



Roseberry Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

December 2014



CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Christmas is fast approaching and here at school, we have been celebrating in style. Our younger children performed their nativity 'Born in a Barn' for their parents and families. Junior pupils performed 'Santa's on Strike' and received much acclaim. Many parents stated these productions were the best they had ever seen. The singing was exceptional and the acting was superb. We are very proud of the children's achievements and I'm sure you are too.

Year 6 pupils entertained the local Friday Club by singing a range of songs and carols at their Christmas lunch. This was much appreciated by local residents.

Earlier in December, the children watched a very entertaining pantomime – Hansel & Gretel by Lakeland Productions.

The Winter Fayre was well attended by parents and the community. The Friends of Roseberry School (FORS) would like to thank everyone for the donations received and all the helpers which made the fayre a great success. We managed to raise £826 from the fayre and £547 from the raffle. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

FORS also ran the Christmas disco where the children enjoyed a range of games and dancing. During this last week of term, the children have had the opportunity to enjoy a Christmas lunch and have fun at their Christmas parties.



WWI CENTENARY

Our exhibition and performance to celebrate the centenary of the First World War was much appreciated by the local community. Representatives from the local care homes, parents and relatives visited the school in October to see what the children had learned about the effects of the war on the local community. Examples of their writing, artwork and crafts were on display to the public. You may have seen the article in the local press about this successful event. If not, photographs are on display outside the main hall. I'm sure you will join me in thanking Miss Dodds again for securing the funding to send our children to visit the Durham Light Infantry and Beamish Museums and enabling us to host this popular event.



Immediately upon entering the school, we were made to feel like royalty. All staff and pupils were very welcoming and accommodating. Thank you for inviting us! We look forward to further invites in the future. (St Mary's Nursing Home)

Lovely warm welcome on arrival at the school. Both staff and pupils were very helpful. Ours residents loved this wonderful experience. Thank you. (Lindisfarne Care Home, Ouston.)





*All the pupils were well informed and polite. Put on a great show – thank you.
(Alestair Straker, Chester-le-Street)*



*A very emotional morning. Well done to children and staff. It was wonderful.
(Jeanette Reid, Pelton Fell)*

WEBSITE

Check out our new look website at www.peltonroseberry.durham.sch.uk
Our calendar will keep you informed of school events.

CLASS BLOG

In 2015, Miss Dodds and her Year 2 pupils will be blogging about what's going on in school. You will be able to view this blog from a link on our website.

SCHOOL EVENTS

Just a reminder to check your child's bag for letters and to check your phone for texts about school events. If you change your phone, please let us know.

OTHER EVENTS IN SCHOOL THIS TERM

Reception pupils at the Halloween disco.



Above right

Diamonds compete in the P.E. inter-school house competition. A big thank you to Miss Blakeney for organising the event and well done to Sapphires for winning! Also we have had our School Games Kitemark upgraded from Bronze to Silver. Well done to everyone!

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Children in Need! Year 3 with Miss Beacham, dressed as superheroes. We managed to raise a fantastic £121.58!



Years 1 and 2 visit Saltwell Park and the Angel of the North, as part of their sculpture topic.



Members of Year 3 during our author visit. Kate Pankhurst visited the school in November and gave the children a fascinating talk about her books. She demonstrated her illustration skills and invited the pupils to join in. Some of our pupils bought a signed copy of the Mariella Mystery stories. Check out our display of the visit in the main hall.



Super sleuth Lauren (Year 6)
with author, Kate Pankhurst.

KEEPING SAFE

- Pedestrian training for Year 3 has just been completed.
- Anti-bullying Week was a great success with older children supporting the youngest pupils in a shared activity. Please see display outside Year 4 classroom of their fantastic work.
- Just a reminder to ensure your child wears a helmet if they go out on the roads on their bicycles.

DIARY DATES

School closes on Friday 19th December for the Christmas holiday and reopens on Tuesday 6th January 2015. Year 3 pupils will need their swimming things.

INSET DAY Monday 5th January – school closed to pupils.

Tuesday 13th January – Open Day for prospective parents. If you know of anyone who needs a school place for their child, please pass this information on.

Cross Country starts Saturday 24th January for 3 weeks

Maths Puzzle Day Tuesday 27th January (pupils only)

Olympic athlete, Chris Tomlinson will be visiting school Friday 6th February

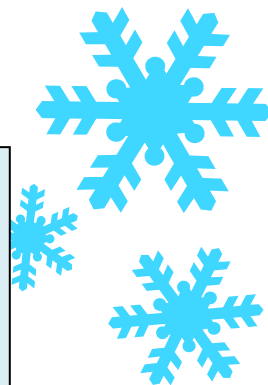
Safer Internet Day 10th February

Year 1 Gymnastics carousel 12th February

Your child will be bringing home a gift selection box, very kindly donated by FD Motors.

Well done to Chloe (Nursery) and Billy (Year 5) who were winners in the Christmas art competition. They did a fantastic job switching the Christmas Tree Lights on in Chester le Street.

They were presented with prizes by the Town Crier and had their photos taken with the characters from 'Frozen'.



The staff and pupils would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!