



Rockcliffe Newsletter 11 – Autumn Term

Dear Rockcliffe Families,

This week the winter weather has certainly arrived very quickly! It has definitely been “bracing” out on the yard. We will take every opportunity to get the children outside at break and lunchtime, even if it’s for shorter periods, so please send the children to school with appropriate outer clothing on the “chillier” days.

This week our learning Superpower has been “Focused”. I’ve been focused on a lot of my own learning this week with the second day of our Linking Early Years Leaders programme with Mrs Duggan on Tuesday, and yesterday I was at the final day of Rockcliffe’s involvement with the Ogden Trust science project. Each of these days had lots of excellent ideas for us to implement in school.

Children in Need – Charity Focus

Last Friday was our 25-minute Danceathon for Children in Need. As well as showcasing amazing moves, great team spirit and a lot of fun, we raised an incredible £820 for the charity! Thank you to the Rockcliffe community for donating so generously and to Miss Towers (and her dancing shoes) for co-ordinating the event.



Our brilliant kitchen team were also involved in the day, creating the children some amazing Pudsey-themed biscuits.



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Young Carers Focus



On Tuesday, Kiersten, from the North Tyneside Young Carers Service, talked to Key Stage One and Two children about what being a Young Carer means and the type of support and opportunities that her organisation can offer.

SEN Focus

On Wednesday, we had a visit from a former Special School Headteacher to look at our SEN (Special Educational Needs) provision across school with Miss Thompson and Mrs Duggan. During the visit, we looked at our approach to SEN, our documentation and how lessons and the school is set up to support our children with SEN. She was very impressed with what she saw and was very complimentary about all of our children too.

Christmas Performances

Last week, via Schoolcomms, we sent out information about how to sign up for your child's Christmas performance. If you haven't done so yet, please fill in the form and this will act as your virtual ticket.

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair will be on Thursday 4th December from 3.30pm to around 5.30pm. We hope to see you there. The Friends of Rockcliffe need your help:

- Please email the Office if you can help with set up in the afternoon or run a stall at the Fair
- Please share the link and buy Raffle tickets here: [Raffle Tickets](#)
- On Wednesday 3rd December, children are invited to come in their Christmas jumpers for Christmas lunch. In return please could they bring a donation of bottles, chocolate or good quality toys or books for the Fair or any gift-type donations for a tombola.

Have a brilliant weekend and keep warm!

Tom Jones



Dates for Your Diary

November	
Tue 25 th	Year 4 Children's Takeover Day
December	
Wed 3 rd	Christmas Lunch – wear Christmas Jumpers and bring a donation for the school fair
Thu 4 th	3.30pm: Christmas Fair
Fri 5 th	Y3 AM: Christmas Unwrapped event at Whitley Bay Baptist Church
Tue 9 th	10am: Beacon, Lighthouse & Priory Performance 1
Wed 10 th	10am: Beacon, Lighthouse & Priory Performance 2
Thu 11 th	10am: Lapwings, Puffins & Sandpipers Performance 1
Fri 12 th	10am: Lapwings, Puffins & Sandpipers Performance 2
Mon 15 th	10am: Seahorses & Starfish Performance
Mon 15 th	PM: Lapwings & Sandpipers Christmas Parties
Tue 16 th	10am: Sandcastles Nursery Performance
Tue 16 th	PM: Puffins & Priory Christmas Parties
Wed 17 th	PM: Beacon and Lighthouse Christmas Parties
Thu 18 th	AM: Sandcastles Nursery Christmas Party
Thu 18 th	PM: Seahorses and Starfish Christmas Parties
Fri 19 th	End of Autumn Term
January	
Mon 5 th	Teacher Training Day
Tue 6 th	Start of Spring Term