



JANUARY NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS EVENTS:

We had a wonderful evening at All Saints Church performing our Animals' Christmas Tale. Thank you to everyone who supported the event and we hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did! Thanks to your generous contributions, we raised £134 of which we are donating £60 to the Church.

On our Christmas Jumper Day, we were very excited as Santa was able to take time out of his very busy schedule to pay us a visit! We'd like to pass our thanks to all of the Christmas Elves who helped make this possible.

We then had a very enjoyable Christmas Lunch cooked by our amazing cook, Mrs Bolton. If your child hasn't sampled her cooking yet, we really do urge you to try!

Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 had an incredible day at the Beamish Museum - visiting different parts of the exhibition, riding on the trams and buses, and taking part in Christmas baking and making activities. We had so much fun! And back at school, our Early Years children celebrated in style with their own Christmas Party. A fantastic day was had by all.



AND NOW TO 2019:

PARENT GOVERNORS: We are very pleased to announce that we had two nominations for our posts of Parent Governors, therefore the two candidates have been appointed to the two vacancies. We welcome Claire Gonzalez and Diane Pringle to our Governing Body and we hope that they enjoy their new roles.

VOLUNTEERS IN SCHOOL: At our Parent Consultations this week, we will be handing out letters about volunteering in school.



NEW STARTERS: We wish a very warm welcome to our new Nursery children: Noah, Zack, Jack, Charlie and Fearn, new Reception: Kenzi, and new Year 3: Hylton and Joseph. We hope that you and your families really enjoy your time with us at Rothbury First.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: This half term, the following after-school clubs are running:

Monday - Taekwondo - provided by William McElhone

Tuesday - Musical Mayhem - a singing club provided by Mrs Brotherton and Mr Grimes

Thursday - Trident Soccer - provided by Ryan Jobson.

If you wish to find out more about any club, please call in to the School Office,

SPORT/OUTDOOR LEARNING: This half term on Wednesday afternoons, Ryan Jobson will be leading PE with our Penguin and Giraffe classes; Elephant Class is going swimming and Gorilla class is taking part in Forest School. All children from Reception to Year 4 are also taking part in YogaBugs on a Friday afternoon.

MUSIC: Before Christmas, we were invited to take part in a number of community events. Some of our violinists took part in the Ranters Concert, our singing club sang at the Christmas Lights event in All Saints Church and again at the Community Singing event in the Jubilee Hall, and our Year 3 and Year 4 children were invited to sing carols for the Over 60s Christmas Party at the Jubilee Hall, and for the residents of the RAFA.

We have children in school taking private group lessons in violin, guitar and keyboard. Our Year 3 and Year 4 children are all learning to play the pocket trumpet as part of their music curriculum. If you would like to find out more about music in school, please call into the School Office.

BAILIFFGATE PROJECT: Over the last term, our Year 3 and Year 4 children have been working with James Tait on a project funded by the North East Endowment for Musical Traditions Fund, supported locally by the Bailiffgate Museum. 'The World of Lightness' is a musical drama in local dialect based on a local legend, and has been written by James Tait. The original plan was to perform the drama to parents as a live performance before Easter, however this has proved logistically to be too challenging, and therefore the project has sponsored a film crew to work with the children instead. The project now plans to show the film premiere in the Summer Term to which you will all be invited. As this project is quite complex, there will not be an Easter singing assembly this year.

Social Media Links: For all the latest updates in school follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/rothburyfirst/> or on Twitter @rothburyfirst.



2019 CHILDREN'S CANCER RUN Sunday 19th May - Please see the letter sent out last week for further details. Early Bird registration available. We hope you can join us!

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

January:		
Thurs 24 Jan	1,2,3,4	NSPCC 'PANTS' workshops - Mr Grimes and Mrs Walton
Thurs 24 Jan	all	Parent Consultations
Tues 29 Jan	R,1,2,3,4	Visitor Assembly: Aileen & Elaine from Rothbury URC
February:		
Tues 12 Feb	R,1,2,3,4	Visitor Assembly: Rev Ed from Rothbury URC
Wed 13 Feb to Fri 15 Feb	Y4	Residential trip to Robinwood, Barhaugh Hall
Mon 18 Feb to Fri 22 Feb: SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM		
Mon 25 Feb: SCHOOL OPENS AT 08.50		

Term dates for 2018-2019 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



SNOW CLOSURE

We will make every effort to keep the school open in bad weather conditions, however all of our teachers live outside Rothbury therefore we will be at the mercy of the road conditions into the village and the advice given to school about access.

Our school closure policy is on the website under the 'Our School' tab, and shows where school closures will be published. If bad conditions are forecast and we have to close early, please make sure that we have up-to-date contact numbers for you.

In the event of any closure, either for the whole day or parts of the day, we will use ParentMail and text as our prime means of contacting you. Closure will also be published on the school website and on the Northumberland County Council website.

