



# JULY

# NEWSLETTER

We are coming to the end of what has been a very strange but busy year at Rothbury First School. We are now very much looking forward to getting back to some kind of normality in September.

In the meantime, If your child tests positive for coronavirus, having developed symptoms **less** than 48 hours since being in school, the school should be contacted immediately by emailing using the addresses at the end of the newsletter.

## GOODBYES

We are saying a fond farewell to our Year 4 children. Again like last year, this is not the way any of us thought this academic year would end. Nevertheless they have still had a busy end to their term. They have thoroughly enjoyed their very wet activity day at Sweethope Loughs adventure centre as well as a delicious leavers lunch at La Mensa. We do feel disappointed that we couldn't send them off in the style that we are used to but we hope you enjoyed the virtual leavers concert which was shared this week.

We are also saying a fond farewell to Mrs Danagher who will be leaving us at the end of term. She has been part of our little team here for many years and has worked with many children. She has been such a dedicated member of staff and friend to many. We will all miss her very much but wish her well in her retirement.

## NEW ARRIVALS!

We have recently appointed Mrs Parker who will be taking over the provision of our covid catch up programme. She will be working with all classes in school during the Autumn Term.

We are also looking forward to welcoming 10 new children into Early Years and 1 new addition to Year 4.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR AUTUMN TERM

From September our new timings for **all** children will be **8.50 start and 3.05 finish**. Please can Y3 and Y4 parents line up with their children at the main door and R, Y1 and Y2 at the lower school door. Nursery will line up at the Nursery door as usual. At the end of the day children will leave from the same door with the exception of Year 4 who will leave from the fire exit door in their classroom (previously the Y1/2 classroom).

Please note, depending on the unpredictable situation with Covid we may have to revert to separate bubbles and staggered starts again at short notice.

We will maintain our standards of hygiene and continue with regular hand washing throughout the day. As mask wearing will no longer be mandatory we will leave this up to your discretion.

All children from Reception to Year 4 should have a PE kit in school from September. (shorts, top and PE shoes or trainers, but no football strips please). Year 1/2 will need wellies for Forest school for week 1 onwards and Year 3 and 4 will need a swimming kit from week 2. We will continue with swimming lessons at Alswick for the Autumn term.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

It has been lovely to see some children in our new school uniform already. They look very smart! Our school uniform is now being supplied by Cloud 9 Leisure in Cramlington. If you require uniform or book bags for September, please follow the link to place your order.

<https://www.cloud9leisure.co.uk/rothbury-first-school>

## **SCHOOL HOLIDAY AND TERM DATES 2021-22**

You will have received the holiday and term dates for the coming academic year. In addition to these, please note that Teacher Training Days will take place on:

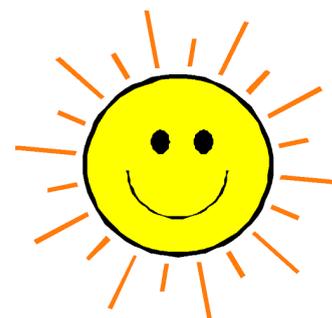
**Monday 6th September 2021, Tuesday 4th January 2022 and Friday 24th June 2022.**

We wish all of our children and their families a safe and happy summer holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 7th September.

If you need to contact school urgently for any reason before then, please use our email addresses as these are still monitored regularly during the holidays:

**School Office:**  
**[admin@rothburyfirst.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@rothburyfirst.northumberland.sch.uk)**

**Headteachers:**  
**[cheryl.auld@rothburyfirst.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:cheryl.auld@rothburyfirst.northumberland.sch.uk)**  
**[helen.duffield@rothburyfirst.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:helen.duffield@rothburyfirst.northumberland.sch.uk)**



*As always, thank you so much for all your support over the last year. It has been very much appreciated.*

*Best wishes for a happy, healthy holiday*

*Mrs Auld and Mrs Duffield (Headteachers)*