



December Newsletter

ROTHBURY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS The Rothbury Christmas Lights Committee have sent their thanks to the support given for the event last Saturday. It was lovely to see the lantern parade, and the dancers and singers were marvellous! Thank you to everyone for supporting this community event.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR Thank you for the fantastic response to our book fair. This has raised £482 for school which we will be spending on books for all ages in school.

CHILDREN IN NEED Your contributions to Children in Need raised £129.86. Thank you.



BINGO NIGHT We'd like to invite you all to our Christmas Bingo Night on Thursday 14th December at 6pm. Mr Grimes will be our Bingo Host and we look forward to a fund-raising evening full of laughter! As we are not running the children's raffle this year in its traditional form, we would like to offer a food/drink raffle on this evening instead – however we do request contributions for this. Please would you send your child in with an item of Christmas food, Christmas drink or Christmas chocolate by Friday 8th December so that we can prepare hampers to be raffled off on the evening. Bingo cards and raffle tickets will be available for purchase from the Office. Details to come! The Friends will be selling refreshments, so if you are able to offer help for this, please let us know. We expect the evening to finish at around 7.30pm and look forward to seeing you there!



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE This year, again we are trying something a little different to previous years. We had originally planned a lantern parade from school leading down to All Saints Church – however logistics have unfortunately proved too complex for this. So instead we are inviting you to join us for "A Starry Night" in the church with refreshments beforehand (again volunteers would be much appreciated to help with the refreshments). Refreshments will be available from 5.30pm on Monday 18th December in the church. Our performance will start around 6pm and will be based around a traditional Nativity, but with carols and dancing alongside! James Tait will be providing musical accompaniment.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE Our Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 children have been kindly invited to see the dress rehearsal at the Middle School on the morning of Tuesday 19th December. We would appreciate parent helpers to assist with the walk. Please let the Office or your class teacher know if you can help.



RUGBY Newcastle Falcons have been working with our Year 3 and Year 4 children on Friday mornings – their last session is on Friday 1st December, and letters are going out this week about a trip to the Falcons home ground for a tournament. The children have also been learning the basics of sign language. This has been a brilliant opportunity for our children and they have enjoyed learning new skills.

TRIDENT CHRISTMAS SPECIAL Although the Trident Soccer after school club finishes this week, Ryan has organised a Trident Christmas Special for Thursday 7 December. Please see Ryan or call into the Office for further details.

SPORT IN JANUARY After Christmas Year 3 will swim for five weeks, Year 4 will be taking part in Forest School, and Year 1 and Year 2 will be taking part in PE led by Ryan (who leads the Trident Soccer after school club).



CHRISTMAS IN SCHOOL

We have spent the last couple of weeks finalising our activities for the forthcoming Christmas period. Please see the following set of dates for your diary:

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| Wed 6 Dec | Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4 | Alnwick Playhouse Trip |
| Thur 7 Dec | YR Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4 | Trident Christmas Special |
| Fri 8 Dec | all children | FRFS Christmas Disco |
| Tues 12 Dec | Y3 Y4 | Rugby Festival |
| Wed 13 Dec | Y1 | Last swimming session |
| Thur 14 Dec | all | Bingo Night |
| Fri 15 Dec | all children | Christmas Jumper Day (donations will be sent to Save the Children) |
| Mon 18 Dec | YR Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4 | "A Starry Night" performance at Rothbury All Saints Church |
| Tues 19 Dec | Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4 | Middle School performance of "Olivia" |
| Wed 20 Dec | YR Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4 | Christmas lunch |
| Thur 21 Dec | all children | Christmas Party Day (volunteers to help prepare food please) |
| Fri 22 Dec | all children | Christingle in school (please send an orange to school on the day if you wish your child to make a Christingle) |
| Fri 22 Dec | all children | School closes at 3.15pm for Christmas break. |
| Mon 8 Jan 2018 | - | School opens at 8.50am |

Term dates for 2017-2018 are available on the Northumberland County Council website:
<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Holidays.aspx#schooltermdates>

Please note that school will be closed for Teacher Training on the following dates:

Friday 29 June 2018



AND FINALLY...

SNOW CLOSURE

We will make every effort to keep the school open in bad weather conditions, however all of our teachers live outside Rothbury therefore we will be at the mercy of the road conditions into the village and the advice given to school about access. The school closure policy is on the website and shows where school closures will be published. If bad conditions are forecast and we have to close early, please make sure that we have up-to-date contact numbers for you.

In the event of any closure, either for the whole day or parts of the day, we will use ParentMail email and text as our prime means of contacting you.

