



# *Roseberry* Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

September 2015

## Welcome back!

Many parents took the opportunity to attend our transition meetings early in the term and meet their child's new teacher. The pupils have settled into their new classes really well. Next half term, we will be holding our **parents' evenings on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November.**

Please put those dates in your diary, as we would like to see every parent attend. If you are unable to come on that date, our teaching staff will be happy to accommodate you before or after school, when it suits. Appointments will come out nearer the time.



## NURSERY PROVISION FOR 2 YEAR OLDS

This September, our nursery opened for 2 year olds. Mrs Jardine worked during the holidays to establish a lovely environment for the children and together with Mrs Straker, has welcomed our youngest pupils into school. If you aren't eligible for a free place for your 2 year old, paid sessions are available, although I believe there is a waiting list at the moment due to its success. As soon as places become available, those parents on the waiting list will be informed.





Some of the activities on offer  
in our 2 year old nursery

### RECEPTION CLASS

Miss Baird welcomed her new  
class and I'm pleased to let  
you know they have settled in  
really well, as you can see  
from the photographs below.





## ATTENDANCE

Just a little reminder that, due to government regulations, schools are no longer able to grant 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.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Once again, we have decided to support The Durham Foodbank, a local charity which helps families in crisis. Attached to this newsletter, is an information leaflet about the kinds of foods which may be sent in. Your donations can be sent in as soon as possible as they will be collected next Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October from 12 noon. Please do your best to support our children in their charitable work.

## SCHOOL TRIPS

As part of their History topic, Years 1 & 2 visited Gateshead to learn about the Great Fire. They visited St Mary's Visitor Centre and had the opportunity to walk across the famous bridges. Further work was carried out in the classroom when the education department visited our school the week after.





### **BRITAIN IN BLOOM**

#### **Newfield & Pelton Lane Ends win silver medal in best village category**

Well done to our gardening club for their contribution to winning this award. On 23th July, judges visited the school to see all the hard work done by Mrs Staples and her enthusiastic club members. They visited the community allotment garden and the garden in the quadrangle. Year 6 pupils also adopted the wild flower beds outside the school and made colourful signs to promote the project. Several of our Year 5 and 6 boys volunteered to pull weeds out of the car park on their lunchtimes. I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Staples for showing the judges around in the holidays, and also to Mr King, Miss Seed, Mr Ainsley and Mr Underwood for their invaluable support to make our gardens so lovely.



Natasha, Tatiana and Jamie hard at work in the school allotment.



### **BABY TODDLER GROUP**

This popular group is operating again on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9.00 a.m. until 11.30 a.m. in our new community facility, the entrance of which is located on **Industrial Street**. Spaces are available. If you want to attend, just show up.

### **ST OSWALD'S HOSPICE**

We managed to raise £48.15 for this worthwhile charity by selling 'sand critters' in the summer term. Thank you to everyone who supported this charity.

### **RESTORATIVE APPROACHES**

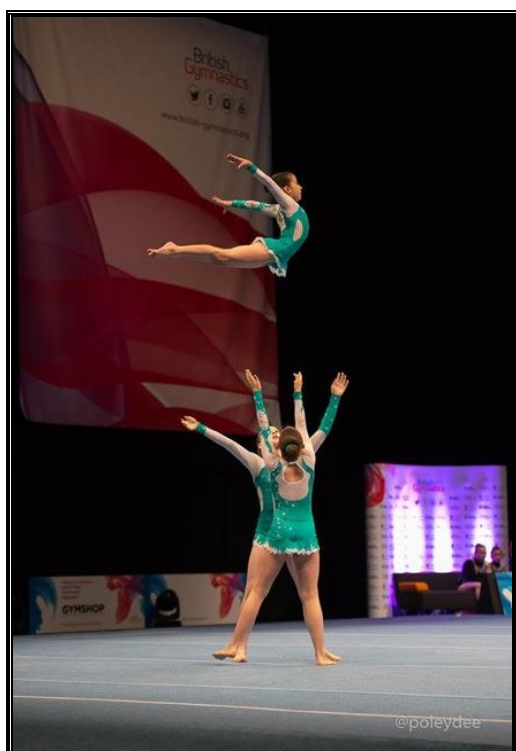
Our first INSET day focused on this new positive behaviour management strategy. Every member of staff attended and we are now starting to use the programme. As we continue to develop it, we will let you know more about it later in the academic year.

### **GRAND OFFICIAL OPENING OF COMMUNITY FACILITY**

This week, the Chairman of Durham County Council, Cllr Jan Blakey, opened our newly remodelled and refurbished community facility. The event was attended by governors and local councillors who supported the project. Destiny-Ann and Liam in Year 6 escorted the visitors on a tour of the school before the red ribbon was officially cut. William, Erin and Jamie-Lee, three of our two year olds also joined the celebrations. The Northern Echo was there to record the event for local people. If you know of any community groups who are interested in renting space for community activities, please let them know and ask them to call the school office on 0191 3700182.



## BRONZE MEDAL AT BRITISH GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS



Well done to Tatiana in Year 6, who won a bronze medal, in the British Gymnastics championships in the summer. I'm sure you will join us in wishing her continued success in her chosen sport.

### WATER BOTTLES

Just a reminder to send in a water bottle for your child. Thank you.

### DIARY DATES

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest Festival; please send your contributions to school before then.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – Reception photos planned to be published in Chronicle

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – Halloween Disco (finishes at 5.00 p.m.)

**School closes on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October for the half term holiday and reopens on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.** Happy Halloween!

**INSET DAY Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – school closed to pupils.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – Flu vaccines (further details to follow)

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November** - Parents' Evenings

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November** - Parents' Evenings

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November** – Firefighters' Collection

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November** – EYFS Stay & Play

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Winter Fayre (1.15 p.m.)

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Whole school trip to pantomime (Rec onwards)

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** 9.30 a.m. – EYFS/KS 1 Nativity

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – KS 2 Christmas Production at 9.30 a.m.

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**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - KS 2 Christmas Production at 1.30 p.m.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Y3/4 Christmas party

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Y1/2 Christmas party

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Lunch

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Y5/6 Christmas party

School breaks up **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

