

Roseberry Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter: 21st October 2022

The first half-term of the year has whizzed past already. We have had a brilliant start to the term and the children have enjoyed being back in school after the summer holidays which now seem like a distant memory. Thank you all for your continued support.



Important holiday dates

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS INFORMATION

Return to school

Children return to school on Monday 31st October

We finish for Christmas on Tuesday 20th December and children return on Thursday 5th January.

School will be closed for INSET days on:

4th January 2023

21st July 2023

School meals

School meals are charged at £2.25 per day. Please contact the school office if your child changes from school lunches to a packed lunch or vice-versa.

After-School Club

After-School Club will now run until 5pm every day. This will include a snack at around 4pm. The cost for this will be £2.50 per day and is available to any pupils from Reception to Year 6.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available for pupils from Reception to Year 6. This opens at 8am until the start of the school day and costs £2 per day including breakfast.

Please remember to book your child in using ParentPay.

After-School clubs

Apart from the Sports Cool club, all of our after-school activity clubs are free for children to attend. Hopefully parents have used the links posted on dojo this week to sign their children up for a club to start after half-term.

Attendance reminder

It is crucial that your child attends school every day. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in school. If your child's attendance falls below 95%, you may receive a letter from our Attendance Team. **Remember to contact the school office by 9am if your child is absent.** You will be contacted by a member of the office staff if you don't. Poor attendance will always be followed up by our team.

Fixed penalty notices may be issued for persistent unauthorised absences, including holidays taken during term time.

Achievers of the Half Term

Reception Starlings— **Thomas** for amazing progress in Reception.

Year 1 Herons— **Eadieanna** for working hard in Year 1 so far.

Year 1/2 Doves— **Grace** for her fantastic attitude in school.

Year 2 Swifts— **Dexter** for an impressive start to Year 2.

Year 3/4 Wrens— **Harvey** for working hard all term so far.

Year 3/4 Rooks— **Charlie** for his brilliant attitude in every lesson.

Year 5 Finches— **Alex** for his enthusiasm for everything.

Year 6 Kingfishers— **Tristan** for an amazing start to Year 6.

Photographs from school over this half-term



As part of their History unit about Crime and Punishment, Year 5 and 6 had a wonderful visit to Newcastle Keep and Castle where they found out information about how punishments have changed through time.



Photographs from school over recent weeks



Some pupils from **Year 5 and 6** enjoyed three fabulous days and nights at Robinwood in Alston. They worked well together and supported each other through the highs and lows! We are so proud of their resilience and enthusiasm.



Year 1 and 2 had a visit to Holy Trinity Church in Pelton where Reverend John helped them to find out about different features inside and outside a church.



Children in **Reception** have been busy making some vegetable soup. They all had a go at peeling and cutting the vegetables carefully. They even all had a taste of the soup afterwards!



Robins Nursery have been reading lots of books this half-term. This one was all about families and the children drew lovely pictures of their family members.



Harvest Festival

A massive thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest Festival collection last week. Your generosity has provided 179 meals to the Durham Food Bank! Reverend John came into school to help us to celebrate Harvest. Well done Roseberry!



School Library

After half-term, we are opening our library at lunchtimes to children in KS2 who would like to come and read books in quiet and comfort. KS1 will be encouraged to attend on Fridays to read with older pupils. They will be joined by a different member of staff each day who will read alongside the children. This is another part of our commitment to encouraging children to read for pleasure.

We couldn't run our library without our dedicated volunteers who come into school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A huge thank you to them too!

A reminder for Year 6 parents

The deadline for Y7 applications is Monday 31st October. Please ensure you have applied for your child's secondary school place by this date.

Important dates

Parents' Evenings will be held on Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th of November. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

Christmas performances for EYFS, KS1 and UKS2 will be held during the week of the 5th December. We will advise of exact dates in November.

Year 3 and 4 will not be taking part in a Christmas performance this year due to pupil numbers. Instead, they will put on a performance at **Easter**.

Christmas parties will be held during the week of 12th December.

We hope you all have a lovely half term!

From Mrs Dunn and everyone at Roseberry.