



Roseberry
Primary & Nursery School
Newsletter

May 2016



YEAR 3 MINI TENNIS

It was a lovely sunny day when Year 3 pupils participated in a tennis competition at the Riverside, Chester-le-Street. This is one of the tournaments organised by the Schools' Sports Partnership, funded by the sports premium. Well done to all our girls and boys for achieving 3rd place.



"It was fun and exciting." (Tilly)

"I liked it because we got to try out new things."(Heidi)

"I enjoyed it because I like sport." (Lacey)

"We got trained before the matches and we made new friends." (Tori)

"I like learning new skills." (Jay)



SMOOTHIE TUESDAY

Watch out for Brandon in Year 6, who could appear on Dragon's Den when he is older. He noticed the blender in our cookery room and came up with the brilliant idea to sell healthy smoothies at

playtime. Every week, he prepares and sells freshly made smoothies on Smoothie Tuesday. The children think they're delicious!

Madame Paris, who teaches our Key Stage 2 pupils French, visited our school in May with her French bus Le Bibliothèque. Every junior class had a turn visiting the bus in the school car park and browsing the books and listening to stories.



Très Bon



YEAR 5 VISIT THE VICTORIAN TUNNELS IN NEWCASTLE



Part of
Year 5's
study on
World War
II



PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you to all parents for completing our questionnaires. The results are shown in the table below. The percentages in the 'strongly agree' have risen significantly since the last survey. This is very pleasing as we constantly strive to form effective partnerships with parents.

	(Please tick)	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	My child enjoys school	63%	37%		
2	The school keeps my child safe	72%	23%	2%	
3	The school informs me about my child's progress	63%	35%		
4	My child is making enough progress at this school	56%	40%	5%	
5	The teaching is good at this school	72%	28%		
6	The school helps me to support my child's learning	65%	33%	2%	
7	The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	47%	51%	2%	
8	The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future (for example, changing year group, changing school, and for children who are finishing school, entering further or higher education, or entering employment)	56%	33%	5%	
9	The school meets my child's particular needs	58%	42%		
10	The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	51%	42%	7%	
11	The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns	56%	35%	9%	
12	The school is led and managed effectively	49%	49%		2%
13	Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school	65%	33%	2%	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Figures may not add to 100% due to rounding • Not all questions were answered • Some questions had ticks in more than one box • 43 questionnaires were returned, which was an increase on the last questionnaires sent out. 				

We also received many comments in the questionnaires, too many to mention but here is a selection.

"I have had no experience of this. I do however like the principles of the restorative approach."

"I would highly recommend the school to everyone that has children who are ready to start school. Very happy with the progress my son has made with this school."

"We were and still are very happy with how well our child has settled. The nursery staff made the transition wonderful."

“Whilst my child finds school relatively straightforward from a work perspective, he has commented that he likes the help and support he gets in lessons which is good to hear.”

“I am really happy with this school. My child enjoys his time at school and the teaching is brilliant. My child also talks a lot about their teacher and is very happy with her and we both really appreciate how much support she has given.”

We also received some suggestions on improving communication which we are trying hard to address. Please note when teachers chose their achiever at the end of each week, we appreciate that working parents may have to give more notice. We can always postpone their award to the following week upon request. Just let the teacher know.

EVALUATION OF PARENTS’ EVENINGS

25 evaluations were returned and again, we would like to thank everyone for making an effort to get them back to us. All were positive and overall everyone was happy with their experience. Some suggestions for improvement included better signposting for younger classes and more time to talk to the teacher. We will certainly try to address these concerns in the future and remember all of our teachers are happy to have informal meetings with parents before or at the end of the school day.

HEADTEACHER’S WEEKLY AWARDS

Well done to the following children for impressing Mrs Lee this month:

6/5/16 – a draw between Faith M (Year 1) for persevering in Maths and her happy positive personality and Aaron B (Year 6) for his excellent attendance at after-school and lunchtime booster clubs to ensure success in his SATs.

13/5/16 – Jamie L (Year 1) for his greatly improved behaviour.

20/5/16 – Josh W (Year 4) for his more mature attitude; improved handwriting and excellent work in fractions.

27/5/16 – Daisy M (Year 5) for her excellent subject knowledge of her class study on World War II.

Birthdays in May

Lots of children have had birthdays this month:

William and Phoebe (3 years old)
Kara, William and Tommy (4 years old)
Jamie and Ruby (6 years old);
Jay-D and Jasmin (7 years old);
Teagan, Jack, Tyler, Caitlyn,
Maegan and Lacey (8 years old),
Kaci (9 years old);
Daisy (10 years old);
Sinead (11 years old).

Birthday wishes to you all!

DOGS – please note that dogs are not allowed on school premises under any circumstances. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

HOLIDAYS 2016-2017 – dates attached with this newsletter

Well done to Sapphires for winning the half term challenge. They were treated to an afternoon movie treat with popcorn and juice as their reward.

Sapphires – 1411 housepoints

Rubies – 1039 housepoints

Diamonds – 824 housepoints

Emeralds - 709 housepoints

DIARY DATES

June 7th – Helicopter visit to Greenland Primary (arranged by PCSO)

June 8th – Fire Fighters clothes collection

June 9th – Queen's 90th birthday picnic party on field (weather permitting)/crown decoration activity

June 10th - Dress up in red/white/blue or royal themed clothes

June 10th – Years 3 & 4 Basic First aid training in the afternoon

June 14th – Years 3 & 4 Change 4 Life Club Festival

June 16th – Year 6 photographs

June 17th – Den building day in aid of Save the Children, Details to follow.

June 23rd EU referendum - Please note school will be open but Sunshine Club will not be on in the morning and after school club will take place in the dining hall so parents need to pick up from the KS2 yard entrance.

June 24th – Non-uniform day: Bring-a-bottle

Week beginning 27th June – Sex & Relationships Education. Briefing for parents on 22nd June at 2.30 p.m. Details to follow.

June 28th – Judo taster

June 28th – Wear blue for anti-bullying theme

June 29th – EYFS trip to South Shields

June 30th – Summer Fayre starts at 1.30 p.m.

July 1st – Years 3 & 4 Sandcastle Challenge

July 4th – Fire Service visiting Year 2

July 5th – Cricket tournament

July 7th – Year 5 Beamish Windmill Challenge

July 7th at 9.00 a.m. Parents new to Reception meeting

July 8th – Visit to Robinwood

July 12th – Sports day (details to follow)

July 13th – Meeting for new Year 1 parents at 9.00 a.m.

July 14th – End of Year Disco

July 18th – Year 6 Leavers' assembly at 9.15 a.m.

July 19th – Parents' opportunity to discuss child's report (after school, if required)

July 20th – last day of school

September 5th – **INSET DAY** (school closed to pupils)

September 6th – Pupils due back to school

Please remember our newsletter can be viewed in colour on the school's website

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**School Holiday Dates
2016/17**

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-opens
Summer 2016	Wednesday 20 July 2016	Tuesday 6 September 2016
Autumn half-term 2016	Friday 21 October 2016	Monday 31 October 2016
Christmas 2016	Friday 16 December 2016	Wednesday 4 January 2017
Spring half-term 2017	Friday 17 February 2017	Monday 27 February 2017
Easter 2017	Friday 7 April 2017	Monday 24 April 2017
May Day 2017	Friday 28 April 2017	Tuesday 2 May 2017
Summer half-term 2017	Friday 26 May 2017	Tuesday 6 June 2017
Summer 2017	Friday 21 July 2017	To be determined

Inset days included in the above are:

Monday 5th September 2016

Monday 3rd January 2017

Monday 5th June 2017