



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 20.01.2023

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Dear parent / carer

Escape the winter blues with our wonderful Roecliffe news!

- Collection of children on Monday 23rd Jan

Reminder - parents may collect their child 3.15 - 3.30pm as there may be congestion at pickup time due to a large funeral gathering on Monday afternoon at St Mary's church.

- Year 6 SATS update

Due to the additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, which will take place on Monday 8 May 2023, it has been necessary for the DfE to amend the dates of the KS2 SATs tests as this date clashed with the first day of SATs week. The new KS2 test schedule in May is as follows:

Tuesday 9 May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)

Wednesday 10 May: English reading paper

Thursday 11 May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)

Friday 12 May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

- Police visit to Roecliffe

PC Gudger spent time with all of our children on Thursday and discussed how to stay safe with each of the three classes. The children enjoyed spending time in the police car, trying on a police uniform and learning more about how to stay safe on the internet and with strangers you don't know.

<https://roecliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk/safety-first/>

- Maths update

We are excited to announce that our children are now able to access the Times Tables Rock Stars app using their logins and passwords which have been provided in hard copy letters this afternoon. So, please check those school bags for login letters! Children in Years 2 - 6 are now able to practise their multiplication facts at home using the Times Tables Rock Stars app which will complement the daily practice which takes place at school with children in Years 2 - 5.

Year 6 parents may wish to access the attached flyer from North Yorkshire Education Services which provides information about how you can support your Year 6 child with the maths SATs test in May.

- **Active Learning training at Roelcliffe**

We were delighted to host a training session for teachers from primary schools across our region at our school today. The PE and sports staff who attended the Move and Learn training were able to develop their understanding of how to teach children incorporating activity and movement as research shows that this supports children's ability to learn. All our children take part in active learning and this has been developed at Roelcliffe since September and our aim is to embed this and develop it further throughout the rest of the year.

- **Local sport**

We are keen to promote physical activity and sport for our Roelcliffe children so we have attached an information leaflet about girls' football in Boroughbridge.

- **Children's Mental Health Week**

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place during the week of 6th February and we are busy making plans for plenty of enrichment activities for our children at Roelcliffe. We look forward to bringing you news of what we plan to get up to, but in the meantime it would be useful for parents to know that in our PE lessons during the week of 6th Feb we are encouraging the children to wear one item of green clothing - a T-shirt, a pair of jogging bottoms or even a pair of socks! On Friday 10th February, we are encouraging the children to wear 'cosy clothes' to school as we adopt a little bit of Danish 'hygge' into our day!

hygge

noun

1. a quality of cosiness and comfortable conviviality that engenders a feeling of contentment or well-being (regarded as a defining characteristic of Danish culture).

<https://roelcliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk/hygge/>

- **Forest Church**

We hope that the following information from Rev Karen is useful for our parents: NEW THIS YEAR... OUTSIDE DUNSFORTH CHURCH ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, STARTING 8TH JANUARY 4PM.

Forest Church is a meeting to worship God which takes place outside and which takes account of the seasons and the outside space. It meets outside at all times of year (so you need to dress appropriately) and aims to help people connect with God as the creator and carer of the natural world. Forest Church helps us to connect with God by reminding us of our own interconnectedness with the whole of creation including one another.

Forest Church will include singing and simple prayers and readings and will last around half an hour in the winter months. It will also include practical activities – looking, listening, making and engaging.

Forest Church might appeal if you:

- Sometimes feel that you feel closer to God on a walk or in the garden than you do in a Church building.
- Sometimes find you don't relate or that you "switch off" in a traditional Church service.
- Are young (or any age!) and don't like sitting still, but feel more comfortable doing something. Forest Church is suitable for everyone from babies upwards, as it is possible to wander around while taking part and it is very interactive.
- Relate strongly to environmental concerns.
- Would like to engage in something spiritual in a less structured setting.

- **FORCES News**

FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR!

Please join us next week for our first meeting of the year at 9AM on TUESDAY 24th JANUARY in the school hall.

Our January meeting is always an exciting one as it's when we share our fundraising ideas for the coming year and discuss how we will spend our current pot of money. We very much welcome any ideas you may have however big or small so please join us if you can. Everyone is welcome and whether you can spare 1 hour or 10 hours a year every little helps to make a big difference to the children in our school.

For up to date information about our fundraising events please join our Facebook page "Roecliffe FORCES" or feel free to contact us by email forcesroecliffe@outlook.com

Winning house this week

Congratulations to West for achieving the most house points this week!!

Positive Learning Behaviours (PLB) Awards

Congratulations to these superstar children who have been awarded the PLB award this week. Our PLB which we are focussing on this half-term is 'I am resilient'.

Class 1 - Primrose

Class 2 - Lois

Class 3 - Max

With a dry and sunny weather forecast ahead, we hope you enjoy your weekend!

Mrs Briggs

Diary Dates

Friday 27th Jan	Dance Festival - KS2
Wednesday 1st Feb	Class 3 Well-Being day at QE
Friday 3rd Feb	Young Voices at Sheffield Arena (parents can attend)
6th-10th Feb	Mental Health Week
Friday 10th Feb	Cosy Clothes Day - Non Uniform
Friday 10th Feb	School Closes for Halt-Term 3.30pm
Monday 20th Feb	School Opens
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