



Faith Courage Love

Faith to move forward in confidence and succeed.
Courage to make a difference in the world every day.
Love one another as God loves us.

Parent Newsletter 09.09.2022



Dear parent / carer

Here we are already at the end of the first week of the school year! Our first week back has gone very smoothly and we are already in the swing of our new classes and new routines. We look forward to inviting parents into classrooms during the school day very soon to see our learning in action.

We hope that you enjoy the first copy of this academic year's newsletters.

Miss Louise Atkinson

As you may be aware, Miss Atkinson passed away tragically in the summer holiday and will be missed by many people including Roeclyffe staff and pupils and their families. Miss Atkinson taught at our school for an incredible twenty seven years. Our school will hold a 'Remembering and Giving Thanks' service for Miss Atkinson on Monday 12th September at 1pm at St Mary's Church. Our Class 2 and Class 3 children will join with staff and Rev Karen to share memories and give thanks for this wonderful lady. If any parents would like to join us at this service, please feel free to do so on Monday afternoon.

We are currently creating a Book of Memories and Condolence for Louise's family and if any parents would like to provide a message of condolence or memory of Miss Atkinson, please let us know by Tuesday 13th September and we will include this in our book.

FORCES

Many thanks to FORCES who helped our school to raise an incredible £1455.56 last academic year. This is an amazing amount of money considering that we were able to start getting fundraising events up and running again after the rise in Covid cases in the winter. Please see the attachment for a breakdown of how this amount was raised last year.

FORCES would welcome help from any of our parents so if you are able to contribute some of your time, please contact them at: Forcesroeclyffe@outlook.com
Or on the FORCES Facebook page

Lunch at school

Thank you to all our parents who have completed and returned their hard copy preference form for their child's choice of school dinners this term. This new system allows us to be more efficient in school with the time taken over the morning register and when ordering food from suppliers. It is also helpful for our parents as the decision-making has been done for the whole term!

Whilst we understand that on the odd occasion there may be a need to change the original choice on your preference sheet, we would ask that this is changed as little as possible and that your child is aware of the choice they have made for their lunch each day. If you would like a copy of the choices your child has made for their lunches throughout the term, please contact Vicky Harris in the school office on 01423 -322302 or at office@roeclyffeschool.co.uk

Extra-curricular clubs

Our extra-curricular clubs start next week and there are still some places left if you wish to book a place for your child on Arbor - please do so by 12pm on Monday 12th September. Class 2 and Class 3 children may join the extra-curricular clubs and if there are spaces available for Year 1 at Sing Up! choir, we will let Year 1 parents know.

- **Phunky Foods cookery club is on Mondays after school 3.30 - 4.30pm**

Cookery club children should bring an apron and a tupperware box to school on Mondays. Collection of children will be at the single layby gate at 4.30pm.

- **Sports club is on Tuesdays after school 3.30 - 4.30pm**

Children attending Sports Club should wear their PE kit which they have worn at school for PE earlier in the day. Collection of children will be at the single layby gate at 4.30pm.

- **Sing Up! Choir is on Thursdays after school 3.30 - 4.30pm**

Sing Up! children will practise their songs in Miss Lonsdale's classroom and will be collected at the single layby gate at 4.30pm.

Football club is on Friday lunchtime 12.30 - 1pm

Children who are taking part in lunchtime football club should wear their PE kit and trainers to school all day and take part in the lunchtime football club in their PE kit. Children may also bring blade boots to school and change into them at lunchtime. We ask that ALL children taking part in lunchtime football club bring their school shoes to school to get changed into after the football club has finished so that grass and mud is not brought into school.

We also ask that Class 2 children bring a change of clothing (school uniform) in case they get wet or muddy during lunchtime football and they need to get changed into dry clothing to be more comfortable for the afternoon.

Leeds Diocesan Learning Trust

Our school will convert to become an academy on 1st October. Our school is already being supported by the new trust and we were visited by two of LDLT's School Improvement Advisors this week who were very impressed by the great work going on in our school. We will bring you more details of our new trust in the coming weeks.

Passing of Queen Elizabeth II

Yesterday came the sad news of the death of Her Majesty the Queen. The staff and children at Roecliffe will share thoughts and give thanks for the profound example Queen Elizabeth has set for us all about commitment and dedication during her long-standing reign. We will remember and reflect in our Collective Worship sessions and in class time over the coming days.

Playground drop-off and pick-up

Many thanks to parents for dropping off and collecting their children on the school playground - this allows staff to more effectively monitor the dropping off and picking up of children each day.

Christmas cards!

Your child will bring home a Christmas card design template and guide today. If you wish to receive Christmas cards designed by your child, your child should produce their Christmas card design on the template in colour at home and then return it to school no later than Monday 19th September.

Individual school photos

Smile for the camera! The children will have their school photo taken on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th September. Individual and sibling photos will be taken throughout Wednesday 14th and we will finish these off on Thursday 15th.

Positive Learning Behaviour (PLB) Awards

Our Headteacher Awards have had a bit of a facelift this year and we are now awarding Positive Learning Behaviour Awards (or PLB Awards as it is a bit less of a mouthful!) to children who have demonstrated these PLBs to the adults and other children in school. At Roecliffe we have five PLBs which we have identified as being instrumental in supporting us to be the best and most effective learners we can be. Our five PLBs are shown below with the term in which they are a focus for us:

I am an active participant - autumn 1

I am independent and responsible - aut 2

I am resilient - spring 1

I challenge myself - spring 2

I work positively with others - summer 1 and 2

Our school values of Faith, Courage and Love are fundamental in our church school and we learn about each of these values in our daily Collective Worship. In the autumn term we focus on Faith, in the spring term we focus on Courage and in the summer term we focus on Love. In our Collective Worship we listen to and discuss Bible stories, learn about life for others across the globe, sing songs and hymns, and reflect on global news or special events, all of which are linked to the particular term's value.

We reward children who have continually demonstrated one of our three school values throughout the term with a green Roecliffe values wristband so they can wear this with pride!

This week's PLB Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have demonstrated that they are active participants:

Class 1 - Eliza

Class 2 - Grace

Class 3 - Class 3

Winning house

Congratulations to North children who have achieved the most house points this week!

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you for a full week of fun and learning on Monday morning!

Mrs Briggs

Diary Dates

Friday 23rd Sept	Jeans for Genes
Tuesday 27th Sept	Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church (parents welcome)
Monday 31st Oct	Parent Consultations (remote or face-face)
Friday 11th Nov	Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church (parents welcome)
Friday 9th Dec	Class 1 Nativity (school hall)
Thursday 15th Dec 2pm	Christmas Service at St Mary's Church (parents welcome)
Future Dates for 2023	
Friday 3rd Feb	Young Voices at Sheffield Arena (parents can attend)
Friday 31st March 9:15am	Easter Service at St Mary's Church (parents welcome)
Monday 8th May - Thursday 11th May	Year 6 SATS
Monday 12th June	Year 1 Phonics Check week
Thursday 6th July	Class 3 Production
Wednesday 12th July - Friday 14th July	Class 3 residential trip to Marrick Priory

Term Dates Academic Year 2022/23

Autumn Term

6th September 2022	School Opens
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21st October 2022	School Closes
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31st October 2022	School Opens
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16th December 2022	School Closes - 2.30pm
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Spring Term

4th January 2023	School Opens
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10th February 2023	School Closes
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20th February 2023	School Opens
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31st March 2023	School Closes - 2.30pm
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Summer Term

18th April 2023	School Opens
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26th May 2023	School Closes
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5th June 2023	School Opens
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21st July 2023	School Closes - 2.30pm
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