



## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



We have had a very busy half term. The children have worked incredibly hard and are ready for a well-earned rest!

This half term, we all came to school wearing our pyjamas to raise money for Children in Need. We raised £116.61 which is fantastic. We donned our Christmas jumpers and raised £67 for the Northumberland National Park Mountain Rescue Team as we recognise what a sterling job they do in our community. All of the children have been involved in our annual Anti-bullying project. We have been talking PANTS (the underwear rule), using the NSPCC programme to support these important messages. E-safety assemblies have also taken place in the lead up to Christmas. We have been busy making a variety of Christmas crafts in the classrooms and thank the Friends of Rothbury First School for their donation to purchase the materials we needed. We have all enjoyed our messages from Santa and had lots of fun at our bubble Christmas parties. It has been a very different Christmas this year and we have tried to make things as 'normal' for the children as we could safely manage.

**THE ANGEL WHO NEARLY MISSED IT ALL** We hope that you have all had the chance to view our Christmas performance. We had a lot of fun making it and the children have worked so hard to produce a performance which we are sure you will agree was fantastic. The link is available until this Sunday.

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

**FOREST SCHOOL/PE:** All Y4 children will be starting Forest School on Wednesday afternoons after the Christmas holiday. Please can the children have a pair of wellies to keep in school, and wear long trousers and a long-sleeved top on their Forest School days. **PE** will start for Y3 after half-term. Please can they come dressed for PE on Wednesdays.

**SWIMMING:** To date we have had no information regarding restarting swimming lessons. We will let you know as soon as we have any news.

**WINTER WEATHER:** As the weather is beginning to get colder, could you please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat. We will still have outdoor play times in the rain.

All of the staff at Rothbury First School would like to wish you and your family all the very best for Christmas and hope that 2021 is a safe, happy and healthy year for us all.

Thank you very much for all your kind and generous cards and gifts to staff.

We look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on **Tuesday 5th January**.

**Mrs Brotherton and Mrs Duffield**