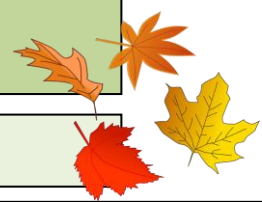




Roseberry

Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

September 2016



WELCOME BACK

I am pleased to report that every child has settled really well into the start of a new academic year. After only four weeks into the new term, we have already had a varied menu of activities: Year 1 and year 2 pupils participated in a Soccertots activity; Year 5 and 6 pupils visited Beamish Museum as part of their studies on mining in the local area and Year 3 pupils were visited by a representative of the Hindu temple in Newcastle as part of their study of RE.

We have re-launched our house system and after consulting with the pupils last term, the new house groups are named to represent our local heritage:

Beamish – represents our mining past and of course the living history museum on our doorstep;

Cuthbert – signifies the importance of Durham Cathedral and the Northern Saints;

Lambton – celebrates ‘The Lambton Worm’ which is one of our area's most famous pieces of folklore;

Lumley – famous for its castle which overlooks Durham County’s Riverside Cricket Ground which has a world-wide reputation.

It was necessary to re-organise the groups as due to pupils leaving, some house groups were much smaller than others. They are now evenly spread. If you have already bought a coloured house T shirt for P.E and sporting activities, please note pupils will be allowed to wear them until they no longer fit.

We have also launched Class Dojo this term as a way of rewarding good behaviour in school. Pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 collect green dojos which are now collected on a weekly basis instead of housepoints. If you haven’t already signed up to Class Dojo, please see your child’s class teacher as it’s an excellent form of home-school communication.

Running total as at 30/9/16

House	Colour	Points
Beamish	Yellow	462
Cuthbert	Green	452
Lambton	Red	492
Lumley	Blue	423

FIRE-FIGHTERS CHARITY

Thanks to your donations,
£12.50 was raised for the
school and £3.12 was sent to
the charity.



Music in the Ladybirds
Nursery



Reception Class 2016-2017

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. Attached to this letter is a council information leaflet to raise awareness of how much attendance matters to ensure your child gets a good education.

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 September, to win a Waterstones gift voucher donated by Teaching Personnel, was won by Charlotte in year 1. Well done!

YEARS 5 & 6 TRIP TO BEAMISH

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 have been studying local history through mining. They visited Beamish to learn about life in the past and had a great time.





Every child thought the most exciting part of the visit was the trip was going in the mine.

I was really shocked that the miners used to work 18 hour shifts. Ashton (Year 6)

I was upset to hear about James White, a 12 year old boy who was killed, when 4 layers of rock fell on him in the mine. Hannah (Year 6)

I enjoyed the tram ride. The seats could be changed to face the way you were going. Tyler (Year 6)

I learned that there were drift mines and shaft mines, and different jobs like trappers and pushers. Lilia (Year 5)

I was surprised that miners had to work in seams which were only half a meter deep. Olivia (Year 5)

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY AWARDS

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

9/9/16 – Aaron C (Year 2) for his excellent behaviour;

16/9/16 – Rhiannon R (Year 6) for her brilliant ideas in English and use of exciting vocabulary;

23/9/16 - Lewis O (Year 4) for excellent work in Maths;

30/9/16 – Willow H (Year 4) for fantastic writing

7/10/16 – Ollie F (Year 4) for his ever-growing confidence and good work in Maths.

September Birthday Wishes to:

Patrick, Bradley, Damon, Leo & Lee, (Rec) who were 5;

Brodie (Year 1) who was 6;

Leah, Mackenzie & Ben (Year 3) who were 8;

Jay (Year 4) who was 9;

Lani, Jake, Ruby, Tyler, Hannah & Owen, Callum, (Yr 6) who were 11

DOGS:

Please remember that dogs are not allowed on school premises – that includes the playgrounds.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Reverend John came to our Harvest assembly and astounded the children with his Harvest box.

On behalf of Durham Foodbank, I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations.

Please remember our newsletter is available to read in colour on our website

www.peltonroseberry.durham.sch.uk

VOLUNTEERS

The Halloween Disco is Thursday 20th October. This will be the last school disco unless we have any parents willing to take over the organisation of this event. Mrs Robinson and Mrs Jobling who have run this event for a number of years, no longer have children at this school and are ready to hand over the reins. If you could spare some time once a term to arrange and run the school disco, could you please contact the school office.

Privacy Notice

Attached is a copy of the updated Privacy Notice which now includes Class Dojo data.

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 will soon be IT facilities with Wi-Fi.

DIARY DATES

Friday 7th October - Year 3 pedestrian training starts
Wednesday 19th October – Year 6 Safari Challenge at Newcastle University
Thursday 20th October – Halloween Disco
Friday 21st October – school breaks up for half term
Monday 31st October – school re-opens
Monday 31st October – Pelton Fell Pit Disaster commemoration (pupils only)
Wednesday 2nd November – Year 3 & 4 visit to Palace Green Library
Monday 7th November – Year 5 & 6 Sports Hall Athletics Tournament
Friday 11th November – Performance Poetry Competition
Week beginning 14th November – Anti-bullying Week (Power for Good)
Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th November – Parents’ evenings
Tuesday 6th December – Pantomime Visit
Wednesday 7th December – EYFS/ KS 1 Christmas production at 9.30 a.m.
Thursday 8th December – KS 2 Christmas Production at 9.30 a.m.
Thursday 8th December – EYFS/ KS 1 Christmas Production at 2.00 p.m.
Friday 9th December – KS 2 Christmas Production at 1.30 p.m.
Monday 12th December – Years 5/6 Christmas party
Tuesday 13th December – Years 1/2 Christmas party
Wednesday 14th December – EYFS Christmas party
Thursday 15th December – Years 3/4 Christmas party
Friday 16th December – school closes for Christmas holidays
Tuesday 3rd January – INSET DAY
Wednesday 4th January – school reopens to pupils