

10th February 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Numbots / TTRS / NSPC

We all had a great day on Friday. The children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as robots and rockstars and looked fabulous! We raised £177.07 for the NSPCC. A huge thank you to everyone for all their effort.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7th February was Safer Internet Day. Online safety is such an important part of our everyday lives. As part of our PSHE programme, pupils learn about how we can develop as people within communities - we also address the online world at the same time. For example, when we learn about how important it is to be kind to each other, we talk about being nice during texting and messaging at the same time.

This year's Safer Internet Day focussed on being able to talk to people about what pupils are doing when they are online. This then gives a natural way to talk to someone when pupils see things that worry or upset them when online. Our younger pupils heard a story about Hani and the Magic Window - discussing how it can be difficult to talk about things that we see online. As part of the KS2 assembly, we did a survey and approximately half of the KS2 pupils responded that they had, at some time, seen something that worried them on the internet. Of those who had seen something upsetting, it was good to see that over half had talked to someone about their experience. Our aim is to ensure that anyone who sees something worrying is able to talk to an adult about what they have seen. Reassuringly, over 90% of the pupils did know who they would talk to.

The work of Online safety is an ongoing process. We have an online safety blog which we regularly update with information. www.redroseprimaryschool.com/parents/online-safety/online-safety-blog/

The other part of the survey was asking the pupils for suggestions as to how to make their online experience safer. We are looking at what they have said and will respond. Initially, there were lots of responses about how we need to make sure that children only have access to safe material. We use a filter and firewall system called Smoothwall in school which restricts access to sites that young people shouldn't be accessing and if needed, immediately send a report to staff.

Please continue to keep talking to your young people about what they are doing and seeing when they are online.

New reading books

Thanks to all your kind donations for our Christmas hampers and support in purchasing raffle tickets, we raised just under £1000! We have put this money to great use buying new Oxford Reading Tree books for EYFS & KS1 and over 100 new Accelerated Reader books for Accelerated Reader.

Mrs Robinson has also bought all of the books requested by the children for our library, using some of the money raised through our raffle and previous book fairs.

We look forward to seeing the children enjoying their new books.

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World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March

For World Book Day this year, we would like to have a focus on promoting vocabulary across school. We are therefore encouraging children to come dressed on **Thursday 2nd March** as a word and to participate in a 'vocabulary parade'. We are encouraging families to be creative and use clothing / items they already have in their homes rather than purchase something new.

Ideas:

- Energetic - sports clothing
- Exhausted - pyjamas

See examples below



Book Fair / Parents' evenings

We will be hosting a book fair Monday 20th - Thursday 23rd March. We can receive up to 60% commission to buy further books for school which is a great way for us to add further books into our reading areas.

Our Book Fair coincides with parents' evenings on Wednesday 22nd March and Thursday 23rd March, when books will also be available to purchase in the hall. All appointments for parents' evening will be in person. More information will follow.

Family assemblies

It was great to hold our first family assembly on Tuesday. Armstrong class did a fantastic job and it was great to see so many family members. Starlight has their family assembly on Tuesday 14th February at 9am where I believe there may be some love in the air! A reminder of dates for other class assemblies can be found on our school website.

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Contacting staff

We actively encourage parents to get in touch with any queries and concerns. Staff aim to be as accessible as possible and will always endeavour to speak to any parent/carer as soon as they possibly can.

- Teaching assistants and either myself or Mrs Holt are available every morning to pass on any messages on entry to school.
- Class teachers and staff are always happy to speak to parents at the end of the school day.

If you need to speak to a member of staff at any other time please:

- Telephone the school office on 0191 3886251 and the member of staff will get back to you asap.
- Email the school office on redrose@durhamlearning.net Emails will then be passed to the relevant member of staff who will get in touch asap.

To ensure clear communication channels and staff work life balance can I please ask that parents do not contact staff via individual staff email addresses or through the Google Classroom. Should an emergency arise and you need to make contact with school out of work hours, please contact myself via my email address:

a.brinton@redroseprimaryschool.com

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Parking

A reminder to please park responsibly around the school site, particularly at the end of the day when it is particularly busy. We know that parking around the school site is tricky and far from ideal but your support in parking away from the school site in order to create a safe entrance and exit from the school site would be much appreciated. Could you please pass on this information to any adult who picks up your child.

The parking around Beverley Gardens has significantly improved - thank you for your support in avoiding this area.

Twitter

We are trying to upload a weekly Tweet from each class. This can be viewed on our webpage by clicking on the appropriate phase:

<https://www.redroseprimaryschool.com/our-classes/>

You can also follow us on Twitter @RedRosePrimary, @RedRoseEYFS, @RedRoseKS1, @RedRoseLKS2, @RedRoseUKS2

Wishing you a lovely weekend

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'A Brinton'.

Mrs A Brinton

HEADTEACHER

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