get in touch if you're able to help out with these or any future FRFS PTA events.

You can reach us by

Email: rothburyfirstschoolpta2017@yahoo.com

Facebook: Friends of RF School (PTA)



ROTHBURY FIRST SCHOOL - CAR PARK CODE

A reminder that our school car park is primarily for the use of school staff, school transport and visitors to school.

If parents/carers wish to use our car park, follow our car park code:

- **School staff and school transport have priority** over the car park spaces
- **Do not park in the area reserved for school transport** - yellow hashed area nearest the school
- **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.

NO SMOKING ON SCHOOL PREMISES

A reminder that all of our school premises which include **the buildings, the school fields, the yards 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.**

NO DOGS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Please make sure that these notices are passed on to whoever drops off/collects your child, including from after school clubs.