



# JULY

## NEWSLETTER

Here we are again at the end of another very busy year.

Thank you so much for supporting us with all of our different activities this term.

A special thank you goes out to all our volunteers who have given up their time to help with gardening, reading, swimming and so much more. We really do appreciate every bit of help.

The Y4s enjoyed their visit to Lifepath this term and had an amazing time at Newby Wiske . The choir performed brilliantly at the Rothbury music festival winning FIRST prize! Lola was also a competition winner for her solo singing performance. Well done to all of our children who were involved.

Thank you to those of you who came along to a meeting for Reception children starting in September and it was an opportunity to meet our new EY teacher Miss Lightfoot, who joined us after Easter. We hope you found the meeting informative. Our big breakfast last week was a lovely morning. We raised £115 for school funds. Our end of year concert was another fabulous event. Thank you to all our staff, pupils and volunteers who helped to make it a great success. A special thank you goes to Emily and Ian Stephenson who accompanied the children on piano and guitar. The children have loved their singing lessons with Emily this term. As usual many tears were shed but there were many funny moments too. The children really excelled and we were very proud of them. We have had some really positive comments from parents which have been very much appreciated thank you.



**Alliance** - Future dates of activities will be confirmed next term

### **PTA - A message from Lindsay Foggin**

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you again for another successful half term from the PTA, the Dare to be Different World Chocolate Day was great fun and raised over £150. Parents baked up a storm for the cake sale, we will confirm the total raised as soon as possible. We ran refreshments at The Final Fling at Rothbury Music Festival making a good profit of £125. None of this would be possible without the support of all parents and volunteers, thank you all we very much appreciate it.

The PTA has exciting plans for the next academic year with a Play Space for all year groups in our sights. It is an ambitious aim but we are committed to doing everything we can to be able to contribute as much as we can so that all pupils will have the benefit of this fantastic facility.

A special thank you goes to Jess who is leaving us this term, her efforts have been phenomenal and she will be greatly missed. We are looking for volunteers to join the committee, if anybody would like to get involved please do contact Leanne, Anna, Jen, Hannah or Emma to find out more.

Finally we wanted to say a fond farewell and wish them all the best with their next adventures.

Have a wonderful summer.

The Friends of Rothbury First School (PTA)

'The PTA would like to send a massive 'Thank you' to Lindsay for all her efforts in building up the PTA team, she has been a pinnacle member of the PTA to help raise funds which has allowed school to buy extra supplies and has enabled trips and visits to happen for our children. She deserves a big thanks and appreciation for all her hard work and dedication over the past few years! We will miss Lindsay but the PTA will do their very best to carry on her good work

Thank you Jess

## **GOODBYES**

Today we are saying a fond farewell to all our Year 4 children. In the last few weeks they have all been able to take part in transition activities, so they hopefully feel ready and confident to move on to the next stage of their education. They have really enjoyed their leavers lunch at La Mensa today and they have shared some very happy memories in class and through their leaver's concert. We are always sad when our Year 4s leave but we know they are ready and excited about moving on.

Oliver, Sophie, Cole, Cleo and Neve are also leaving for a new school at the end of this term, and they too will be very much missed but we wish them well in their new schools.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Carr who has helped in early years and Mrs Pringle who has had a 1:1 responsibility in early years. We'd like to thank them both for their dedication and nurturing teaching. They will be very much missed. Mrs Pringle is hoping that she might be able to come back for Makaton club - watch this space.

## **HELLOS**

We look forward to welcoming Piper and Thomas to Y4 and Edan, Savannah and Arthur into our Reception class in September.

## **ARRANGEMENTS FOR AUTUMN TERM**

All the children have had time in their new classrooms with their new teachers and they are already looking forward to moving up. Just a reminder that Y3 and Y4 parents line up with their children at the main door and Y1 and Y2 at the lower school door. Nursery and Reception will line up at the Nursery door as usual. At the end of the day children will leave from the same door.

## BIKEABILITY

The children in Y3/4 were offered a bikeability session. This will take place on Thursday 4th September. The children who have signed up for this will need to bring their bike to school on this day. A reminder will be sent before then.

## DROP OFF AND COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who has followed our request to dismount from bikes and scooters on school grounds. This is a safeguarding issue and dismounting has certainly made a

difference. We hope to have a safer cycle route soon and we will let you know when that happens but until then we will continue with dismounting.

On arrival at school all children should stay with their parents, please do not allow your children onto the tyres or the field or even behind the kitchen. These are unsupervised areas.

A reminder that **all** children need to be dropped off at the school doors in the mornings - this includes Y3 and Y4. Only Y4s can walk home after school and only after signing a parental permission letter. The letter will be sent out to be signed at the beginning of next term.

## PARKING

Please note the new arrangements for parking as stated in your last parent email:

**From September 2025 only staff, visitors school transport, deliveries, and those with Blue Badge disabled registration, will be permitted to bring vehicles into the car park at the following times:**

**8.15 – 9.15am**

**2.30 – 3.30pm**

## KIDS WITH BRICKS CLUB

Lego Club for Y1 - Y4 will be starting on Monday 8th September from 3.15 - 4.15pm. If you would like your child to take part, please register using the QR code below. Places are limited so be quick to sign up.



## PE/SWIMMING/FOREST SCHOOL

All children from Reception to Year 4 should wear their PE kit to school on their PE days. (navy or black shorts, red T shirt and PE shoes or trainers, red hoodies are also available)

**Rec** - Tuesday Forest School (they may need warm layers and wellies for outdoors)

Thursday PE

**Y1/2** - Wednesday Forest School (they may need warm layers and wellies for outdoors)  
Monday PE

**Y3/4** - Swimming on Wednesday starting on 9th September  
Friday PE

## CLUBS

### TRIDENT FOOTBALL Club

Football will begin on Wednesday 10th September 3.15 - 4.15

### SINGING CLUB

There will be no Monday singing club in the Autumn term.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Can we please remind you that it is an expectation that children wear the school uniform. Please check the uniform policy which is on the school website if you are unsure.

If you require uniform or school bags with logos then, items can be ordered through the website below, but plain red jumpers or red cardigans can also be worn.

<https://www.cloud9leisure.co.uk/rothbury-first-school>

If you are thinking of having your children's ears pierced can we also remind you that jewellery including earrings should not be worn in school so have them pierced at the beginning of the holidays so that the earrings can be removed before returning to school.

## WRAPAROUND

Our wraparound service continues to be well used. If you require any wrap around care, please book your sessions using the MCAS app or text **07776 945623**. This is checked regularly between the hours of 7.30am-5.30pm Monday - Friday - term time and the Friday of the last week of the holidays. 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 29th August**

## WATER BOTTLES

Please can you ensure that water bottles contain water only, no juices or smoothies.

We wish all of our children and their families a safe and happy summer holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Wednesday 3rd September**.

If you need to contact school urgently for any reason before then, please use our email addresses as these are still monitored during the holidays:



**School Office:** [admin@rothburyfirst.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@rothburyfirst.northumberland.sch.uk)

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Best wishes for a happy, healthy holiday. Hopefully the sun will shine!

Mrs Auld and Mrs Duffield (Headteachers)