



MAY NEWSLETTER

We would like to wish all of our new starters in Nursery a warm welcome to Rothbury First, and we hope that you enjoy your time with us. We also welcome Miss Watson who is assisting Mrs Duffield with the teaching in our Year 1 class.

Mrs Newman has been appointed as our new Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant to replace Mrs Robb. We are very pleased to welcome her to our team!

It is a very short half term, but we are packing a lot into it! Our Year 4s had a wonderful time at Ford Castle and it was a privilege to see them challenge themselves to achieve things that they did not think were possible.

During the next couple of weeks our Reception children will be visiting Warkworth Castle, and our Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 children will be taking part in a sports festival at the Middle School. Adult helpers for the festival would be much appreciated. Please speak to your class teacher.

We have been working on our summer diary and have put some of the important dates in at the end of this newsletter.



MILK BOTTLES: We would like to thank everyone who brought in milk bottles for the milk bottle igloo in reception. Mrs Danagher has glued the last one into position and it looks fabulous!

YEAR 3 AND 4 POCKET TRUMPETS: Mr Creasey will be leaving us at the end of this half term as he starts his retirement. To share with you what the children have achieved, we would like to invite you to a 'Trumpet Assembly' on Monday 22 May at 2.30pm.

PLOT TO PLATE: Mrs Scott's plot to plate club have been working very hard in our garden and on our raised beds. The children's potatoes have chitted and are ready to be planted as part of a class competition **however we need some extra compost**. If you would like to donate a bag or a half used bag of compost/grow bag it would be gratefully appreciated.

FOREST SCHOOL: A reminder to all children taking part in Forest School sessions (currently Year 3) – 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.

EARRINGS: Please may we remind parents that, in accordance with our uniform policy, jewellery of any kind is not allowed in school. We strongly request that any children wishing to have their ears pierced wait until the start of the summer holiday so that their ears will be healed by the start of next term.

For those who have recently had their ears pierced, earrings must be covered with tape at all times to reduce the risk of accidents during play/PE.

TOYS/FIDGET SPINNERS/etc: Please may we also remind you that toys/fidget spinners/etc should not be brought into school unless you have prior agreement from your class teacher as part of a class project.

SPORT ROUND UP

QUADKIDS FESTIVAL: Friday 26 May for Years 1, 2, 3 & 4. The festival runs from 9.30 to 11.30 at Dr Thomlinson's Middle School. Children involved should come to school in their PE kit that day. If any parents are able to assist with the walk up and down, please speak to either your class teacher or leave a message at the School Office. Your assistance would be much appreciated!

SPORT IN SCHOOL: After the half term holiday, Year 1 will be swimming for 5 sessions, Year 2 will be taking part in Forest School, Year 3 and Year 4 will have PE with Mr Heath.

TRIDENT SOCCER: It is lovely to see so many children taking part in the club, however this means that there are a lot of laces to be tied! If you are able to help with this, please speak to Mrs Scott, or call into the School Office. It would also really help if all football kit is named, and if football boots are cleaned and laces untied before the next session. Thank you!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thurs 18 May	Reception	Warkworth Castle visit
Fri 26 May	Years 1, 2, 3, 4	QuadKids sports festival at Dr T Middle School
Fri 26 May	Whole school	School closes at 3.15pm for Half Term
Mon 5 June	Whole school	School opens at 8.50 am
Thurs 8 June	Year 3 & 4	Children's Countryside Day - Glendale
Mon 12 June	Year 1 & 2	Start of Phonics Screen Week
Fri 23 June	ALL	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Tues 4 July	ALL	1 st attempt - Sports Afternoon (weather dependent)
Thurs 6 July & Fri 7 July	Year 4	Transition Days at Dr Thomlinson Middle School
Wed 12 July	ALL	2 nd attempt - Sports Afternoon (weather dependent)

More dates will be sent to you as they are finalised.