



NEWSLETTER – Week beginning 26th June 2023 – Edition no. 13

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 28 th June	Year 4 transition Rounders at St Joseph's Middle and HMS, starting at 1:30pm. (You can collect from 1pm). Please see Mrs Hilton if you have not yet arranged pick-ups from here or the Middle Schools.
	Own clothes day for a donation for the Summer Fayre
Thursday 29 th June	Annual whole school photo
	Clothes donations for Summer Fayre
Friday 30 th June	Cake donations for Summer Fayre
Saturday 1 st July	Summer Fayre, 10am – 12noon
Tuesday 4 th July	Transition Day for all schools Year 4 to go directly to their Middle School
Thursday 6 th July	Year 2 Collective Worship 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 – 2pm
Monday 17 th July	Class 1 Forest Schools
Wednesday 19 th July	Class 2 Forest Schools
Friday 21 st July	Year 4 Leaver's service – 9:15am End of term finishes at 12:30

Year 2 Collective Worship date: Thursday 6th July, 09:05 – 09:20

Notices and Reminders

Councillor visit to Class 2

In class 2's forest school we have been doing a project about the wild flower verge outside of school. Northumberland County Council were going to mow it and Class 2 wanted the flowers to spread their seeds and then the verge will be a glorious sight to the people who pass it. We have had two forest school sessions identifying wildflowers with the help of Mrs Hilton, Mrs Haigh and Mrs Wrighton.

Written by William

Class 2 then had a visit from Councillor Glen Sanderson, and local CEG Christopher Porter, to share the verge that they had asked to protect, and discuss all they had done with the project so far! They had some photos taken and will be in the local newspapers again!! Watch out for the article.

School values update

A big thank you to everyone who completed the survey monkey and added opinions to our decision to streamline the number of values from 24!! We will reveal the chosen values at the end of this term.

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. Please contact Carol Charlton, Mobile: 07427914064, Email: c.l.charlton2010@hotmail.co.uk

School lunches

Week 2 – w/b 12th June, Week 6 w/b 10th July

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ham, salad, plain crisps, bread roll	Pasta, Chicken, savoury sauce, pea and bean mix	Minced beef and onion pie, mixed vegetables	Sausage in a finger roll,	Fish cakes, sweetcorn and peas, cherry tomatoes
Strawberry puree, Greek yogurt	Raspberry's in jelly with ice-cream	Apple, cheddar cheese	Chocolate muffin	Oaty fruit traybake

Week 3 – w/b 19th June, Week 7 w/b 17th July

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti Bolognese, Garlic bread	Fish fingers, mashed potato, carrots, peas	Macaroni cheese, green salad,	Sausages, mashed potato and baked beans	Chicken casserole, new potatoes, peas
Cheese and biscuits	Apple crumble and ice-cream	Iced carrot cake	Ice-cream cone	Chocolate cake

Week 4 – w/b 26th June,

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tomato soup, bread roll	Minced beef with roast potatoes, kale	Chicken curry, rice	Sausage rolls and coleslaw	Fish cakes with oven chips
Fruit cocktail	Vanilla and raspberry muffin	Orange and lemon drizzle cake	Ice-cream with fruit sauce	Chocolate cake

Week 5 – w/b 3rd July

Monday	*Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Chicken Korma, naan bread, mango chutney, cucumber	Pasta shells, pasta sauce, cheddar, carrot sticks	Fish fingers, mashed potato, green beans, peas	Sausages, oven chips, baked beans	Peperoni pizza, cucumber and carrots
Coconut rock bun	Vanilla sponge, custard	Raspberry crumble, ice-cream	Apple, cheese	Ice-cream cone

***July 4th will be a picnic lunch**



Join us at our Annual Summer Fayre, Saturday 1st July. Lots of stalls, food and fun!!!

Ready, Set, Read!!

The **Summer Reading Challenge** is an annual event aimed at 4 – 11-year-olds.

Children are encouraged to read six (or more) books of their choice during the summer holidays with collectable incentives and rewards, plus a medal and certificate for every child who completes the Challenge.

This year's **Ready, Set, Read!** Challenge is focused on reading, sport and play and aims to keep children's minds and bodies active over the summer break, empowering young people to forge new connections with others and unleash the power of play, sport and physical activity through reading.

They will have lots of brilliant events, competitions and prizes to be won. Full details will appear on the library website www.mylibrary.co.uk and social media pages.

If they can't see you in person this year then they can still supply bookmark style invitations to send home with children, which they can arrange to get to us before the end of term.

Thank you for your continued support of the Summer Reading Challenge – let's keep children reading over the summer holidays!

Plans for when pick up arrangements change

Please let us know in advance if you are changing pick up arrangements.

We understand that situations may occur where advance notice is not possible so please provide a shared password that we can ask the person picking up to provide us with.

You may have a regular rotation of people assigned to picking up your child/ren – please let us know those whom you have given permission to pick up by completing the reply slip at the end of this newsletter.

Thankyou

E-SCHOOLS EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE

We are about to trial sending you emails and texts. In order for this to happen we need to know whether you are happy for us to enter your email and phone number details into a third-party provider, E-schools, who run our website. The messaging service will allow us to easily send text alerts and emails, a function of which is not possible within our current set up. Please complete the reply slip at the back of this newsletter with the information you are happy to share.

School Council updates

Recent meetings have been talking about:

1. Fundraising ideas for new football nets. Class 2 have been selling plants, an honesty box is at the front of school. Class 1 suggested bringing back an old favourite of Chocolate Cake Friday. However, it was felt that this would be nice on a different day to make sure that most of the staff are in too, and so the School Council are launching Chocolate Cake Thursdays!!! As usual willing bakers are needed and if you would like to offer your baking skills for the last few weeks of term please indicate this on the slip on the last page.



2. The Council are keen to create a library and we intend to use the space that had housed some coat pegs. The children have been asked to come up with design ideas of what they would like this space to look like. If you have any donations of bookcases that we could use to start off our collection the council would be grateful. Northumberland's School Library Service will be in school next week to advise the children on the kinds of books that make for an interesting library space.

Forest School fun!!



Each class has been busy with Forest School activities again this Summer Term.

Class 2 as you read above have been exploring, and protecting, the wild flowers in the verges, and work has been done in a number of sessions. And they even appeared in the Hexham Courant over the half term break – did you read it?





Class 1 have been looking at the local birds that live and visit our woodland area, creating some artwork in the style of Andy Goldsworthy, using found natural materials to create images of these.



Then we explored the wildlife at Quaker's Hole, where we will be starting our project to adorn the

Bird Hide with hand-drawn information posters, with which birds to look out for.

EYFS

25th May - We enjoyed a lovely morning at Forest School, looking at wildflowers using a handy guide to identify them, as well as the super 'Seek' identification app! We collected some of our favourites and created lovely wildflower art which we displayed in the shelter window! We also found a fabulous fairy house in the woods and decided to make some woodland fairy art to make our new companions feel welcome! Delicious warm milk, marshmallows and biscuits were enjoyed around the fire circle, where we enjoyed listening to the variety of birdsong and identified the birds using the fantastic 'Merlin' app (as recommended by Mrs Hardcastle)! Well done everyone!

16th June - We morning at begin, we petals and creative we were doing grandad tractor, which We enjoyed making muddy diversity and we are all equal. We also nature



all had a lovely Forest School. To gathered some leaves for our activities and whilst so, Frankie's trundled by in his was very exciting! activities including faces celebrating highlighting that different and all made beautiful rainbows, enjoyed

scavenger hunts, made paintings of our woodland area, enjoyed free exploration and play and munched on some yummy biscuits whilst we drank our hot chocolate in the glorious sunshine! Well done everyone!

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.



Good Sports @ Tyne, Rede & Coquet

Summer Holiday Activities 2023

8 days of friendship & fun; sports & games for 4-11year olds

(Includes hockey, badminton, tennis, netball/basketball, cricket, football, tag rugby, games making & problem solving plus daily craft activities, with qualified & DBS cleared Sports Coaches and Sports Leaders. Equipment provided.)

Whitley Chapel - Mon 31st July-Thurs 3rd Aug

Slaley - Tues 8th-Fri 11th August

10am - 3pm £20 per day / £150 for the whole 8 days

Contact Sarah Allan 07795 364693 or goodsports.trc@gmail.com

Name/s _____ Age/s _____

Special/medical needs _____

Emergency Tel. No. _____ Email: _____

Address & postcode: _____

School attended: _____ Course dates _____

I understand that there are risks inherent in the activities to be undertaken and that Good Sports cannot be held liable for any personal injury or loss sustained during the above courses.

I authorise Good Sports @ Tyne, Rede and Coquet to take photographs of the above children in connection with the above coaching sessions, and to use and publish them in print and/or electronically for publicity. Also, to store my contact details and contact me by phone or email with details of future courses.

(Good Sports will not pass on your details to third parties)

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Reply slip (various)

Please score through sections not relevant/needed.

Child's name:

Bunny adventures in the Summer Holidays

Name of Child:

Date to be requested:

Signed:

Dates still available:

- Week 3/4 - 7th – 17th August
- Week 6 – w/b 28th August

Chocolate Cake Thursdays!!!

1. 6th July

2. 13th July

Baking volunteers

Pick up arrangements

If someone unknown to the school is to pick up my child my preferred password is.....

The people that have our permission to pick up(child's name) on a regular/infrequent basis are:

Name	Relationship to child	
1.		
2.		
3		
4		

Preferred email address/es for e-schools email and messaging service

Email –

Email -

I am/we are happy to be sent text messages via this service too with the numbers we already have listed at school for (please delete) both parents or (name of preferred parent) _____

Signed:

Date: