



Roseberry
Primary & Nursery School
Newsletter



November 2016

DIARY DATES FOR THE REST OF THE TERM

Monday 5/12/16	9.30	EYFS/ KS 1 Nativity
Tuesday 6/12/16		Robins Nursery (3-4 years) closed due to industrial action by TAs Reception to Year 6 – Pantomime Visit
Wednesday 7/12/16		Robins nursery starts at 12.45 – 3.15 p.m. (due to industrial action by TAs)
Thursday 8/12/16	9.30	KS 2 Christmas Production Robins nursery starts at 12.45 – 3.15 p.m. (due to industrial action by TAs)
	2.00	EYFS / KS 1 Nativity
Friday 9/12/16	1.30	KS 2 Christmas Production
Monday 12/12/16	1.15	Y5/6 Christmas Party
Tuesday 13/12/16	1.15	Y1/2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 14/12/16		Year 5 trip to Beamish Museum
	1.15	EYFS Christmas Party
Thursday 15/12/16		Christmas Lunch (pupils only)
	1.15	Y3/4 Christmas Party
Friday 16/12/16		Toy Day School closes for Christmas holidays
Tuesday 3/1/17		INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 4/1/17	9.00	School re-opens for pupils

Please note, due to possible industrial action by teaching assistants, some parties may have to change the date during the last week. However, all parties will take place at some point during the last week. When I have more information about the last week of term, I will let you know.

Next week, only the Robins nursery will be affected by the 3 day strike. All other classes will remain open.

The above dates include strike action which may now be cancelled. I will let you know as soon as possible but sometimes, as in the case of today’s planned strike, notification was received very late in the day. Your continued support is much appreciated.

A lot of curriculum-enriching experiences have taken place over the last two months. The pictures below will give you a flavour of the learning which has taken place recently.



Willow (Year 3) and Daniel (Year 2) were our Performance Poetry competition winners this year. The competition was judged by our chair of governors, Mrs E. Holmes and Mrs J Gibson from Park View School. The standard was very high this year and a good time was had by all. Thank you to Mrs Dunn for organising this popular event. Details of the event were reported in the Northern Echo.

Our pupils achieved national recognition when several of them won prizes in the European Day of Languages competition. Rosie, aged 9 and Rhiannon and Jessica, both aged 10, amazed the judges with their entries inviting a pupil to the funeral of Elvis Presley; Hermione Grainger to a magical adventure and Coco Chanel to a red carpet event – and all written in French. The girls are pictured here with Madame Paris, from Natta-Lingo, our French teacher. Lilia, Olivia and Lucy were highly commended for their efforts too. We are very proud of all the girls!



Each pupil was presented with a certificate and a voucher to treat themselves.



Thumbs up from Holly & Keane as they show off our contribution to The Durham Foodbank. Thank you once again for your support during our Harvest celebrations!

Owen and Caitlin with our school mining banner at Pelton Fell.

Year 2 pupils give Miss Baird a fright at Halloween!

CHILDREN IN NEED – thanks to your support, we managed to raise £130. Well done everybody for joining in with our spotacular event! Pupils in Year 1 show off their spotty costumes below.



On 31st October, pupils from Pelton Fell and relatives of the victims attended the memorial service to remember the 24 men and boys who perished in the pit disaster 150 years ago. Pupils joined in with the hymn 'The Lord's My Shepherd', listened to the service conducted by Rev David Tully, watched as the beacon was lit by Kevan Jones MP and heard the roll call of the victims, read out by the Lord Lieutenant, Sue Snowden. The children's behaviour was impeccable and many members of the community commented on their good manners and positive attitudes. They were a real credit to the school and we are very proud of them.

ATTENDANCE

Just a reminder that, due to government regulations, schools are no longer able to authorise holidays in term time, unless there are **exceptional circumstances**. Penalty notices can be issued to each parent for each child. If parents are not able to take their family holidays during school holidays, the school needs evidence in the form of a letter on headed paper from their employers, to state that is the case. Also, if your child is ill for any reason, please contact the school as soon as possible to let us know what the problem is. From September 2016, schools are now responsible for issuing attendance letters and holding meetings with parents. The Education Welfare Officers now become involved when legal action is needed and enforcement proceedings commence.

Our monthly 100% attendance draw for October, to win a Waterstones gift voucher donated by Teaching Personnel, was won by Beth in Year 3. Well done!



GARDENING CLUB WIN UNDER 18s VOLUNTEER SECTION OF DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL'S ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

We are very proud to announce that our school gardening club was nominated for an environmental award by Mr G. Knight, civic pride officer, for their wonderful work in the school allotment and

garden. The club, co-ordinated by Mrs Staples and assisted by Miss Seed and Mr Ainsley, meets every Thursday and works really hard to produce vegetables to use in our cookery room and planting flowers and bulbs to brighten up the school environment. When the weather is inclement, they can be found making bug houses, planting seeds or keeping a gardening diary. The club works closely with the local residents' group and community allotment.

All that hard work paid off and they were awarded with the under 18s volunteers trophy and certificate. Well done to everyone concerned.

Community Room Hire

Our community room is available for hire at a cost of £20 per hour for parties, meetings, training sessions and clubs. There are 2 spacious rooms and kitchen facilities. There are also IT facilities with Wi-Fi.

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY AWARDS

Well done to the following children for impressing Mrs Lee over recent weeks:
14/10/16 – Jake M (Year 6) for his excellent behaviour and being such a good role model, especially in P.E.;
23/10/16 – Bobby Jo B (Year 4) for her brilliant progress in Mental Maths. Bobby Jo has gone from scoring 3/20 to 17/20 in her tests;
4/11/16 – Paige H (Year 2) for joining her writing;
26/11/16 – Ella P (Year 2) for reading so many books at home – reading is the secret to success and Ella is proof of this!

October Birthday Wishes to:

Keegan who was 5;
Lily-Rose & Daniel who were 6;
Ella who was 7
Willow & William who were 9.

November Birthday Wishes to:

Casey who will be 5
Kieran, Gracie & Chloe who will be 6
Liam & Chloe who will be 7
Jack, Ellie May and Dylan who will be 8
Ruby who will be 9

NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT PELTON LANE ENDS

The Banks Housing Group is holding a drop-in session in our community room between 1.00 and 6.00 p.m. on Monday 5th December if you want to pop in and find out about the new housing development. The entrance is on Industrial Street.



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