



## 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.

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Dear parent / carer

What an amazing first week back and a brilliant start to the school year! Our younger pupils in Class 1 have settled brilliantly, learning new skills and getting used to their daily routines inside and outside the classroom. Our older pupils in Class 2 and Class 3 have enjoyed calm, productive learning in lesson time and fun, positive play on the village green at playtime.

I'm very proud to say that the moment the doors opened on Wednesday morning our fantastic staff team were underway delivering purposeful learning and making the most of every moment with our Roecliffe children!

- Autumn term learning

Our new topics are off and running for the autumn term! For more information about your child's learning this term, please have a look at our class termly overviews.

<https://roecliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk/curriculum/class-termly-overviews/>

- Your school needs you!

Many of our parents, or people they know, have the skills and/or knowledge to provide a little extra real-life context to our children's learning and you may know of someone who has an area of expertise which would be useful to us in our learning.

If you, or someone you know, can spare a small amount of time to talk to us or show us what you know related to the topics which we deliver in school, we would love to hear from you!

Class 3 children are learning about the Arctic so skills and knowledge around animals and the sea is needed this half term.

Class 2 children are learning about weather and climate this half term so skills and knowledge around meteorology or animals is needed.

Class 1 children are learning about houses and homes so skills and knowledge around interior design, building, electricians/plumbers, architects is needed.

- Year 6 buddies

Congratulations to our Reception children and their Year 6 buddies for a wonderful first meeting today. Our Year 6 children were just wonderful with our very young Reception children and helped them to play games and read their favourite books. We look forward to many more happy buddy moments throughout the year!

<https://roecliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk/year-6-buddies/>

- RAAC (Reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete)

As you may be aware from last week's news, some schools have been closed across the country due to the identification of RAAC being used during their construction.

RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete which was used in schools, colleges and other building construction from the 1950s until the mid-1990s. Schools which are affected by the use of this form of RAAC have been found to be unsafe.

Our trust, LDLT, is confident that the majority of our school buildings do not have RAAC present; however, the trust fully understands the concerns around RAAC and has arranged for a review of all LDLT schools and an inspection of buildings where this is felt necessary.

- This year whole-school R.E focus

In addition to our weekly RE lessons, our school will have a 'focus faith' which we learn about through real-life experiences by visiting places of worship and inviting visitors into our school. Our focus faith this academic year is Islam and we look forward to learning more about how Muslim people follow their faith throughout the year.

- Focus school value

As you will be aware, our school values are Faith, Courage and Love. In our daily Collective Worship we reflect on and develop our understanding of these three values. In the autumn term we focus on Faith and will link our visits from Rev Karen, our songs/hymns and our discussions in Collective Worship to Faith.

- Welcome Mrs Green!

This week we were delighted to welcome Mrs Green to our Class 1 team! Class 1 parents will be meeting Mrs Green in the next few weeks at dropoff and pickup so come over and say hello!

- Extra-curricular Clubs

Clubs will start running from next week. If you wish to book a place for your child, please do this with full payment by 5pm on Friday 8th September. This is when the Arbor booking system for extra-curricular clubs will close.

Monday 3.30 - 4.30pm Sing Up!

Young Voices rehearsals will be led by Miss Lonsdale and Mrs Briggs and will provide rehearsal time for us to practise the songs and dance routines for the Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena on Monday 19th February 2024.

Your child can attend Sing Up! sessions whether they wish to join us at the Young Voices concert or not. Children in Years 3 - 6 may attend the concert and children in Years 2 - 6 may attend the rehearsals.

Total cost for the seven sessions £21.

Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30pm Art Club

Art Club sessions will be led by Mrs Scholes (yes, Mrs Scholes who was the Teaching Assistant in Class 3!) Children will learn how to develop their confidence and skills through a variety of art activities.

Children in Years 1 - 6 may attend Art Club

Total cost for the seven sessions £14.

Wednesday - no clubs

Thursday 12.30 - 1pm Lunchtime Football Club

Lunchtime Football Club will take place on the village green. Please note that the Football Club will no longer be led by Mr Banks and will now be led by Miss Ratliffe and Mrs Briggs.

Children in Years 1 - 6 may attend.

Total cost for the seven sessions £17.50

Thursday 3.30 - 4.30pm Sports Club

Mr Banks will deliver coaching in a variety of sports on the village green so that the children can develop their sporting skills further and apply these in mini matches and games.

Children in Years 1 - 6 may attend.

Total cost for the seven sessions £24.50

- Reminder of P.E days

Please make sure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on their PE day.

Class 1 PE is on Fridays

Class 2 PE is on Thursdays (with swimming on Wednesdays)

Class 3 PE is on Tuesdays and Thursdays

- Reminder of Forest School sessions

Born of the Forest <https://www.bornoftheforest.co.uk/> will be providing Forest School sessions for us throughout this academic year. Forest School sessions start on Monday 11th September next week.

This half term, Class 2 will enjoy their Forest School sessions on Monday mornings and Class 1 will enjoy their Forest School sessions on Monday afternoons.

Please make sure that your child is wearing long sleeved tops and trousers which can be worn during muddy, outdoor activities. The weather forecast on Monday is for slightly cooler weather with possible showers so please make sure that your child has a waterproof coat with them.

- Class 2 swimming

Reminder - Class 2 swimming sessions start on Wednesday 13th September so all Class 2 children should bring their swimming costume/trunks, towel and goggles on Wednesday and wear their school uniform to school.

- Jeans for Genes Day - Friday 22nd Sept <https://www.jeansforgenes.org/>

We will be supporting the Jeans for Genes children's charity and celebrating the fantastic work they do by wearing jeans or denim on Jeans for Genes day and donating a contribution to this worthwhile charity. Children should wear their normal school top on this day.

- Roecliffe Maths Day - Tuesday 19th September

On Tuesday 19th September we will be celebrating all things maths and launching a brand new year of Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots.

To help us celebrate our Maths Day, we would love for the children (Nursery to Year 6) to come dressed as rock stars - if they would like to!

Throughout the day the children will be taking part in a range of maths based activities which will enable children to experience maths in a range of real-life contexts.

The Year 1 equivalent of TTRS is Numbots and it supports Year 1 children to achieve the "triple win" of understanding, recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction, so that they move from counting to calculating. Numbots is new to our school this academic year and Year 1 parents will receive their child's login details in the near future.

- Guitar / ukulele lessons

Mike Rudland-Simpson is available to teach the guitar to new pupils in our school. If you would like to discuss guitar/ukulele lessons for your child, please contact Mike on [mike.schoolofguitar@hotmail.com](mailto:mike.schoolofguitar@hotmail.com)

We hope you enjoy the warm and sunny weekend ahead and look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning!

Mrs Briggs

### Diary Dates

Tuesday 19th Sept	TT Rock Stars Day
Wednesday 27th Sept	Netball Tournament - B'bridge High School
W/C 16th & 23rd Oct	Parent Consultations (remote or face-to-face)
Thursday 19th Oct	Harvest Festival - 2.30pm
Tuesday 24th Oct	Class 2 and Class 3 pupil-led collective worship for parents to attend
Wednesday 8th Nov	Class 1 Stick Man Theatre Trip to York Theatre Royal
Thursday 7th Dec	Class 2 + Class 3 panto tri, Dick Whittington at Harrogate Theatre
Thursday 14th Dec	Class 1 Nativity - School Hall 9.30am & 2.30pm
Thursday 21st Dec	Christmas Service at St Mary's Church
Monday 19th February	Young Voices trip to Sheffield Arena
W/C 13th May	Year 6 SATS Weeks
Thursday 4th July	Class 3 Production - Bishop Monkton Village Hall

Term Dates	
<b>Autumn Term</b>	
Friday 27th Oct	School Closes for half-term
Monday 6th Nov	School Reopens
Friday 22nd Dec	School closes for Christmas 2.30pm

<b>Spring Term</b>	
Monday 8th Jan	Training Day - School Closed
Tuesday 9th Jan	School Opens for Spring Term
Friday 9th Feb	School Closes for half-term
Monday 19th Feb	School Reopens
Friday 22nd Mar	School Closes for Easter

<b>Summer Term</b>	
Monday 8th Apr	Training Day - School Closed
Monday 9th Apr	School Opens for Summer Term
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 24th May	School Closes for half-term
Monday 3rd Jun	School Reopens
Friday 19th Jun	School Closes for Summer 2.30pm
Monday 22nd Jun	Training Day - School Closed