



## 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 27.01.2023**

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Facebook - Roecliffe CE Primary School  
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Dear parent / carer

We hope you enjoy our Roecliffe news.

- **Maths updates**

We have recently reviewed our school's maths calculation policy and this is available on our school website.

<https://roecliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk/curriculum/mathematics/>

The calculation policy shows how children at Roecliffe work through calculations and record them at various stages of their learning throughout school. If you have ever wondered how your child works out a calculation in their maths lessons, this is the place to look!

Children in Years 2-5 practise their multiplication facts (times tables) daily at school and we prioritise this at the start of our maths lessons as knowing our multiplication facts is crucial when it comes to completing much of our maths work. The school is providing access for our children to the Times Tables Rock Stars app which provides practice of the multiplication facts in the form of fun and engaging activities and games. Parents of children in Years 2 - 6 have received a letter this week which provides your child's username and password.

- **Reminder - increase in the cost of school meals**

North Yorkshire County Caterers has increased the cost of school meals to £3.07 per meal which took effect on 3rd January 2023. The cost of a school meal will be £3.07 per meal from Monday 20th February for pupils in Years 3 - 6.

The four meal options provided by school will continue to be:

Sandwich (plus salad) and dessert  
Baked potato  
Vegetarian cooked meal  
Cooked meal

We would also like to remind parents of the link which can be used to check eligibility for Free School Meals

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

- **Reminder - Children's mental health week (week beg 6th Feb)**

We invite children to wear their comfortable clothes on Friday 10th Feb as we celebrate Children's Mental Health Week with a 'Cosy Clothes Day'. We will enjoy relaxing and mindful activities and learn about meditation and how to maintain our positive mental health into adulthood.

- **Reminder - industrial strike action**

You may be aware that the NEU teaching union has announced industrial strike action which will take place for its members on 1st Feb, 28th Feb, 15th March and 16th March. Our classes will continue to be taught by our teachers and Roecliffe will remain open as normal on these dates.

- **Class 1 Chinese New Year Celebrations**

The children in Class 1 enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year this week. The children tasted some Chinese treats.

<https://roecliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk/chinese-new-year-2/>

- **Dance, dance, dance!**

Children in Class 2 and Class 3 participated in a dance tournament organised by Sporting Influence today. This took place at Great Ouseburn Primary School and our Roecliffe children joined other local primary schools to dance their socks off in this exciting competition. Well done Roecliffe children for some brilliant performances!

<https://roecliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk/lets-dance/>

- **Forces News**

We held our very first meeting of the year this week and have discussed lots of exciting ideas for the year ahead! Please look out for the FORCES Spring Diary Dates letter coming out soon which will give you all the dates of our upcoming events over the next few months including our first event .....

### "DONUT YOU KNOW IT'S HALF TERM ?"

Join us in the main playground on **FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY FROM 3.30PM** onwards where we will be serving donuts and hot chocolate for 50p an item! Help us to cut down on our paper cup usage and 'bring a mug you love' for your hot chocolate and get your half term off to a sweet start!

Our uniform rail will also be in the playground so parents can browse items while the children drink their hot chocolate. All items are just £1!

For up to date information about our fundraising events please join our Facebook page "Roecliffe FORCES"

Or contact feel free to contact us by email [forcesroecliffe@outlook.com](mailto: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 - Albert

Class 2 - Maisie

Class 3 - Orla & Lilly

We wish you a fantastic weekend!

Mrs Briggs

Diary Dates	
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 Half-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