



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!

Some highlights from the term have been our dressing up day for Children in Need and we raised £128.05 which was fantastic. We donned our Christmas jumpers today and raised £60 for the RNLI. All of the children have been involved in our annual Anti-bullying project this term and we have been talking PANTS (the underwear rule), using the NSPCC programme to support these important messages. Y1-4 enjoyed a fantastic outdoor visit from author Sarah Fae who shared a Christmas literacy session with the children listening to her book, Ghost the Christmas Stag, around the fire pit and writing creatively indoors. Thank you to the PTA for providing the funds for this. Thank you to all the parents who braved the cold for our pared down outdoor Christmas nativity and for buying the crafts that the children had been keen to sell. We raised £18.45 for school funds. Mrs Robinson and Ms Riding have been raising money and collecting warm clothes for the refugees as part of the Care4Calais project. They managed to raise £62 for the charity as well as collecting a huge amount of warm clothing.

The highlights this week for all our children have been our delicious Christmas lunch, party day and a secret visit from Santa last night who managed to creep into school and deliver some presents under the Christmas tree.

SPRING TERM

FOREST SCHOOL/PE: Y3/4 children will be starting Forest School on Wednesday afternoons after the Christmas 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 1/2 will have their PE session on a Wednesday afternoon.

YOGA: All children will be involved in Yoga sessions on a Friday but will not require a change of clothes for this.

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

TRIDENT: This will now take place after school each **Wednesday** and will begin on **January 12th**

BREAKFAST CLUB: We have been able to run the club with the small group of children who regularly attend and we are pleased to announce that it will continue to run next term from 8am to 8.50 am (no entry after 8.10am). The cost is £2 per session. If you would like a place please call the office or speak to any member of staff.

WINTER WEATHER: As the weather is beginning to get colder, could you please ensure that your child has a warm and waterproof coat. We will still have outdoor play times in the rain.

ADVERSE WEATHER: Please ensure that your contact details are up to date so that we can inform you quickly via parentmail of any closures due to adverse weather conditions. We will endeavour to keep our school open but must consider the health and safety of all our families and staff travelling into school.

GOODBYE We will say goodbye and thank you this week to Erin Buchanan our Y3/4 student, we wish her well for the future. and we say goodbye to one of our families who is moving out of the village. We will be sorry to see them go but wish them all the very best.

Thank you all very much for your kind and generous cards and gifts to staff this Christmas.

And finally, all of the staff at Rothbury First School would like to wish you and your family all the very best for Christmas and hope that 2022 is a safe, happy and healthy year for us all.

We look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on **Wednesday 5th January.**

Best wishes

Mrs Auld and Mrs Duffield