



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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

Thank you so much for all of the kind gifts and cards we have received this Christmas.

There have been many highlights this half term including lantern making for the parade to the golf club bonfire. A fantastic travelling pantomime which the children thoroughly enjoyed. The PTA Christmas disco was also a huge success but the main event was most definitely our Christmas concert and the Early Years nativity play. All the children put in hours of practice led by Mrs Maylia. They were amazing. We were so proud of them all. Thank you very much for coming to support them.





At the beginning of December the Y3/4 children walked into Rothbury with Mrs Maylia and Mr Reilly and sang carols and Christmas songs for the residents at Rothbury House and Rothbury Cottage Care. Everyone had such a lovely morning.

In November the children enjoyed remembrance workshops, which were carried out by the Northumberland Fusiliers Museum veterans. The children learned about life as a WWI soldier and why we raise money from selling poppies. A child in each class was able to dress up in a soldier's uniform while the other children looked at artefacts.



Before bonfire night we had a visit from the Fire Service where children learned about firework safety. They were also able to climb in the fire appliance, turn on the blue flashing lights and squirt the hose!

All classes have had a visit from the local librarian Katy, she came to read to the children and told them all about the benefits of joining Rothbury library.

We also had an excellent visit from a member of the **RNLI**. We learned a lot about water safety and the job of a RNLI volunteer. The children were able to try on the safety clothes worn by the volunteers which they thoroughly enjoyed.



Our Big Breakfast this term was as popular as ever. The sale of bacon rolls raised £150 for the RNLI. (Each year we choose one charity and donate the profits of our Big Breakfast to that particular good cause)

We had fun dressing up for Children in Need and we raised £128.50 which we have sent off to the charity.

Recently we had a very successful book fair selling £446.87 worth of books, so we are able to spend our 40% commission on more books for classrooms which is fantastic.

All of the children have been involved in our annual Anti-bullying project day this term.

Unfortunately our Autumn term coffee, questions and diversity morning had to be postponed due to the school being closed because of a major leak from the mains water. Thanks to our amazing staff who were incredibly busy clearing up the mess in the Early years unit so that we could get up and running again so quickly. We were so sorry for any inconvenience caused to parents but it was an unfortunate event that could not have been foreseen. We hope there is no long-term damage to the flooring. The coffee morning has now been rescheduled to Friday 9th January. A reminder will be sent at the beginning of the first week. We hope to see you all then.

PTA

A short message from the PTA this term.

Our fund raising has enabled us to contribute to quite a few events and treats for the children. Thank you for your continued support as always. We hope the children enjoyed their Halloween fancy dress and the sweet treat we provided. This helped us raise just over £100, which is a great amount of money. We also hope the children enjoyed the fabulous pantomime that visited school, I myself heard nothing but brilliant reviews.... "Oh yes I did!" The Christmas disco proved to be a huge success, with lots of dancing and happy faces. We hope you all have a fabulous break over Christmas.

As always, we are continually looking for more amazing volunteers to join our fabulous friends team, you can contact us in the school yard, via email or social media.

Merry Christmas and have a wonderful break 🎅

Mrs Leanne Macpherson

The Friends of Rothbury First School (PTA)

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FINAL WEEK

Particular highlights this week for all our children have been the Christmas lunch. Mrs Bolton served up a delicious lunch along with paper hats and crackers. On Tuesday all the children had a surprise visit from Santa in the yurt which was very exciting.

All classes had a fun Christmas party this week with dancing, party games and prizes.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Christmas play 'The Magical Christmas Jigsaw'. The children worked so hard and I'm sure you will agree it was an amazing magical performance.

The Christmas raffle raised £147 thank you so much for your contributions. The proceeds will go towards learning resources for the children.

On our final day today we wore our cheery Christmas jumpers, some outfits even included an inflatable reindeer! Everyone had fun.



NEW ARRIVALS After Christmas we will be welcoming Mrs Ruth Evans our new permanent teacher in Early years. She has already had a number of visits to meet the children and is very keen to get started in January. We are also very pleased to be able to welcome Clemmie, Lucas, April and Charlie into the Nursery and Scarlett will be joining Year 1 and Emily will be joining Year 2. We hope they will all enjoy their new classes.

Clubs

Lego Club

Lego brick club will begin on Monday 5th January 3.15 - 4.15.
Please make sure you have signed up for this club before starting.

Sensory Voices

The club will begin on Tuesday 13th January 3.15 -4.15 for 5 weeks

TRIDENT

There will be **no** Trident soccer next half term. Ryan is hoping to start again after the February half term.

SWIMMING

There will be no swimming this term. Swimming will begin in the summer term for Y1/2

PE/FOREST SCHOOL TIMETABLE FOR NEXT TERM

Tuesday	N/R Forest School (Please bring wellies)
Wednesday	Y1/2 PE Y3/4 - Forest School (Please bring wellies)
Thursday	N/R PE
Friday	Y3/4 - PE

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. You can book for the first week back in January and beyond from Friday 2nd January.

WINTER ILLNESS

We have seen increasing numbers of children affected by diarrhoea, vomiting, chicken pox, flu and some cases of scarlett fever In school children this term. Please ensure that you keep your children off school for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea and encourage frequent handwashing. If your child has chicken pox they will be infectious to others up until their last spot has crusted over. Children with high temperatures should be kept at home until the temperature is back to normal.

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 would both like to wish you a very happy Christmas and hope you have a relaxing holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 5th January at 8.45am.**

Mrs C Auld and Mrs H Duffield

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