



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

As this half term draws to a close, we'd like to thank you once again for all of your support. Our parent events have included Pastoral Parent Consultations, Early Years Reading, Year 1 Phonics check, Year 2 SATs, Year 3 and Year 4 Multiplication Tables check and our Forest School celebration. We have had after school clubs in Taekwondo, Cricket and Trident Soccer, and we have been on a trip to Alnmouth. The Friends of Rothbury First School have held a film night and have organised a Hallowe'en Disco for the end of this week. People have been sending in their 'One Little Jam Jar' - we will do the first count of monies raised so far in the coming weeks. Our food collection for the Alnwick Food Bank has been well supported. It will be collected on Friday this week so please continue to donate dry or tinned foods before then.

Musically, the children have prepared some lovely singing for our Harvest Celebration this Thursday (9.15 Dining Hall - all invited - teas and coffees from 8.50), our Year 3 and Year 4 children are all learning to play the pocket trumpet, and we have small group tuition in violin, guitar, keyboard and trumpet also taking place. We were very pleased to be awarded the Music Mark 'in recognition of a commitment to providing high quality music education for all children and young people'!

Our Bag 2 School collection raised £44 - thank you for supporting this. We are delighted to receive £150 donation from the Rothbury FireFighters Car Wash. The Northumberland Gazette took a photo of our Reception children for their paper - so keep an eye out for this appearing in print.

This week we have Diane Charleton and Christopher Foggin from the Co-op coming to talk to the children about 'Be Safe Be Seen', Glen Thompson from the Fire Service will be talking about Firework Safety, Rev. Ann from Rothbury All Saints Church will be delivering an assembly.

This term we are pleased to welcome Mr Carr and Mr Baldwin to assist with the teaching in Penguin Class.



Harvest Celebration & Food Bank Collection

You are invited to join us for our Harvest Celebration in the Dining Hall at 9.15am on Thursday 24th October. Teas and coffees will be served by the FRFS **before** the event.

Once more we are collecting for the local food bank. If you have any spare dried goods or tins that you would like to donate, please send them to school before the Harvest. Thank you.

Parent Meetings

eSafety Meeting All parents are invited to a short meeting in the Dining Hall at 8.50am on Wednesday 6th November to update you on the latest eSafety advice for your children.

Events in School

Remembrance We will be holding our annual Remembrance event at 11am on Monday 11th November. Children are welcome to wear poppies in school.

Children in Need We will be taking part in Children in Need on Friday 15th November. children are invited to come to school in non-uniform, and to bring a £1 for Pudsey.

Tree Planting Week Mrs Walton has arranged, through the Woodland Trust, enough trees for every child to plant a tree. Further details to come.

Scholastic Book Fair We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair during the week starting Monday 18th November.

Other Events

Cragside Our Year 3 children have been invited to take part in making tree decorations at Cragside on Tuesday 19th November. Further details to come.

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 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.



Sport Next Half Term

Elephant Class will be taking part in Forest School on Wednesday afternoons. Your child will need a named pair of wellies to be kept in school, and they will need to wear long trousers and an extra warm top with hat and gloves for the Forest School sessions.

Penguin Class will be swimming for 5 weeks. We request a voluntary contribution of £20 to enable us to run these sessions. Please pay either through School Grid or directly to the school office.

Gorilla Class will be taking part in PE. Your child will need a named PE kit for these sessions.

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.



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:

OCTOBER		
w/c 21 Oct	all	Food Bank donations
Thu 24 Oct	Years R - 4 + parents	9.15 am Harvest Celebration + Food Bank collection
Thu 24 Oct	Years R - 4	Flu immunisations (after Harvest!)
Fri 25 Oct	all	School closes at 3.15pm
Mon 28 Oct - Fri 1 Nov	all	SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM
NOVEMBER		
Mon 4 Nov	all	SCHOOL CLOSED - TRAINING DAY
w/c 5/11/19	all	eSafety Week
Wed 6 Nov	Parents	8.50am eSafety update in the Dining Hall
w/c 11/11/19	all	Anti Bullying Week
Mon 11 Nov	Year R - 4	Circle of Remembrance at 11am
Fri 15 Nov	all	Children in Need
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
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:
Halloween disco - Friday 25th October - 5-6pm for Nursery, Reception & Year 1;
 6:15pm-7:30pm for Years 2/3/4
Cake sale - during Scholastic Book Fair week w/c Monday 18th November

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)

