



MARCH NEWSLETTER

Another busy half term has come to an end. The grand finale was the musical concert this week. Mrs Maylia and all the children worked very hard along with James Tait and the choir to produce a fabulous musical event. We are so proud of each and everyone of them. We have also celebrated World Book Day and Comic Relief raised £160.50. It was lovely to see so many families at our Big breakfast last week and we managed to raise £175.42 for Macmillan UK. Our next big event will be our residential, the Y4 children are already planning for their trip to Newby Wiske next term and are really looking forward to it.

HELLOS/GOODBYES

After the Easter break we welcome Mrs Robinson back from her maternity leave. She will be teaching mainly in Y2 alongside Ms Riding but will also do some teaching in EYFS and Y3/4. A huge thank you must go to Ms Dick for her work in school, particularly with Y2 as she will be leaving her classes, but will remain as our forest school teacher, We have 2 Nursery children joining the Turtle class after Easter. We look forward to welcoming George and George.

REWARDS

Our children have been working hard in class this term and earning beads in a jar for their achievements. The children chose their own reward. Elephants and Monkeys have had a pyjama day with a movie and the Zebras have had a craft with their teddy bear afternoon. The Turtle Class are working towards their next reward of a pyjama party.

EASTER EGG COMPETITION

We had some eggstremely imaginative entries for our decorated egg competition and it was so difficult to pick the winners. After a lot of deliberation we felt the most eggcellent eggs were:

Y4 Isabella and Charlie

Y3 Lola and Noah

Y2 Clara and Bodhi

Y1 Martha and Craig

Rec Dixie and Harry

Nursery Alice and Ted

The children chose Mrs Maylia as our worthy staff winner. The competition was fierce!

PARENTS EVENING

It was lovely to see so many of you at our parents' evening. 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.

COMMUNITY LUNCHES

Our lunches this term have been very popular. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Bolton and Ms Holding in the kitchen. After Easter it will be the turn of Y3 and Y4 children to invite a family member.

TODDLER FOREST SCHOOL & FOREST SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLUB

Toddler forest school continues on alternate Thursday mornings with Toni Dick who also runs our in-school forest school sessions each Wednesday. Toni will not be running a holiday club over the Easter break, however it will return in the May half term break.



Forest Toddlers
AT ROTHBURY FIRST SCHOOL



A warm and cosy yurt for those REALLY yack days and our own woodland to explore, climb and swing in!



Led by an experienced EYFS teacher and fully qualified level3 Forest School leader.

NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST TURN UP
£5 per child, £8 two siblings, £2 under 12 months. Includes campfire snacks!

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY
10 - 11:30am

During term time, alternating with the indoor toddler session run at the school each Thursday in between.

SUMMER TERM 1

OUTDOOR LEARNING/PE: Nursery and Reception will be doing outdoor learning on a Thursday afternoon and will need their PE kit on Tuesday afternoon. Year 1 and Year 2 will be swimming on a Wednesday and will need their PE kit on a Friday. Y3 will need their wellies for forest school

on a Wednesday and their PE kits on a Friday. Y4 children will require their PE kit on a Wednesday and Friday.

TRIDENT

This will continue next half term starting on **Wednesday 17th April 3.15 - 4.15pm**. If you require wrap around care after football, please book by text to the usual number.

CLUBS

Choir Our after school choir will begin again on **Monday 15h April from 3.15 - 4.15pm**. New members are always welcome. The focus this next term will be singing for the musical festival in July.

Eco club Molly (Y4) will continue to run the popular eco club with a mixed aged group of 10 children during Wednesday lunch break.

Makaton club Mrs Pringle will continue next half term teaching Makaton during two lunch breaks each week. The club has been very well attended.

PTA - A message from Lindsay Foggin

Thank you for your continued support to the PTA, this term we have been working away behind the scenes getting organised for lots of fun events in the summer term. We have planned a sponsored walk, lemonade and ice-pop sale, water fight, Dare to be Different Day and a cinema evening – lots of information to follow.

This term the PTA have bought various art supplies for school and contributed to some outdoor equipment. Our next focus is to fund the transport for some school trips. If we were not able to cover this it may fall to parents, the school or the trips may not be possible.

We had some delicious cakes for the cake sale which were snapped up very quickly. Thank you for all your donations. If you would like to get involved with the PTA in any way you can please do get in touch rothburyfirstschoolpta2017@yahoo.com

DATES FOR NEXT HALF TERM

Date	Class	Event
Wednesday 17th April	R-Y4	Trident Football Starts
Thursday 18th April 9am	Year 4 parents	Newby Wiske Residential Information Meeting
Tuesday 23rd April 11.45	Year 3	Community lunch
Wednesday 24th April	Y1 and 2	Swimming starts
Friday 26th April	All Classes	Yurt Opening and PTA cake sale
Tuesday 30th April 11.45	Year 4	Community lunch
Friday 3rd May	All children and families	Dare to be different day

Wednesday 8th May	Reception	Vision Screening
Wednesday 15th- Friday 17th May	Y4	Newby Wiske Residential
Wednesday 22nd May	All classes and families	Sports Day
Friday 24th May	Y3 and 4	Rounders festiv
Wednesday 5th June	Y4	Forest school session with Harbottle and Thropton Schools
Friday 7th June	Y3 and 4	Cricket begins (6 weekly sessions)
Tuesday 11th June	All parents	PTA AGM
Wednesday 12th, 19th and 26th June	Turtle Class	Forest School session with Miss Dick
Thursday 20th June	All Classes	Sponsored Walk
Friday 21st June	All Classes	TEACHER TRAINING DAY
Friday 28th June	Y4	Lifepath
Friday 28th June	Y1-4	Quadkids athletics festival
Thursday 4th and Friday 5th July	Y4	Transition at Dr Tomlinson's Middle School
Thursday 18th July am and pm option	All Classes	Leavers Concert
Friday 19th July	Y4	Leavers lunch at La Mensa

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. **If you have any requests for the first week back, all messages will be picked up on Friday 12th April**

SEASONAL ILLNESS

We have seen increasing numbers of people affected by seasonal illnesses, such as diarrhoea, vomiting and influenza and we have had quite a few cases of chickenpox

In order to reduce the risk of catching these common bugs please keep your child off school if they are very unwell. In school children wash their hands frequently and extra cleaning of shared areas is in place.

JEWELLERY:

A reminder that jewellery including **earrings** should not be worn in school. If your child has their ears pierced then they should wear retainers until their piercings are healed. Once they are healed, earrings should be removed during school hours. Information regarding jewellery is clearly stated in our uniform policy which can be found on the school website.

WEATHER:

Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat. We will still have outdoor play times in the rain.

We look forward to welcoming all the children back to school at 8.45am on **Monday 15th April.**

We wish you all a happy and relaxing Easter break

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