



Roseberry Primary School News

Friday 8th December 2017

Christmas Post

Our Christmas postal service has now started; children are enjoying receiving their Christmas cards from their friends in school. Please ensure that cards are addressed correctly with the child's full name and class so that our hard-working 'sorting office' (Y6 children) can deliver the cards promptly.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch was, as always, a lovely experience for both staff and children. Looking very festive in their Christmas jumpers and hats, KS1 children enjoyed their lunch of turkey and traditional trimmings on Wednesday and KS2 on Friday. A very big thank you to our two kitchens, particularly to Mrs Gourlay and Mrs Darbyshire, for putting on such a lovely feast.

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas fayre was, as expected, very popular. The secret Santa stall was extremely busy as the children chose gifts for their parents, carers and other family members - we do hope you like the gifts your children have chosen for you. Altogether £491.78 was raised which will help fund our Christmas parties and end of term treats. We will continue to run the secret Santa stall in school until all items have been sold. Items are £2 each.

Christmas Performances

Following the success and popularity of our Harvest foodbank collection, instead of charging for tickets or having a silver collection at our Christmas performances, we would like to ask you to donate just one item from the foodbank list below.

We now have a beautifully decorated Tesco trolley in our KS2 hall ready to collect donations.

With the help of the children, we intend to make up Christmas Hampers for the Billingham Foodbank.

Urgently Required Items:

tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit / custard, juice, pasta / curry sauces, coffee, sugar, UHT milk (1 litre) and washing powder

Christmas Jumper Day

We will be raising awareness of Save the Children via their Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 15th December. **All** children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school. Should you wish to donate to the charity, a box will be available in the entrances of each building. We suggest a £1 donation. Donations can also be made direct to Save the Children, via their website

<https://christmasjumperday.org/>





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Cashforkids Staff Donations

As a staff, we made the decision some years ago not to send each other Christmas cards but instead donate to a Charity. Once again, this year, we have chosen to support cashforkids Mission Christmas which helps to ensure that all children in the UK receive a gift at Christmas. Mrs Haslam and Mrs Stewart, along with some of our Rights Respecting pupils, will go shopping in the last week of term to choose the gifts ready to donate.

Billingham Foodbank Campaign

Our staff and children are fast becoming very passionate about supporting Bilingham Foodbank. We have also had great support from parents who agree that we can all do our bit to support such an amazing charity.

Last Christmas, we charged for tickets to all of our Christmas performances and half of the money was donated to Bilingham Foodbank. This year, we held a Harvest collection and have already donated over one hundred items. As you have been made aware, we are currently collecting items for the foodbank once more instead of charging for tickets to this year's Christmas performances.

In Year 5, the children have been learning more about the role of foodbanks and other charitable organisations. Since they fully understand the rights of a child, they have decided to start a campaign to ensure that Article 27: Every child has the right to nutritious food, is met for all children regardless of their personal circumstances. They have started their campaign by making posters to display around school to encourage parents to donate an item upon entry to the Christmas performances. Well done, children - your posters look fabulous and are very persuasive!



Poster designed by Skyla Owen

Campaigning Club

Our Digital Leaders and Campaigners have decided to focus their campaign on improving John Whitehead Park. Children feel that the park is no longer safe and is unpleasant due to litter and the increasingly large amount of graffiti defacing the play equipment. In support of their campaign, the children wanted to visit the park to photograph litter and the graffiti in order to gather evidence so that they can write to our local MP, Alex Cunningham, explaining their concerns and to ask for his support.

We will let you know how they get on in the near future.





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Stockton Sparkles Market

Our enterprise team held a market stall at Stockton Sparkles last Friday. Due to the snow, our stall was moved from outside the Town Hall to The Castlegate Centre and it was lovely to see so many parents come along to support the children as they became stall holders. Accompanied by Miss Logan and Miss Beddow, six of our Y5 children sold a variety of Christmas based products including Christmas decorations, bird treats, Christmas cards and Christmas countdowns. They made a profit of £98. Well done, children! We would like to give a special thank-you to Miss Logan and Miss Beddow for helping out on the stall.

Contact Details

Unfortunately, we have had a significant number of children needing to go home this week through illness. As well as causing some problems in the office due to many contact details not being up to date, children have had to wait for longer than necessary and this has caused them further distress. Please ensure that your contact details are up to date. The school app can be used to email any changes you need to make or alternatively, call in to either office to let us know.

Collecting Children

If you wish to change the collection arrangements for your child, please will you let the person on the door on a morning know. We are receiving a huge number of phone calls late on an afternoon making changes. This can be difficult to manage, particularly when the office is very busy and it is concerning that some messages arrive after the children have started to go home. We do understand that on occasion, parents are unavoidably delayed and do need to send a late message.

Year 3 Trip

It is always a difficult decision when deciding to cancel a school trip. As you are now aware, school subsidises all trips (with the exception of our residential) in order to keep costs as low as possible. However, our policy does state that in order for trips to take place, we need to receive 90% of the contributions asked for.

Cost of Year 3 Trip

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| Total Cost | £474.30 |
| School Subsidy | £250 |
| Total to pay | £224.30 |
| Price per child | £4.00 |
| Amount required for trip to go ahead: 90% of cost | £201.87 |

Unfortunately, on this occasion, a significant number of contributions were not made meaning that 90% of the cost was not received.

We would like to thank those parents who offered to pay additional monies in order for the trip to go ahead - it was a lovely gesture and was much appreciated by the school staff but we do have policies in place in order to ensure that we have a consistent, fair approach across school.



Our Rewards Page



Pupils of the Week: Congratulations to our Pupils of the week, who were presented with their certificates in assembly this morning.

| | | | |
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| Nursery am | Olivia Denning | Nursery pm | Joshua Lee |
| R1 | Hannah Mason | R2 | Oliver Loughran |
| 1R | Evie Gamble | 1P | Reef Harvey-Williams |
| 2R | Ryan McGowan | 2P | Tiara Butler |
| 3R | Maddison Forbes | 3P | Jasmine Sandbach |
| 4R | Evie Porritt | 4P | Emma Bauckham |
| 5R | Chloe Hunton | 5P | Steve Staden |
| 6R | Alicia Daley | 6P | Amy Hartley |

Attendance

Congratulations to R1 and 3P who had the best attendance and won the cups this week.

Overall school attendance for this week was 94.9%

Special Awards

Samuel Lakey

| Class | Attendance |
|-------|------------|
| R1 | 98.9% |
| R2 | 90.2% |
| 1P | 94.0% |
| 1R | 98.1% |
| 2P | 95.8% |
| 2R | 92.1% |
| 3P | 95.1% |
| 3R | 90.2% |
| 4P | 88.0% |
| 4R | 85.6% |
| 5P | 79.8% |
| 5R | 93.5% |
| 6P | 76.4% |
| 6R | 81.7% |



| Class | Frequency |
|---------|-----------|
| Nursery | 34% |
| R1 | N/A |
| R2 | N/A |
| 1R | N/A |
| 1P | 34% |
| 2R | N/A |
| 2P | 25% |
| 3R | 23% |
| 3P | 26% |
| 4R | 47% |
| 4P | 35% |
| 5R | N/A |
| 5P | N/A |
| 6R | 51% |
| 6P | 43% |

Reading Challenge





Dates for your Diary



| Date | Event |
|-------------------------|---|
| Tuesday 12th December | Key Stage 1/Reception Christmas performance (pm) |
| Wednesday 13th December | Key Stage 1/Reception Christmas performance (am) |
| Wednesday 13th December | Nursery sing-along (times to be arranged) |
| Thursday 14th December | Key Stage 2 Christmas performance (pm) |
| Friday 15th December | Key Stage 2 Christmas performance (am) |
| Friday 15th December | Year 3 Christmas Party |
| Monday 18th December | Year 4 and Reception Christmas parties |
| Tuesday 19th December | Year 5 and Year 1 Christmas parties |
| Wednesday 20th December | Nursery/Year 2 and Year 6 Christmas parties |
| Wednesday 20th December | Last day of term—school closes at 3pm |
| Monday 8th January | First day of term |
| Thursday 18th January | Winnie the Pooh Day (Nursery and Reception) |
| W/C 22nd January | Nursery and Reception Family Time—Winnie the Pooh theme |
| Friday 26th January | Year 3 Assembly and family time |

Right of the Fortnight

| Date | Article | Right |
|---------------|------------|--|
| 18th December | Article 14 | Every child has the right to think and believe what they want and to practise their religion |
| 1st January | Article 7 | Every child has the right to a legal name and nationality |

Term Dates

| Autumn | Spring | Summer |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 30/10/17 – 22/12/17 | 08/01/18– 09/02/18 | 16/04/18 – 25/05/18 |
| | 19/02/18 – 29/03/18 | 04/06/18 – 23/07/18 |

Training Days: Our training days this year will be on:

Thursday & Friday 21st & 22nd December 2017

Monday 23rd July 2018

School will be closed for children on these days

End of Term Treats

| Year Group | Treat | Planned Date/ Week | What will be needed |
|-------------------|---|--|---|
| Nursery | Toy Day | Tuesday 12th & Thursday 14th December | A toy to play with |
| Reception | Christmas Cinema Experience | Wednesday 20th December | |
| Year 1 | 1R - Teddybear's Picnic | Thursday 14th December | Teddy bear |
| | 1P - Popcorn and Pyjama Party | | Pyjamas |
| Year 2 | Polar Express Experience | Monday 18th December | Pyjamas |
| Year 3 | Wheelie Party | Monday 18th December | Anything with wheels, e.g. pram, bike, scooter, skates |
| Year 4 | 4R— Christmas Campfire | Tuesday 19th December | Warm clothes |
| | 4P - Christmas film, pyjamas and hot chocolate | TBC | Pyjamas |
| Year 5 | 5R - 'Christmas Day' | Wednesday 20th December | A toy to play with |
| | 5P - Christmas film, pyjamas and hot chocolate | | Pyjamas |
| Year 6 | Pyjama Party and Christmas Film | Tuesday 19th December | Pyjamas |