



# September Newsletter

## WELCOME TO 2017-18!

We hope that you have all had a lovely summer. We have had a fantastic start to the school year and we wish a warm welcome to our new starters across school: Ellis, Emilie, Jasper, Kaleb, Heath, Alexander, Freya, Megan, Hannah, James, Jasmine and Ryan. We are sure that you will have a wonderful time with us at Rothbury First!

**FANTASTIC FRIDAY** Every Friday is a special dinner day in our Dining Hall. Children who normally bring packed lunches may purchase a Fantastic Friday dinner for £2 per week.

**ROALD DAHL DAY** This year we are celebrating Roald Dahl Day on **Friday 22 Sept** which is a little later than usual. We will be sharing Roald Dahl stories that day. Dinner will be in the style of Roald Dahl and will be the 'Fantastic Friday' dinner.

**OUTDOOR CLOTHING** Please can all Nursery & Reception children bring a pair of wellies to be kept in school. We have waterproofs in school.

**FOREST SCHOOL/SWIMMING** Year 3 will be starting Forest School on Wednesday for three weeks then swimming for three weeks. Year 4 will be swimming for three weeks then starting Forest School for three weeks. Please can all children in these classes make sure that they have a pair of wellies to keep in school, and wear long trousers and a long-sleeved top on their Forest School days, and bring a swimming costume and towel on Swimming days. Parental help with swimming would be welcome. Please let the office know if you can help.

**PE KITS** Year 1 and Year 2 children will have PE on Wednesday afternoons. Please make sure that your child has a suitable PE kit in school on their PE days – this should be a t-shirt, shorts/tracksuit bottoms and sandshoes/trainers.



### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

**Singing Club** for Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 starts Tuesday 12 September from 3.15pm to 4pm. Price is £10 for 5 sessions.

**Trident Football** for Reception and Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 starts Thursday 14 September from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. Price is £15 for 5 sessions. Please would parents assist with tying bootlaces at 3.15pm in the Nursery covered area.

**Taekwondo** for Reception and Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 starts Monday 18 September from 3.15pm to 4pm. Price is £10 for 5 sessions.

Please note that all children are to be collected from the After-School Club provider.

**OFFICE UPDATE:**

Mrs Mathewson is teaching Reception children on Friday mornings and Year 4 on Friday afternoons. If you need to catch Mrs Mathewson urgently, please see her either before school or at the end of school, otherwise please call the school office to arrange a meeting or a call back.

Please note that the school office is now closed on Wednesday afternoons. If you need to contact school on Wednesday afternoons, please leave a message on the answer machine and we will get back to you.

**PARENT GOVERNOR:**

If you are interested in standing as a Parent Governor, please return the nomination form **by Friday 15 Sept.**

**FIRST AID AWARENESS FOR CHILDREN:**

Mr & Mrs Gonzalez have kindly offered to sponsor First Aid Awareness for Children. This will take place on Friday. We are very grateful to the Gonzalez family for arranging this.

**READERS IN SCHOOL:**

Last year our volunteer readers were a tremendous help to us and provided opportunities for children to practice their reading skills and develop their fluency. If you are able to offer an afternoon to help, please call into the School Office. Thank you!

**Dates for your diary (more to be added later this term as dates are finalised)**

Tues 12 Sept	Years 1,2,3,4	Singing Club with James Tait: 3.15pm to 4pm for five sessions
Thurs 14 Sept	Years R,1,2,3,4	Trident Football Club with Ryan Jobson: 3.15pm to 4.15pm for five sessions
Fri 15 Sept	Years R,1,2,3,4	First Aid Awareness for Children workshops
Mon 18 Sept	Years R,1,2,3,4	Taekwondo Club with William McElhone: 3.15pm to 4pm for five sessions
Thurs 21 Sept	Years R,1,2,3,4	Private music lessons start for violin, keyboard and guitar
Fri 22 Sept	All	Roald Dahl Day
Fri 22 Sept	Year 4	Pocket Trumpet lessons with Mr Vallance. Please note that these lessons are provided as part of the curriculum.
Wed 27 Sept	Years R,1,2,3,4 + parents	9.15am Harvest Celebration and food collection for the Wansbeck Valley Food Bank
Fri 29 Sept	Whole School	School individual/sibling photographs (in the morning)
Wed 4 Oct	Parents	"Settling in" parent consultations 3.30pm to 7.30pm
Thurs 12 Oct	Governors	Full Governing Body Autumn meeting at 7.30pm
Thurs 19 Oct	Year 4	Visit to the Rothbury World War 1 trenches.
Thurs 19 Oct	-	School closes at 3.15pm for half term break.
Fri 20 Oct	Whole School	SCHOOL CLOSED – TEACHER TRAINING DAY
Mon 30 Oct	-	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 20 October 2017**

**Friday 29 June 2018**