



# October Newsletter

## HARVEST CELEBRATION

Please join us on Thursday 13 October at 9.30am for our Harvest Festival celebration in the Dining Hall. Children from Reception to Year 4 will be singing a few songs and hymns and will share some Autumn inspired work with you. Our Friends of Rothbury First School will be serving teas/coffees from 8.50am (once the children have been brought into school).

As part of our celebration, we'd like to ask you to support a food collection for the Wansbeck Valley Food Bank. If you are able to support this, please send dry food packets or tins (no glass jars please) in a plastic carrier bag to school. The Food Bank also accept toiletries such as toilet rolls, soap and toothpaste. All carrier bags will be passed on to the Food Bank as these are reused when preparing the food parcels.

Please send any items before Thursday 13 October. Thank you.



**FANTASTIC FRIDAYS:** Mrs Brown, our cook, has asked to remind all parents of children who bring a packed lunch, that they are welcome to purchase a school meal each Friday as part of our Fantastic Friday initiative.

Please note, Friday 4 November will be a special 'Bonfire Lunch'!

**PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE:** Thank you for your responses to our parent questionnaire. We are in the process of analysing them and will feed back to you when this is complete. If you still have one at home (yellow form) and would like to send it in to school, please do so by Friday 14 October. If you were not able to attend our parent consultations and so did not receive a form, please look out for one coming home with your child.



**NEW STARTERS:** We wish a warm welcome to more new starters:  
in Reception – Lilly; in Year 4 – Corey

We are sure that you will have a wonderful time with us at Rothbury!

**FOREST SCHOOL:** A reminder to all children taking part in Forest School sessions – please make sure that your child wears long trousers and a long-sleeved top on Forest School days, and that they have a pair of wellies in school. Year 4 Forest School is on Wednesday afternoons up to half term.

After half term, Year 2 will be swimming for the first three weeks, then Forest School for three weeks. After half term, Year 1 will have Forest School for the first three weeks, then swimming for three weeks. Please look out for a letter before the end of this half term). Reception and Nursery children access our new Forest School area next to the Early Years yard almost every day.



**PLOT TO PLATE:** Mrs Scott is running a Plot to Plate club every Friday. Every child from Reception to Year 4 will be given the chance to take part in this initiative.

If your child comes home with a 'Plot to Plate' sticker during the week, please send in wellies with them that Friday.

**STORAGE REQUEST:** We are 'on the scrounge' for some garden storage. If anyone has an old plastic garden bunker or similar that they would be willing to donate to school – please see Mrs Scott. Thank you.

**READERS IN SCHOOL:** We would like to set up a group of regular school helpers who are able to come in once a week to hear children read. If you would be interested in supporting this initiative, please let Mrs Mathewson know.

**NURSERY OPENING & OPEN CLASSROOMS:** Now that our Nursery refurbishments are complete, we would like to share this with you. We are in the process of arranging a formal "Nursery Opening" event and would like to host another "Open Classroom" event on the same afternoon. We'll send out further details as they come available.

**TRIDENT SOCCER ASSEMBLY:** Please join us for our half-termly Trident Assembly on Thursday 20 October at 9.05am to celebrate the achievements of the children who take part in the after-school club. This term Ryan has been supporting us with our PE sessions on Wednesday afternoon so children have had a fantastic opportunity to hone their football skills!



**RECEPTION PARENTS/CARERS:** Please join us for a meeting on Tuesday 8 November at 5pm for a "Helping your child to read" session. We would like to introduce you to the ReadWriteInc Phonics programme and answer any questions that you may have. We kindly request that children are not brought to this meeting.

**YEAR 2 PARENTS/CARERS:** Please join us for a meeting on Tuesday 15 November at 5pm for a "Preparation for Year 2 formal assessments" session. We would like to introduce you to the DfE assessments and expectations, and answer any questions that you may have. We kindly request that children are not brought to this meeting.

## DATES FOR THIS HALF TERM

Thurs 6 Oct	parents	Parent consultations 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Thurs 13 Oct	YR/1/2/3/4 + parents	Harvest Celebration (& Wansbeck Valley Food Bank collection)
Tue 18 Oct	YR/1/2/3/4	Rev Ed Assembly
Thurs 20 Oct	all	School closes at 3.15pm for half term
Fri 21 Oct	all	School is closed – Teacher Training Day
Mon 31 Oct	all	School opens at 8.50am
Thurs 3 Nov	governors	Governors Autumn Meeting at 7.30pm
Tue 8 Nov	YR parents	“Helping your child to read” session at 5pm
Wed 9 Nov	new Nursery parents	Nursery Open Afternoon
Mon 14 Nov	all	Bag 2 School collection
Tue 15 Nov	Year 2 parents	“Preparation for Year 2 formal assessments” session at 5pm
Fri 18 Nov	all	Children in Need Day
Fri 2 Dec	all	FRFS Disco at the Jubilee Hall (after school)
Wed 7 Dec	YR/1/2/3/4	Two Christmas Performances: (1) afternoon; (2) early evening
Fri 16 Dec	all	School closes at 3.15pm for the Christmas holiday



Term dates for 2016-2017 are available on the Northumberland County Council website:  
<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=438>

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

**Friday 21 October 2016**  
**Friday 23 June 2017**