



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you to Mrs Gonzalez who has made a number of donations to our library and Reception class. These are much appreciated!

PLASTIC MILK CARTONS

Our Reception Class are planning to build an igloo and they need your help! Please would you send in empty plastic milk cartons, ideally the 4 pint size. We ask that they are thoroughly washed, label removed and that you leave the lid on.



SPORT AFTER HALF TERM

On Wednesday afternoons starting after half-term:

Year 1 – Forest School

Year 2 – Swimming for 5 sessions (please see separate letter)

Year 3 – PE with Mr Heath

Year 4 – PE with Mr Heath

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. We provide waterproof coats but at least one extra warm layer, fleece or hoody, would be advisable.

PLOT TO PLATE

If your child comes home with a Plot to Plate sticker during the week, please send them with wellies on Friday as they will be out in the garden whatever the weather.

PARENTS EVENING

Our next Parent Consultations will be held on Tuesday 28 February. We will be using an electronic booking system from ParentMail to book consultation slots. Further details coming this week. If you are not registered with ParentMail and would like to make an appointment, please call into the school office.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3 March. We ask that children bring in a favourite book to share. We are not asking children to dress up as we have already had a “dress-up” day this term.



REMINDERS

To prevent the spread of headlice, ALL long hair should be tied back.

To prevent the spread of threadworms, please encourage your children to wash their hands thoroughly before eating and after they have been to the toilet.

Please note that our uniform policy states no jewellery, tattoos or nail varnish. We request that you do not send your child to school wearing these.

SCHOOL GROUNDS

A reminder that children (and adults) are not allowed on the school field, the wooden play equipment, the wooded area nor the Forest School area either before or after school. Children are also not allowed to play around the cycle park area nor the boiler house steps at any time. We also request that children do not take the “short cut” from the path through the trees to then climb over the fence by the school gate.

We also ask that you do not let your child play in the school yard after hours.

VANDALISM

We are very sorry to report a number of incidents of trespass and vandalism on the school site, particularly at weekends. Where damage has been caused to school property, this has been reported to the police. The most recent case resulted in a large number of eggs being broken on the school yard, which then had to be cleared up by our school caretaker Mrs Murray. We believe this happened at the same time that people climbed onto the Dining Hall roof. Apart from being a very dangerous activity, this action resulted in a large number of broken tiles, a hole in the roof and water ingress to the Dining Hall. If you spot anything untoward out of school hours on the school site, please report it to the police and then to the school office.



CAR PARK

We are very concerned about the usage of our car park.
If you wish to use our car park, please follow our **car park code**:

- Reverse into spaces to reduce the chance of a child being knocked over.
- Accompany your children at all times. If you are getting more than one child out of the car, please take the other child to the fence to wait for you. Do not let children walk to the gate on their own.
- Hold your child's hand whilst in the car park and walk them to the gate. Staff and visitors have witnessed children running around the cars both before and after school, and later on when attending a club.
- Keep the centre aisle clear. We have been sent photos of cars blocking the aisle and blocking the school entrance which is a safety hazard to school.
- Keep the emergency gates clear at all times.
- School staff and school transport have priority over the car park spaces.
- Switch engines off when waiting to reduce air pollution.

We do appreciate the difficulties of dropping children off/collecting them by car however the safety of our children must be foremost.

Please consider other means of bringing children to school.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon	after school club	Tae Kwon Do – last session will be Monday 13 Feb 2017 Club starts again Monday 27 February for six weeks.
Thu	after school club	Trident Soccer – has finished for this half term. Club starts again Thursday 2 March for five weeks.
Fri 17 Feb	all	School Closes - Re-opens Mon 27 Feb 2017
Tue 28 Feb	YR/1/2/3/4	World Day of Prayer assembly
Tue 28 Feb	all	Parent Consultations
Fri 3 Mar	all	World Book Day
Tue 7 Mar	Year 3	Trip to Segedunum
Thu 9 Mar	all	Formal Nursery Opening by Cllr. Steven Bridgett Whole school open afternoon
Fri 24 Mar	-	MP Anne-Marie Trevelyan visit to school.

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.

If you have not registered yet for ParentMail, please do so as this is now our primary way of contacting you.



SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF-TERM AT 3.15 ON FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY

SCHOOL OPENS AT 8.50 ON MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful holiday!