



APRIL NEWSLETTER

Another busy half term has come to an end. We have celebrated World Book Day and Comic Relief and enjoyed workshops from Kielder Observatory astronomer Adam. We have continued to enjoy yoga with Debbie and look forward to working with her again next year. Margo, our school dog, has settled in incredibly well and both her and the children are getting used to seeing each other around school. The Year 4 children have visited Harbottle Castle and have very much enjoyed their residential visit to Dukeshouse Wood following the disappointment of the last minute cancellation of Robinwood due to the weather conditions.

GOODBYES

We will be very sad to say goodbye to both Mr Grimes and Mrs Walton. They have been part of our school team for several years and will be a big miss to our school community. We wish them well in their new ventures. The Dukeshouse Wood trip has offered a super end to their time at our school and will leave the children with some lasting memories.

HELLOS

After the Easter break we will be welcoming Mrs Maylia to the team. She will be teaching the Year 4 class until the summer holidays. She will also teach Year 3 for 4 afternoons of the week when the two classes work together.

Mrs Marsden, who you may remember previously worked at our school, will be returning in the summer term to teach Year 3 on Monday morning and Nursery/Reception on a Monday afternoon.

We have appointed a new permanent member of staff, Miss Campbell, who will be joining us from September.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all of our new staff to Rothbury First School and we are sure you will make them feel very welcome.

We are exploring opportunities to continue forest school as we see this as an incredibly valuable component of our curriculum.

Organisation for September is currently being considered and we will inform you of class organisation plans and staffing later in the summer term.

REWARDS

Our children have been working hard in class this term and earning beads in a jar for their achievements. They have all managed to reach their totals and earned themselves a class reward. The children chose their own reward. The Dolphins have had a movie afternoon, the Elephants have had a pizza party, the Monkeys have had a picnic (although this had to be indoors due to the weather and the Stoats have had a cinema afternoon.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We celebrated World Book Day with a potato decorating competition. The children all made our decision to find a winner very difficult as there were lots of great entries. Well done to Daniel, Isla, Alex, Isabella, Oliver and Morgan.

FRIENDS OF ROTHBURY FIRST SCHOOL

The World Book Day cake and book sale raised £112.04. Thank you for your delicious donations!

The Easter Family Bingo Extravaganza was incredibly successful and raised £252.59

Thank you for the support of the friends in organising and running our events.

COMIC RELIEF

Superheroes arrived at school on Comic Relief Day this year (not sure where the children were!) Others were dressed in red from head to toe. We raised £75.20. Thank you for your donations.

PARENTS EVENING

It was lovely to see so many of you at our parents' evening. Apologies again for the glitch in the new system, hopefully the next one will run more smoothly. We hope you found your discussions with Teachers useful. Please contact your child's class teacher if you were unable to make the meeting and would like to arrange a time to speak to them.

SUMMER TERM 1

OUTDOOR LEARNING/PE: Y3/4 children will require their PE kit on a Wednesday. Nursery and Reception will be doing outdoor learning on a Monday afternoon and will need their PE kit on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Year 1 and Year 2 will be swimming on a Wednesday and will need their PE kit on a Friday.

TRIDENT: This will continue next half term from. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will have their session on a Wednesday starting on **Wednesday 27th April until Wednesday 25th May at 3.15 -4.15pm**. Year 3 and Year 4 children will have their session on a Thursday starting on **Thursday 28th April until Thursday 26th May at 3.15 -4.15pm**.

BREAKFAST CLUB: We still have places available for the club from 8am to 8.50 am . The cost is £2 per session. If you would like a place please call the office or speak to any member of staff.

ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL On arrival to school, there is an expectation that the children stay with parents on the concrete area outside of the entry points into school. The children should not be on the field or play equipment at any point nor should they be running around the steps and ramp outside the hall. The children are aware of the expectations and we thank you for your cooperation with this.

COVID: Whilst things have returned to normal and all covid restrictions have been lifted, we continue to monitor our Covid Risk Assessment in order to mitigate the risks as far as we possibly can. We ask you to remain vigilant of symptoms and not to send your children into school if they have any of the main symptoms. The advice states that anyone who is symptomatic or has tested positive should avoid contact with other people for 5 days. Please see the link to read the most recent guidance.

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-sets-out-next-steps-for-living-with-covid?utm_source=01%20April%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

We look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on **Monday 25th April**.

Kind regards

Mrs Auld and Mrs Duffield