



Rothersthorpe CE Primary School
Pride, Ability, Positivity
Newsletter February 2017



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Dear Parents,

Lots of singing and dancing this month—We all really enjoyed the Strictly Tea Dance. Thank you for all the lovely comments. I can really see improvements in pupils co-ordination, rhythm, posture and performance skills.

We also had a visit from 'Eekbatik' who supported Class 2 in creating a superb Batik of The Fire of London and the class also visited Mereway Fire Station. Class 1 were busy visiting the post office and a trip to Tesco for 'Farm to Fork'. Class 3 produced some fantastic robots and Class 4 are currently busy producing their Victorian topics.

Our newly designed website will be available to view from Monday 27th February. We feel this new design is very comprehensive, easy to navigate for information and will also include class blogs. Please pin onto your laptop, ipad or phone so you can access weekly updates.

Kind regards, Mrs. Fountain

Strictly Tea Dance 2017



Pupil Comments:

Oscar C2 'I enjoyed the disco dance and the conga', Jodie-Maree C2 'I liked doing the waltz with Connor', Ava C4 'My favourite was Smooth Criminal', Mike C4 'I liked being in the Strictly Team dances', Emily W C1 'I enjoyed dressing up in a pretty dress and dancing with my buddy', Theo C1 'I loved dancing with Leo', Alex C3 'I liked watching the Victorian dance', Evie-Mai C3 'I liked the Buddy dance'

Our Homework and More-able Pupil Policies have been updated—Please see our school website to view under the ‘parent policies’ section —www.rothersthorpeprimary.net

Your School, Pupils and Future Adults

Class 4 urgently needs an extension to their room so we can fit all pupils in the class, thus ensuring their environment is ‘fit for purpose’ and supports great learning.

We have been saving for over 2 years to fund this project, but the extension will cost around £35,000

We are in desperate need of at least £5,000 to secure the project. As a small school, we have a small budget, but still want our pupils to have the very best learning environment. Unfortunately Northamptonshire County Council and The Diocese are unable to support us.

If you know of any business who would be able to invest in the future of Rothersthorpe pupils by sponsoring us for £5,000 so the project can go ahead this summer, please contact Mrs. Fountain.

The Christian Value this Term is: Generosity

‘God’s generosity is best described as ‘grace’, love given freely without limit or conditions. This generosity, once experienced and acknowledged by an individual, can in turn release a generous spirit towards others’.

Children will be focusing on the value of Generosity by exploring ‘Unconditional Generosity; The Joy of Being Generous; Giving Time; Generosity for Future Generations’.



Development of this value could be explored further by: reading stories such as Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister, The Rich Young Man from The Lion Bible for Children or The Man who Planted Trees by Jean Giono.

Class 2—The Fire of London with fabulous Tudor houses and a superb Batik!

Brandon ‘I enjoyed building the Tudor houses’
Jonny ‘I loved making the roof’
Amber ‘I liked building the windows’
Remi ‘My favourite was putting the dye on the hot wax’



World Book Day—Thursday 2nd March 2017

Come to school dressed as your favourite book character or wear your school uniform. Bring your favourite book to share with your teachers and friends.



At school we will be taking part in several reading ideas throughout the day:

- A World Book Day assembly launch at 9.15am led by Mrs. Walker.
- D. E. A. R: Drop Everything And Read—At unknown times during the morning and afternoon a bell will ring and we will all stop what we are doing and READ. So much fun!
- Buddy Reading: Reception with Class 4 and Class 2 with Class 3 all sharing books together
- The Friends of School have organised a Readathon—sponsored reading at home over the Easter break. More information to come.



The Friends of School—Daffodil Afternoon Tea & Bingo

Saturday 4th March 2017—12-3pm

Tickets £2.00 per person—Four games of bingo

Prizes for each game

Refreshments can be purchased throughout the afternoon.

Please come along—have fun and raise money to up-grade the school laptops.

Ticket slips were sent out before half-term. Please send your replies by Monday 27th February or ask a member of the FoRS.



Governors Autumn Term Committee Meeting Feedback—8th February 2017

- Vacancies still for Foundation and LA Governor positions — CW action.
- Funding support or loan from the Diocese for class 4 extension is not available. NF will ask the community if anyone is able to offer financial support/sponsor part of the class 4 extension build. Otherwise school will have no option but to apply for a small Asset Loan so as not to use up all of the school reserves.
- Policies agreed—Homework, More-able & Talk.
- Academy Conversion: Governors agreed for NF to meet with the PDET Director to start the formal process and consultation.
- Headteacher Performance Management was completed.
- Safeguarding, Pupil Premium, PE Funding, Teaching & Learning class visits and book scrutiny were completed by Governors. The Stormshield box for closer monitoring of on-line activity has been ordered.
- The School Development Plan autumn term objectives were analysed for completion. All objectives completed, with the school council objective still to do.
- School ittrack assessment data, RaiseOnline and Ofsted Dashboard for 2015/16 are available for Governors.
- Headteacher Report: whole school and pupil groups data analysis and targets; Subject Leadership progress; Staffing and Class 2; Pupil Welfare; Safeguarding & E-Safety; Finland staff training in April; Application made to join The British Council to achieve 'The International Award'; Monitoring of pupil absence/lateness; Term dates 2017/18 agreed by Governors.
- Governor Training—Child Protection, Prevent and Safer Recruitment updates.
- Governor Self-Evaluation—Achieving the Quality Mark. Include as an item on each FGB agenda.
- Governor preparation meeting regarding Ofsted questions arranged with NF.

Crick: 990

Spencer: 990

Tull: 852

Redmond: 815

Diary of Events

Thursday 2nd March 2017	World Book Day—Dress up if you wish and bring your favourite book
Saturday 4th March	FoRS Bingo and afternoon tea 12.00pm in the school hall
Wednesday 8th March	School Choir trip to Voice in a Million at Wembley Arena
Tuesday 14th March	Class 4 visit to The Bible Exhibition in Northampton
Friday 17th March	Pupil Spring Reports out to parents
Monday 20th March	Parent Consultations—3.45 to 6.30pm (Parent Questionnaires)
Tuesday 21st March	Parent Consultations—3.45 to 6.30pm “ “
Friday 24th March	Red Nose Day
W/c 27th March	Pupil Spring Term Assessments in school
Friday 31st March	2pm Easter Service in Church. Last day of term.
Easter Holidays Monday 3rd April to Tuesday 18th April	
Tuesday 18th April	Training Day
Wednesday 19th April	Back to School
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2nd May	Back to School
8th-11th May	Y6 Sats week
15-19th May	Y2 Sats week
12-16th June	Y1 Phonics Test week
Wednesday 14th June	Whole School Sports Morning/Picnic 9am-1.15pm. All welcome

Friday Achievements Assembly Protocol

We decided a few years ago to open our assembly on Friday to parents and families. This is an opportunity to listen to our school children's achievements and share in their joy. Our assemblies are really well attended and we hope this continues. To ensure that our school children are able to fully take-part and all our visitors enjoy the assembly, the following protocol is asked of all visitors:

- Assembly is closed to visitors at 3.10pm. (The door will not be opened to late arrivals after that time).
- Once all school children are in the hall we ask visitors to finish their conversations.
- Please do not take mobile phone calls in school or in the hall.
- Families including pre-school children are welcome, however priority is given to 'school children' who are speaking and sharing their achievements—they must be heard by all. If your pre-school child is unable to be quiet for this time, please move to the committee room. If your child is regularly unable to be quiet, we will ask you to consider their attendance.
- Please exit via the main door next to Mrs. Watt's office—not the village hall door.
- Thank you for putting the blue chairs away.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to a continued high attendance.

Kind regards, Mrs. Fountain and Staff

Easter Service—Friday 31st March 2017 at 2pm in Church

All Welcome

Our Easter service this year is based around a 'Music & Arts' theme. We will begin with a traditional Easter Bonnet Parade from Class 1.

- Class 1: Palm Sunday with a welcome and celebration (Song and Dance)
- Class 2: The Last Supper for Friendship and the sharing of food (Models)
- Class 3: The Garden of Gethsemane & Reflection (Miniature garden displays)
- Class 4: Jesus has Risen—Renewal (Artwork)

Choir and whole school song.

