



# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Another busy half term has come to an end, the children have worked incredibly hard and are now ready for a well-earned rest!

Some highlights from the term have been our dressing up day for NSPCC Number Day and we raised £73.10 which was fantastic. Our Big Breakfast raised a total of £200 towards school funds. Our dream yurt is now not too far away. The children have been learning a selection of Northumbrian Songs taught by James Tait. The children showed off their hard work in an assembly on Monday. I'm sure you will agree they were fantastic. Many thanks to our guest readers in Year 1 and 2. We did this initially as a trial and it has proven to be a hit with the children. We will be extending this to Early Years and Year 3 and 4 after half term. More details to follow.

## **NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK**

We celebrated National Storytelling Week with a competition to make a puppet of a book character. Lots of hard work went into making the puppets and there were some super entries, it was very difficult to choose. Well done to our winners Alex, Rowan, Alice, Molly, Rae and Bodhi. We also welcomed Steven Bridgett, Mr Francis and Mr Pringle in to read to the children. The children also listened to their teachers' favourite stories in assemblies.

## **WORLD BOOK DAY AND AUTHOR VISIT**

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 2nd March. This year we would like the children to make a hat or headwear at home to identify a character from their favourite story and wear it on world book day.

In class with the teachers the children will take part in a competition for the Bailiffgate Museum in Alnwick to illustrate a book cover.



Also as part of our celebrations, we will be welcoming author and illustrator Holly Sterling into school on Monday 27th March. She will be doing a workshop for all the children in school. There will be an opportunity to buy one of her books and have this signed whilst she is here.

## COMMUNITY LUNCHES

We are very excited to be able to offer community lunches after half term. The children in school will all be given the opportunity to nominate a grandparent who will be invited in to have lunch with the children. Due to numbers, there will be a dedicated date for each class. Further details will follow.

## TODDLER GROUP

Toddler group continues on Thursday mornings 10 - 11.15am in the school hall. We will be having the next session in our **Early Years unit** on Wednesday 1st March when breakfast will be provided for visiting toddlers and their parents.



at ROTHBURY FIRST SCHOOL

EVERY THURSDAY 10-11.15AM DURING TERM TIME

MESSY PLAY, MUSIC AND MOVEMENT, ARTS & CRAFTS

£1 INCLUDING A DRINK AND SNACK

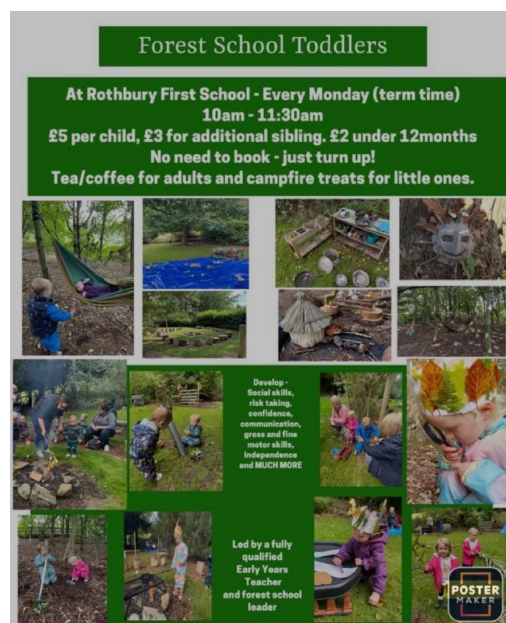
COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN, EVERYONE IS WELCOME

TINY ADVENTURERS

BABY & TODDLER GROUP

## TODDLER FOREST SCHOOL

Toddler forest school continues on a Monday morning with Toni Dick who also runs our in- school forest school sessions each Wednesday.



Forest School Toddlers

At Rothbury First School - Every Monday (term time)  
10am - 11:30am

£5 per child, £3 for additional sibling. £2 under 12months  
No need to book - just turn up!  
Tea/coffee for adults and campfire treats for little ones.

Develop:  
Social skills,  
risk taking,  
confidence,  
communication,  
gross and fine  
motor skills,  
independence  
and MUCH MORE

Led by a fully  
qualified  
Early Years  
Teacher  
and forest school  
leader

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## **DATES FOR NEXT HALF TERM**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Event</b>
1st March	Year 4	Forest School starts
2nd March	All Classes	World Book Day Make and wear a character hat.
2nd March	R - Y4	Trident starts
3rd March	Nursery - Y4	Yoga
8th March	Nursery & Reception	Community Lunch
9th March	Year 4	Playleader Training
14th March	Reception	Vision Screening
15th March	Year 1	Community Lunch
22nd March	Parents	PTA AGM
22nd March	All Classes	Parents Evening
22nd March	Year 2	Community Lunch
29th March	Year 3	Community Lunch

## **NEW ARRIVALS**

We are very pleased to welcome Alex and Ted into the Nursery.

## **WINTER ILLNESS**

We have seen increasing numbers of people affected by winter illnesses, such as diarrhoea and vomiting, influenza and scarlet fever. We are also seeing rising cases of hand, foot and mouth in school and in order to reduce the risk of catching these common bugs please keep your child off school if they are very unwell. In school children wash their hands frequently and extra cleaning of shared areas is in place.

## **FOREST SCHOOL/PE**

Y4 children will be starting Forest School on Wednesday afternoons after the half term 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. Year 3 will have their PE session on a Wednesday afternoon.

Y3 and 4 will be doing PE on Thursday afternoon

Y1/2 will be doing PE on Wednesday and Friday afternoon.

N/R will continue to have PE on Tuesday and Thursday. Forest school will take place on a Friday.

## **SWIMMING**

There will be no swimming this term. Swimming will begin again in the summer term.

## **TRIDENT**

Trident will start again on Thursday 2nd March.

## **WRAPAROUND**

Our wraparound service continues to be well used. If you require any wrap around care, please 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 24th February between 1-5pm**

## **COVID CONTINGENCY PLANS**

We will continue to follow government guidance and amend our risk assessments accordingly to keep your child as safe as we possibly can in school. This means that we may need to revert back to previous systems at short notice. As infections in Northumberland are on the increase we will be stepping up our hygiene routines.

## **WINTER WEATHER:**

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

**WINTER WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSURES:** If the weather is particularly bad and we need to close the school, we will inform you via parentmail at the earliest possible opportunity. School closures will also be updated daily on the Northumberland County Council website.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 27th February at 8.45am.**

Mrs C Auld and Mrs H Duffield

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