

Roseberry Primary and Nursery School

16th December 2022



Christmas is fast approaching and we have had a very busy time in school with our performances, pantomime trip, Christmas stories shared with families and parties. The children have had a wonderful time.

Thank you for all of your support and patience this term. It means a lot to myself and the staff to have such supportive parents.



Best wishes, Mrs Dunn

Here are Reception looking fabulous in their Christmas performance.

Message from Mr Jonathan Anderson – Chair of Governors



I want to start by mentioning that it was great to be able to get into school earlier this month to see the Y5&6 performance and the EYFS nativity. All the children who took part did amazingly, for a lot of them it was their first time performing in front of a packed hall and for the older children it's been a long time since they last did that. Something that could be really nerve wracking they all took in their stride which was brilliant to see. A special mention goes to the staff involved in putting the shows together, it must take a lot of hard work and patience to achieve results like that.

I would like to say that it's an honour for me to take over as chair of governors from Wendy Seymour who stepped down in September, I have enjoyed my time on the board so far over the past couple of years and I am excited to lead the great work that everyone puts in.

Finally, on behalf of the governing body, I would like to thank Mrs Dunn, all the teaching and support staff for their hard work and dedication to their roles this year. It has been another year filled with lots of success and some challenge, I hope you have a great Christmas break and wish you all the best for the new year. I would also like to wish all of our pupils and their families at home the same. Enjoy your Christmas break and I hope you come back recharged in January.

Important Spring term dates

Thursday 5th January—children return to school

Friday 17th February—break up for half-term

Monday 27th February—return to school

Friday 31st March—break up for Easter

Monday 17th April—return to school



Achievers of the Half-Term

Reception—Evan for approaching everything she does with resilience, determination and enthusiasm.

Year 1 Herons—Jorgie for her hard work this half-term and her 'Yes I Can' attitude.

Year 1/2 Doves—James H for the great progress he has made since the start of the year.

Year 2 Swifts—Mazie for her fantastic effort in all subjects this half-term.

Year 3/4 Rooks—Jack G for his enthusiasm in everything he does.

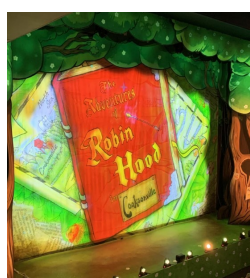
Year 3/4 Wrens—Freddie L for a wonderful start to Year 4.

Year 5 Finches—Mollie P for a fantastic start to Year 5.

Year 5/6 Kingfishers—Patrick for a fantastic term leading up to Christmas.



Year 2 Swifts all dressed up for their Christmas party.



Pupils from Year 5 Finches on their way to the pantomime at the Customs House in South Shields.



Share a Christmas Story

This year, we were able to resume our annual Share a Christmas Story and Craft morning. We were thrilled to have so many parents, carers and family members in school and the children had a great time. Thank you to everyone who took the time to give us some feedback.

Thank you to all the staff for making this event so enjoyable.



It was lovely to be able to come in and see our child in his school environment.



What a brilliant morning! The buzz in the classroom was lovely and the children all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Thank you for organising this activity. It is great to be back in school sharing experiences with our children.



Christmas Performances 2022



We held our first Christmas performances since 2019 this year and the children all did amazingly well. We were so proud of them all and the parents enjoyed themselves too judging by their comments!

The performance was absolutely fantastic very well thought out and organised. Both the staff and children did very well.

It was absolutely brilliant! Had me laughing but also crying.

Absolutely brilliant, super proud of all children involved. My jaw was aching off smiling through the whole show!

You can't improve on perfection.

It was so good to be able to see these again! Huge congratulations to the children and massive thanks to all the staff who made it happen. Merry Christmas everyone!

What a fabulous performance from everyone. Makes our parents day being able to see their children involved. Really appreciate all of the time, effort and huge amounts of patience that goes into putting this together from the wonderful staff team! Thank you so much!



Headteacher response to some parental comments in our survey about the performances.

- ◆ Sorry the hall was so cold for the first Y5/6 performance. I opened the windows too far!
- ◆ We will operate a ticket system from now on for all performances.
- ◆ We will think about selling refreshments after our performances—good idea.
- ◆ We will consider videoing the performances in future, depending on parental consent.
- ◆ Unfortunately, we can't make the stage any taller and we can't improve the view from the seats. Staff do try their best to make as many children visible to everyone as possible.

Cookery at Roseberry in our fantastic cookery room.



Year 6 perfected their fine chopping skills to make some delicious chocolate truffles.



Year 1 and 2 made chicken parmesan (parmo) as part of their work on our local region.



Year 3/4 Rooks made some spiced carrot flapjacks for Rudolph who was sick of eating carrots!



Goodbye Mrs Peters!

Mrs Peters, who works in our early Years department, has decided it's time to retire and spend some time relaxing and doing things she loves. She has worked so hard during her time here at Roseberry and she really cares about making sure the children have the best experience possible. She will be a big miss but we wish her all the very best for the future. We might see her again soon if she decides to come on a school trip!

Goodbye Mr Neasham!

Mr Neasham has decided it's time to move on to pastures new. He has been a popular teacher during his time here and his classroom was always a joy to visit. He always made a special effort to get to know the children and I know that was greatly appreciated.

We will all miss him and wish him every success in the future. Hopefully he will pop back to visit soon.



Wishing all of our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you all enjoy the festive season. See you in 2023! From Mrs Dunn and everyone at Roseberry.