



NEWSLETTER – Week beginning 22nd May 2023 – Edition no. 12

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 24 th May	Class 2 Forest School session
Thursday 25 th May	Year 1 Collective Worship (09:05 – 09:25) postponed until Thursday 8 th June*
Thursday 25 th May	EYFS Forest School session
Monday 29 th May – 4 th June	HALF TERM BREAK
Week beginning 5 th June	Multiplication Tests for Year 4
Thursday 8 th June	Class 1 Forest School
Week beginning 12 th June	Year 1 Phonics testing
Thursday 15 th June	EYFS Forest School session
Wednesday 21 st June	Class 1 Forest Schools session
Thursday 29 th June	Annual whole school photo
Wednesday 28 th June	Year 4 transition Rounders at St Joseph's Middle
Saturday 1 st July	Summer Fayre
Tuesday 4 th July	Transition Day for all schools
Thursday 6 th July	EYFS Forest School session
Monday 10 th July	Day trip to Kingswood for Class 2 (8am – 5pm approx.) More details to follow
Tuesday 11 th July, weather permitting (or 13 th July)	Sports Day – time tbc
Tuesday 18 th July	Class 1 Forest Schools
Wednesday 19 th July	Class 2 Forest Schools
Friday 21 st July	End of term – finish at 12:30

*Year 1 Collective Worship unfortunately needs postponing due to a technical fault with a piece of equipment in the hall that is creating a loud beeping sound, and so would distract from their time.

Notices and Reminders

Gardening Club – the children are working hard to plant and weed the area at the front of the school. They have plenty of ideas about how to improve the area and we are looking for volunteers to come and help us next half term. The club will run on a Monday. The children are keen for any helpers who may know a thing or two about water features as well as anyone with a love of plants.

County Show – 27th May. We will have some art entries at this event please do pop along if you can. The artwork is a design or model of their ideal crown, in relation to the recent Coronation, as well as an inventor category where the children need to design something that would be useful on a farm to solve everyday issues. The children will receive a free entry to the show, tickets will be sent home. The Show have also asked us to remind everyone that they still have their Home Crafts competition open for entries despite the deadline passing.

Full of Beans are introducing a new coach to us – Natalie Peart. She will be taking John Paul's Thursday session on

a regular basis.

Year 2 Collective Worship this hasn't been missed out! We have decided to do theirs after half term when the testing in May has ended. The date will be confirmed.

Our **Whitley Chapel Bunny** is proving to be very popular with the children, and they all want to take him somewhere at the weekends. The School Council have a jar with names in so that we can pull a random name out each week, but they have also agreed that if there is a special occasion or someone is travelling afar that, with prior agreement, the Bunny can be given to those children instead. If you would like to have Bunny for a particular event/weekend, please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return to Mrs North.

Please do provide **sunhats and suncream** as the weather begins to warm up.

Rhino Readers in EYFS and Class 1 - I hope that you and the children are enjoying these books from our new reading scheme. We will soon be launching our e-book library which means that you will have access online to all the books too. Watch out for more information on this.

Website - eSchools LITE App

You may have noticed we are trying to use the website more to communicate news, information and key dates. One of the features that hasn't been used to date is an app which parents and carers can download for free to your phone/tablet – the eSchools LITE App (in your Play Store or Google Play).

Using the App as a parent/carer means you can access the website easily and the key information you need. When we add news items we can also send push notifications to those who have the app downloaded and have Whitley Chapel School selected as one of their schools. This means you will get a notification when a new news item is added, rather than you having to remember to keep checking the website.

To download the app you just need to search for "eSchools Lite" in the App Store (Apple) or Google Play (Android). If you need any help with this or want any further information, Claire Nixon (Rebecca and Matthew's mum) is more than happy to help (just catch her at drop-off, pick-up or in the park!) or you can find out more by visiting <https://academy.eschools.co.uk/lite-app/>

LOOKING FOR ENTHUSIASTIC VOLUNTEERS TO START AN OPEN THE BOOK (OTB) TEAM FOR WHITLEY CHAPEL SCHOOL.

The OTB project is part of the Bible Society. The project offers primary school children an opportunity to hear the major stories of the bible during Collective Worship time in school. Already, there are regular teams of OTB volunteers going into Hexham schools and other schools across the country. Teams of volunteers are reading and acting out bible stories for the children during school assemblies in a fun way. Each school has a regular team of at least 4 to 7 people drawn from the community and local church(es) and they go into schools anywhere from once a quarter, once a month and some on a weekly basis; it depends on the school, the team's availability and commitment.

If you are interested in finding out more about OTB and becoming a part of a team of volunteers to go into Whitley Chapel School, I would love to hear from you.

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COMMUNITY

Could you please share the information below and the attached flyer with your school families. Both courses are being delivered locally in cricket clubs and are great pathways into cricket for young children.

There is a cost, but the ECB can provide vouchers to families on free school meals if you would like to share this with the parents. The requests for vouchers would need to come through yourselves and then to me.

All Stars - for 5-8 year old children, it is a fast-paced introduction to the game with the main focus being on fun and movement skills via the vehicle of cricket. An 8-week course costs £40, which includes a bat, ball, backpack, personalised t-shirt and 'do at home' activities.

Dynamos - for 8-11 year olds, where children start to learn to play the game. Also costs £40 to sign up and participants also receive their personalised t-shirt.

All Stars - allstarscricket.co.uk

Dynamos - dynamoscricet.co.uk



Full of Beans Holiday Provision

A colorful poster for the 'Full of Beans Holiday Club'. The background is light green with various sports equipment like soccer balls, basketballs, and baseballs scattered around. At the top left, there are cartoon bean characters and the 'Full of beans' logo with the tagline 'CHILDREN'S FITNESS & SPORTS COACHING'. To the right is a circular logo for 'CHILDREN'S' with the text 'PROUD TO BE A MEMBER'. The main title 'HOLIDAY CLUB' is written in large, bold, green brush-stroke letters. Below the title, there are three circular photos: a child kicking a soccer ball, two children smiling with a soccer ball and basketball, and a child running on a track. To the right of these photos are three circular callouts: one for 'Cost' (£30 per day, £100 for all 4 days, saving £20, 10% sibling discount), one for 'Dates' (Tuesday 30th May to Friday 2nd June, 9am 'til 3pm), and one for 'Location' (Riding Mill Cricket Club, Broomhaugh, Riding Mill, NE44 6AW). Below the photos, there is a paragraph of text describing the camp as fun-filled and action-packed for ages 4-12, listing activities like Football, Dodgeball, Gymnastics, Dance, Basketball, and Cheerleading. It also mentions that parents should bring a packed lunch. Below this text, it says 'Bookings can be made on our website at www.fullofbeansfitness.co.uk/northeastengland' and 'Any queries please contact JP via email johnpaul@fullofbeansfitness.co.uk'. At the bottom left, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram with their respective handles. At the bottom right, there is a small paragraph stating that all coaches hold professional qualifications and an enhanced DBS, and that the environment is safe and non-competitive. The poster is framed by a decorative border of small pink flowers and green leaves.

RTMF Children's Competitions 2023 - Saturday 15th July 9am

ROTHBURY TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

CHILDREN'S COMPETITIONS

Songs | Tunes | Dialect Poetry
Solos | Duets | Choirs | Ensembles

Saturday July 15th 9am

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH | ROTHBURY

For details visit www.tinyurl.com/KidsCompsRTMF



Rothbury Traditional Music Festival has a long history of encouraging new and emerging talent and every year runs informal competitions for young musicians, vocalists and dialect poets.

We are passionate about keeping traditional music alive and the **children's competitions are open to all children aged 4-13, wherever you live and whatever your standard of playing.**

They are free to enter and you can sign up on the day itself.

If you fancy joining in, come along to the United Reformed Church in the middle of Rothbury, behind the outdoor stage, **between 9 and 9:30am on Saturday morning to sign up** and warm up your instrument or voice (tinyurl.com/rtmfkidscompslocation).

The **competitions will start at 9:45** - with younger age groups performing first followed by the older groups - and run through to around 12:30 when the pipe band parade kicks off the outdoor performances in the village.

There will be a **piano available** in the venue for accompanists or performers to use.

Summary of Competition Categories

See later in the document for more detail on each category and guidelines for entry.

Solo Singing

Ages 4-8

Ages 9-13

Solo Instrument

Ages 4-8

Ages 9-13

Duet/Group Performance (Vocal, Instrumental, Any Combination Thereof)

Ages 4-8

Ages 9-13

School Choirs

First Schools (Reception to 4)

Middle (& usually Primary) Schools (Years 5 to 8)

Dialect Poetry

Ages 4-13

Children can enter more than one category. Young players and vocalists aged 14 and above are encouraged to enter the novice categories of the adult competitions where they will receive a very warm welcome.

Please contact us at rothburymusicfest@gmail.com (marking your email FAO of Aifionn) if you would like to discuss which category your entry would be most appropriate for or if you have any other queries about the children's competitions at Rothbury Traditional Music Festival.

Summer 2 Breakfast and After School Clubs

REPLY SLIP – PLEASE RETURN THIS TO SCHOOL

Name of child:

CLUBS SIGN UP (Tick when you want them to attend)

Breakfast Club (8am – 9am)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week beg 5 th June					
Week beg 12 th June					
Week beg 19 th June					
Week beg 26 th June					
Week beg 3 rd July					
Week beg 10 th July					
Week beg 17 th July					

After School clubs reply slip – Chat and Relax (3:15 – 4:30)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Week beg 5 th June				
Week beg 12 th June				
Week beg 19 th June				
Week beg 26 th June				
Week beg 3 rd July				
Week beg 10 th July				
Week beg 17 th July				

After School clubs reply slip – Other clubs (3:15 – 4:30)

	Monday Gardening Club	Tuesday Full of beans	Wednesday Dance (Nursery can attend)	Thursday Full of beans
Week beg 5 th June				
Week beg 12 th June				
Week beg 19 th June				
Week beg 26 th June				
Week beg 3 rd July				
Week beg 10 th July				
Week beg 17 th July				

Bunny adventures

Name of Child:

Date to be requested:

Signed: