



EVENTS IN SCHOOL

It only seems like a couple of weeks since we last produced a newsletter and so much has happened!

We hosted the Scholastic Book Fair which raised the magnificent sum to school of £800. We shall be spending this on new books for the classrooms and library. Thank you for supporting this.

Our Year 3s created decorations for one of the trees inside Cragside House, and had two lovely visits to Cragside. We also created lanterns for the Rothbury Lantern Parade.

The Co-op presented school with a cheque for £3572 to support the installation of our Traverse Wall as well as equipment for the Early Years. We are very grateful to all involved in the fund raising and we know that the children of our school will enjoy this equipment for years to come.

Every child in school had the opportunity to plant a tree in our field. Thanks again to all the parents and carers who were able to come to our Tree Celebration. We hoped you enjoyed seeing your child's tree. We also featured on BBC Radio Newcastle!

Some of our children have been out and about carol singing for people in the community. We were also thrilled to see so many of you at our performance of 'A Starry Night' last week where the children performed beautifully!

Our Early Years Christmas Party was great fun, and the older children really enjoyed their trip to Newcastle to see the Snow Queen.

Parents and carers had a lovely afternoon at our Forest School Nativity with Elephant Class. The children retold the Nativity Story around their woodland manger.

Santa made a visit to school earlier this week and we finished our celebrations with a wonderful Christmas Dinner.



NEXT HALF TERM - Quick overview

SCHOOL OPENS on Monday 6th January at 8.50am.

ROBINWOOD PARENT MEETINGS - Wed 8th January at 9am or at 5.30pm: Year 4 parents/carers and your Year 4 child.

FRFS + SCHOOL BINGO NIGHT - Wed 15th January 5.30pm

SCOTTISH BOOK TRUST - AUTHOR VISIT - Wed 22nd January

SPRING PARENT CONSULTATIONS - Wed 29th January

FRFS AGM - Wed 5th February 3.30pm (staff will look after children in school)

FRFS FILM NIGHT - Wed 12th February 3.30pm

ROBINWOOD - Year 4, Mrs Mathewson & Mr Grimes: Wed 12th February to Fri 14th February.

AND FINALLY

Sport in January: After Christmas Elephant Class will swim for five weeks, Gorilla Class will be taking part in forest school and Penguins and Giraffes will be taking part in PE led by Ryan (who leads the Trident Soccer after school club). All children in school on Friday afternoons will take part in Yoga.

Nursery Places - we offer extended provision for 30-hours children with a small number of paid places on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please contact school for further details.

Social Media Links: For all the latest updates in school follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/rothburyfirst/> or on Twitter @rothburyfirst.

Thank you to all of our hard-working volunteers - the Reading Army, those who have come to share skills and expertise in school, those who are able to support our trips and visits, our Friends of Rothbury First School, and those who support us in so many different ways. **We could not do what we do without you.**



Upcoming Friends of Rothbury First School PTA events:

- **Bingo night - bingo, raffle & refreshments in RFS Dining Hall on Wednesday 15th January 2020 from 5.30pm**

Please get in touch if you're able to help out with these or any future FRFS PTA events.

You can reach us by

**Email: rothburyfirstschoolpta2017@yahoo.com
Facebook: Friends of RF School (PTA)**





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.

Our school closure policy is on the website under the 'Our School' tab, 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.

**In the event of any closure, either for the whole day or parts of the day, we will use ParentMail and text as our prime means of contacting you.
Closure will also be published on the school website.**



The Governors and Staff of Rothbury First School would like to wish you all a happy, safe and relaxing Christmas Break, with best wishes for the New Year!

