



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 second prize! Lola, Ivy and Alex were competition winners for their solo performances in singing as well as fiddle and piano playing. Well done to all of our children who were involved. We had a great sports afternoon, the weather was amazing as the sun eventually shone and the PTA kindly organised a mini cake sale and ice pops for the children. Thank you to those of you who came along to a meeting for Reception children starting in September, we hope you found it informative. Our big breakfast last week was a great success yet again, we raised £213.40 for school funds, and a huge thank you to everyone who attended our end of year concert. Many tears were shed as well as 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.

EXCITING NEWS!

Exciting news for our school!

Rothbury First School has formed an alliance with **five** other first schools and **two** primary schools in Northumberland. Led by a group of like-minded head teachers, who want the very best for our children, it will be known as the Font Alliance. The alliance provides for closer working with other similar schools, collaboratively sharing ideas and resources along with Northumberland County Council. We will continue working with the Morpeth partnership schools as normal, **and pupils will continue to feed into Rothbury Middle and the High School**, but feel the Font Alliance will be better placed to focus on the early stages of education.

Please note that this alliance is merely a collaboration and not a federation **or the creation of a multi-academy trust.**

The schools involved are;

Cambo First School, Longhorsley C of E First School, Morpeth First School, Ponteland Community Primary School, Rothbury First School, Tritlington First School and Whalton C of E Primary School.

PTA - A message from Lindsay Foggin

Thank you for all of your support for the PTA this year. We have made an overall profit and this term we have committed funds to support the early years curiosity approach project and art supplies to benefit all classes. We have made an application to the Coop Community Fund for outdoor sports equipment at the childrens' request.

We are delighted to announce three new members of the PTA committee with Jen Edes and Jess Watson stepping up to Co-Chairs and Leanne Macpherson becoming our Fundraising Lead. Anna Sturrock will continue as Secretary and Lindsay Foggin will continue as Treasurer.

Plans are already underway for next year's activities and we are looking forward to our first events which will be a sponsored walk and a bingo night. We all wish you a wonderful summer holiday.

GOODBYES

Tomorrow 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 are looking forward to their leavers lunch at La Mensa tomorrow 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 to the next stage of their education.

Eva and Poppy are also leaving for a new school at the end of this term, and we wish them well in their new school.

Last but definitely not least our caretaker Mrs Murray will be leaving us in the summer after working tirelessly to keep our school clean and tidy for 29 years. We thank her so much for all her hard work and dedication to our school and wish her a very long and happy retirement.

HELLOS

Mr Martin Wealleans will be stepping into the very large shoes of Mrs Murray as the new caretaker in the summer holidays. We would like to give him a warm welcome and hope he enjoys many happy years with us.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR AUTUMN TERM

All the children have had time in their new classrooms with their new teacher 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.

PE/SWIMMING/FOREST SCHOOL

All children from Reception to Year 4 should have a PE kit in school from September. (navy or black shorts, red T shirt and PE shoes or trainers).

Year 1/2 will need a PE kit ready for week 1 onwards and Year 3/4 will need their PE kit from week 1 and also a swimming kit from week 2. Reception and Year 1/2 will be doing Forest school from week 1 and may need warm layers for outdoors.

CLUBS

Choir will begin on Monday 9th September 3.15 - 4.15

Football will begin on Wednesday 11th September 3.15 - 4.15

Reading club will begin on Thursday 12th September 3.15 - 4.15

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. As of September, we are introducing our PE uniform. Red T-shirts and hoodies are now available to purchase via suppliers' websites. See link below.

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.

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>

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 4th 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:

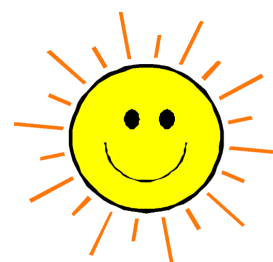
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Best wishes for a happy, healthy holiday. Hopefully the sun will shine!

Mrs Auld and Mrs Duffield (Headteachers)