



Roseberry Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

September 2014

Welcome back!

Autumn is truly here and every class has settled well with their new teacher. Parents had the opportunity to attend our transition meetings early in the term and over half of our parents came into school to meet the teacher and find out what their child will be learning about.

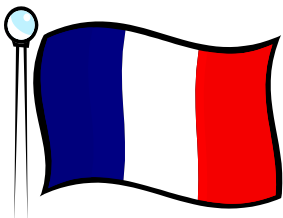
Next half term, we will be holding our **parents' evening on Tuesday 2nd December**. Please put that date in your diary, as we would like to see every parent attend. If you are unable to come on that date, our teaching staff will be happy to accommodate you before or after school, when it suits. Appointments will come out nearer the time.



FRENCH

With the introduction of the new National Curriculum in September 2014, teaching a foreign language is now compulsory. We have been teaching French for many years now in KS 2, but this year we have appointed Mrs Nathalie Paris to teach French to our junior children. Mrs Paris is a native French speaker, a qualified teacher, and is bringing the subject alive for our pupils. She is also setting up pen pals for us, so the children can practise their writing skills and get to know a little about the French culture.

Junior pupils are also being given the opportunity to travel to Berck sur Mer, a coastal resort in France, to experience the country and culture first-hand next year. This trip has been very successful in the past.



School trips

- Years 1 & 2 visited the Laing Art Gallery as part of their study on Newcastle
- Years 5 & 6 visited the Durham Light Infantry Museum.

Right: Jay, Abbey, Shay & Kaitlin pose in costumes typical of the time, as part of their studies on World War I.



UGANDA

Miss Grace Aciro, a community support worker from the Anglican Church, has been delivering weekly assemblies to our pupils about life in her home country. She is also running an after school creative dance club.

KEEPING SAFE AT ROSEBERRY PRIMARY

BIKEABILITY

Our Year 6 pupils undertook cycling proficiency sessions in September, enabling them to handle their bikes with excellent control and developing their road safety awareness on single lane roads and at junctions.

STRANGER DANGER

This information session for parents, delivered by the local community police support officer, really brought home the need to make our children aware of the dangers of talking to strangers. Please visit Youtube and watch the Daybreak Stranger Danger Experiment to see how easily it could happen. Pupils also received a workshop highlighting the dangers, as well as a visit from police dogs, Ben and Jet.

FAMILY FIRST AID TRAINING

Our partnership with Sunderland AFC, is continuing to prove popular with parents and pupils alike. The theme for this term's family learning is first aid but parents and their children also have the



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Once again, parents have been very generous in their donations for Durham Foodbank, a local charity which helps families in crisis. A representative from the organisation came to accept the donations this week in our Harvest assembly.

Left: Caitlin and Rosie show Mrs Anderson from Durham Foodbank, our harvest collection.

*Laing
Art
Gallery*



WATER BOTTLES

Every child in the infants and juniors has been given a water bottle so they have free access to drinking water.

FREE INFANT SCHOOL MEALS

Just a reminder that if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they are entitled to a free school lunch.

FOOTBALL

Our team is gradually winning more games: well done boys!

Player of the match:
Liam C

SCHOOL GARDEN COMPETITION WINNER

In the summer term, we entered the quadrangle garden in Cestria Housing's school garden competition. I am very pleased to announce that we won 1st prize. Mrs Vera Codling, a representative from Cestria Housing, presented our award and a cheque for £100 in assembly this morning. Well done to our dedicated gardening team and Mr King, our site manager.





*From left to right: (top) Hannah, Lauryn, Kaitlin, Megan
(bottom) Caitlin, Lucy, Jessica, Angel*

WORLD WAR I CENTENARY

Due to a successful bid for funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund by Miss Dodds, we have been fortunate enough to send every child from Year 1 to 6 on a visit to the Durham Light Infantry Museum and every child from Reception to Year 6 will be visiting Beamish Museum next week. The children have been learning about the impact of the First World War on the local area and would love to share their findings with the community.

Parents are invited to attend school on **Friday 24th October** at the following times when they will be able to view the exhibition of pupils' work, hear about what they have learnt and observe them singing traditional war time songs and enacting drama activities.

Could we remind parents to encourage their children to dress up that day in clothes typical of the era?

9.30 – 10.30 a.m. – allocated for EYFS and KS 1 parents and relatives

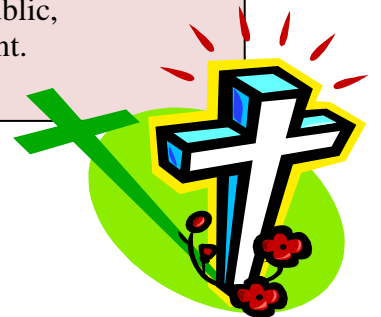
11.00 – 12.00 a.m. – allocated for community

1.30 - 2.30 p.m. – allocated for KS 2 parents and relatives

Please note all pupils will be performing in each slot.

All family members are invited and if you know of any members of the public, who would be interested in attending, please let them know about this event.

Refreshments will be available in the community room.



Diary Dates

Wednesday 22nd October – Halloween Disco (finishes at 5.00 p.m.)

Friday 24th October – World War I Centenary Exhibition Day – see times above

School closes on Friday 24th October for the half term holiday and reopens on Tuesday 4th November. Happy Halloween!

INSET DAY Monday 3rd November – school closed to pupils.

Thursday 20th November – author visit for KS 2 (Kate Pankhurst)

Monday 24th November – Year 6 to ‘Have Your Say Event’

Tuesday 25th November – Tempest photographer

Monday 1st December – Whole school pantomime (Hansel & Gretel)

Tuesday 2nd December – Parents’ Evenings

Thursday 4th December (p.m.) – Winter Fayre

Wednesday 10th December 9.30 a.m. – EYFS/KS 1 Nativity

Wednesday 10th December – Christmas Disco (finishes at 5.00 p.m.)

Thursday 11th December 9.30 a.m. – KS 2 Christmas Production

Thursday 11th December 1.15 p.m. – EYFS/KS 1 Nativity

Monday 15th December – Y3/4 Christmas party

Tuesday 16th December – Y1/2 Christmas party

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 18th December – Y5/6 Christmas party



Bikeability training

