



## MARCH NEWSLETTER

### SPRING EVENTS:

Our Year 4s had an amazing time at Robinwood just before half-term. The two teams were very well led by Ed and Caren, and every child was challenged and supported to achieve more than they thought possible. A privilege to see!

Our Year 2s, 3s and 4s were invited to the Organ Encounter at All Saints Church. It was interesting to learn about the different parts of the Church's organ and we hope that the visit may have inspired some to consider taking up the offer of free lessons.

Our Year 3s and 4s are working again this term with James Tait. We look forward to seeing the final film next term about the tales of Deugars in Coquetdale.

Our Baby & Toddlers group, Tiny Adventurers, has got off to a flying start. Please spread the word - Fridays 1.30pm till 3pm in our Early Years Unit.

**VOLUNTEERS IN SCHOOL:** Thank you to those are able to make offers of help to the school. These are much appreciated and we will be in contact with you shortly.

**NEW MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM:** This term we welcome Miss Lynn and Miss Little to our teaching team. Miss Lynn will be spending time teaching in our Early Years Unit with Mrs Brotherton. Miss Little will be teaching in Year 1 with Mrs Duffield. We hope they enjoy their time with us.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:** This half term our clubs are Taekwondo and Trident Football. The teachers are looking at clubs that could be offered in the future and intend to offer a variety after the Easter break.

**FRFS FUNDRAISING COFFEE MORNING:** Please join us on Wednesday morning this week at 9am in the Dining Hall to discuss ways in which we can raise funds for the school. Thank you to all those who signed the Gateshead Headteachers' School Funds petition.

**LIVE KITCHEN:** We are very excited about the imminent go-live of Live Kitchen. The technology should be fitted this week with go-live planned for Monday 11th March if all goes well. Our long-term aim is to become a cashless school office with all monies paid



via the Live Kitchen system, so please register even if your child does not take a school dinner. Please note, our Nursery children will be added to the system at a later date.

We would like to offer a heartfelt thanks to our Governors: John Gray, David Owen and Katie Scott, for their many hours spent on getting this initiative off the ground, and for securing grant funding to support the future running costs of the system.

**2019 CHILDREN'S CANCER RUN:** Don't forget to sign up for this year's run on Sunday 19th May. We hope to have a great turn-out of children, parents and staff again this year. Please see Mrs Brotherton for further details.

**MESSAGE TO NURSERY PARENTS/CARERS:** Please don't let your little ones play on the school field/explore the Forest School Area/play on the wooden equipment at drop off/collection time. Thank you.

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

## DATES FOR THE DIARY:

March:		
Tues 5 Mar	R,1,2,3,4	Visitor Assembly: Aileen & Elaine from Rothbury URC
Wed 6 Mar	Parents	FRFS & Parents fundraising discussion coffee morning
Wed 6 Mar	after school	FRFS Book & Cake Sale
Wed 6 Mar & Thurs 7 Mar	R,1,2,3,4	Environmental awareness sessions with Mrs Austin-Walker
Thurs 7 Mar	all	World Book Day - staff will be sharing books with the children
w/c 11 Mar	all	SCIENCE WEEK - details to come
Tues 12 Mar	R,1,2,3,4	Visitor Assembly: Kirstine Davis from Mustard Tree Trust
Friday 15 Mar	N,R,1,2,3,4	Red Nose Day - wear something red and bring £1 donation
Tues 19 Mar	R,1,2,3,4	Visitor Assembly: Rev Ed from Rothbury URC
Thurs 21 Mar	Governors	Spring Full Governing Body meeting at 7pm
Thurs 28 Mar	3,4	Bailiffgate Project filming day
April:		
Tues 2 Apr	R,1,2,3,4	Visitor Assembly: Aileen & Elaine from Rothbury URC
<b>Mon 8 Apr to Mon 22 Apr: SCHOOL CLOSED FOR EASTER</b>		
<b>Tues 23 Apr: SCHOOL OPENS AT 8.50am</b>		

Term dates for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 are available on the Northumberland County Council website: <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Holidays.aspx#schooltermdates>

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

**Friday 28 June 2019**