



# APRIL NEWSLETTER

Another busy half term has come to an end. We have crammed a lot into a short space of time! We have celebrated World Book Day with lots of reading activities and a bottle character competition and we can't forget Newcastle United winning the Carabau cup and our black and white celebrations! We have raised £102.45 for Comic Relief. It was lovely to see so many families at our Pancake breakfast event and Easter Egg Hunt organised by the PTA, we had the perfect weather for hunting eggs. The staff had a really difficult time judging the Easter Egg Competition as there were so many brilliant entries. Thank you to all who took part.

Our next big event will be our residential, the Y4 children are already planning for their trip to Newby Wiske next term and are really looking forward to it.

## HELLOS/GOODBYES

We sadly say goodbye to Miss Campbell who is leaving us today. She has been an amazing teacher and colleague and particularly loved by our Early Years children. We all wish her well on her next adventure.



Fabulous easter egg entry from Rose and Arthur

We are looking forward to saying hello to Miss Lightfoot who will be taking up the reins as Reception teacher after Easter.

We have 5 Nursery children joining the Turtle class after Easter. We look forward to welcoming Ari, Eliza, Luna, Ronnie and Gennaro.

## REWARDS

Our children have been working hard in class this term and earning beads in a jar for their achievements. The children chose their own reward. Elephants have had a lego and games afternoon with their teddies. Parrots have had ice lollies and teddies on the field and the Zebras have had a pyjama day and icecream. The Turtle Class had ice creams and a party.

## EASTER EGG COMPETITION

We had some eggstremely imaginative entries for our decorated egg competition and it was so difficult to pick the winners. After a lot of deliberation we felt the most eggcellent eggs were:

Y4 Lola and Olivia

Y3 Minnie and Bodhi

Y2 Logan and Effy

Y1 George and Eri

Rec Rose and Freddy

Nursery Arthur

Parent Winners Adam and Anna and Danielle

## PARENTS EVENING

It was lovely to see so many of you at our parents' evening. We hope you found your discussions with teachers useful. Please contact your child's class teacher if you were unable to make the meeting and would like to arrange a time to speak to them.

## COMMUNITY LUNCHES

After Easter, we look forward to sharing some of our lunchtimes with members of our local community nominated by the children. The dates will be as follows.

Reception	Thursday 1st May
Year 1	Thursday 15th May
Year 2	Thursday 5th June
Year 3	Thursday 12th June
Year 4	Thursday 19th June

Nomination forms will be sent home and must be returned by the deadline in order that supplies can be ordered for the kitchen.

## FONT ALLIANCE FOOTBALL

The children who attended the Font Alliance football event had a great time. The event was well organised thanks to Ponteland Community Primary School. A further event will take place in the summer term.





### CLUBS DURING THE SUMMER TERM

All clubs will commence the first week back after the holidays.

Choir Club	R-Y4	Monday 3.15-4.15pm	James Tait
Mindfulness Club	R-Y4	Monday lunchtime	Mrs Auld
Art/Knitting Club	R-Y4	Tuesday lunchtime	Miss Riding and Y4 leaders
Makaton Club	R-Y4	Tuesday 3.15-4pm Charge £3 per session payable for 4 sessions in advance	Mrs Pringle
Computing Club	Y1-Y4	Wednesday lunchtime	Mrs Maylia and Y4 leaders
Trident Football	R-Y4	Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm	Ryan Jobson

Places for lunchtime clubs will be selected based on a minimum number and chosen at random from all of those interested.

### TODDLER FOREST SCHOOL & FOREST SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLUB

Miss Dick continues to take our forest school sessions with our children. Our Year 3/4 children will continue after Easter and then Early Years will have some sessions further into Summer term.

Forest school toddler sessions continue to run monthly and it has been lovely to see some new faces in recent sessions. The Easter Holiday club at our school is fully booked but there will be future dates in May half term and during the Summer Holidays!

Follow the Facebook page

'Muddy Footprint Adventures' for future dates and upcoming events!



## **SUMMER TERM 1**

### **OUTDOOR LEARNING/PE:**

Nursery and Reception will be doing outdoor learning on a Friday afternoon and PE on a Thursday morning.

Year 1 and Year 2 will be swimming on a Wednesday.

Forest School will take place for Y3/4 children in group 2 as before Easter.

Y3/4 PE will take place for those not doing Forest School on a Wednesday and also for all children on a Friday.

### **TRIDENT**

This will continue next half term starting on **Wednesday 30th April 3.15 - 4.15pm**. If you require wrap around care after football, please book by text to the usual number.

### **PTA - A message from Lindsay Foggin**

We are delighted to say that it has been a successful half term for the PTA, we kicked off with the Pancake Day Breakfast which was a lovely way to see everybody after the half term break. Next was the Mother's Day Event where children got to select a gift for their chosen person and help wrap it up. It was an absolute pleasure to see how excited the children were to be part of this and we are really grateful for all of the gifts and contributions that made this possible. We hope the recipients were as pleased with their surprises as the children were giving them. We are looking forward to finishing the term with the Easter Egg Trail, poster competition and Eggcellent Easter Raffle.

We were very pleased Emma Sutton joined the PTA committee this term, thank you for volunteering and a warm welcome. At the end of the Summer Term Jess and Lindsay will be stepping down from the committee, if anybody is keen to join our group you we would love to hear from you, please do email us on [rothburyfirstschoolpta2017@yahoo.com](mailto:rothburyfirstschoolpta2017@yahoo.com) or catch one of us at school.

Thank you very much again for all of your support this term, it is hugely appreciated.

Happy Easter

Friends of Rothbury First School

**DATES FOR NEXT HALF TERM**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 28th April	R-Y4	Choir club starts
Wednesday 30th April	R-Y4	Trident football starts
Wednesday 30th April	Y1 and 2	Swimming starts
Wednesday 7th May	Reception	Vision Screening
Wednesday 7th May	R-Y4	Veterans VE Day Celebration Assembly
Thursday 8th May	All children	VE Day Celebrations Further information to follow
Saturday 10th May	All children and families	Picnic at RAFA House for VE day celebrations
Wednesday 14th- Friday 16th May	Y4	Newby Wiske Residential
Thursday 22nd May	All classes and families	Sports Day (Weather permitting)
Friday 23rd May	Y1-4	Cricket Festival at Dr T's
Wednesday 4th June	Y4	Forest school session with Harbottle and Thropton Schools
Friday 6th June	Y3 and 4	Cricket begins (6 weekly sessions)
Monday 9th June	Y1	Phonics screening
Wednesday 11th, 18th and 25th June	Turtle Class	Forest School session with Miss Dick
Monday 23rd June	All Classes	TEACHER TRAINING DAY
Tuesday 24th June	YN-R	New to Early Years Parents Meeting
Thursday 26th June	Y4	Lifepath at Brinkburn Priory
Friday 27th June	Y1-4	Tennis Festival at Dr T's
Tuesday 1st July	Y3-4	Font Alliance Athletics Day at Ponteland Community Primary School

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th July	Y4	Transition at Dr Tomlinson's Middle School
Friday 4th July	All parents	Friends of Rothbury First School AGM
Friday 11th July	All Children and parents	Big Breakfast 8.15am
Thursday 17th July am and pm option	All Classes	Leavers Concert
Friday 18th July	Y4	Leavers lunch at La Mensa

## WRAPAROUND

Our wraparound service continues to be well used. If you require any wrap around care, please book your sessions using the MCAS app or text **07776 945623**. This is checked regularly between the hours of 7.30am-5.30pm Monday - Friday. A parental permission/contact form needs to be completed if you wish to use the service. **If you have any requests for the first week back, all messages will be picked up on Friday 25th April.**

## SEASONAL ILLNESS

We have seen increasing numbers of people affected by seasonal illnesses, such as diarrhoea and vomiting. In order to reduce the risk of catching these common bugs please keep your child off school if they are very unwell. Children should attend school 48 hours after their last bout.

In school children wash their hands frequently and extra cleaning of shared areas is in place.

## JEWELLERY:

A reminder that jewellery including **earrings** should not be worn in school. If your child has their ears pierced then they should wear retainers until their piercings are healed. Once they are healed, earrings should be removed during school hours. Information regarding jewellery is clearly stated in our uniform policy which can be found on the school website.

## WEATHER:

Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat. We will still have outdoor play times in the rain.

We look forward to welcoming all the children back to school at 8.45am on **Monday 28th April**.

We wish you all a happy and relaxing Easter break

Mrs C Auld and Mrs H Duffield

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