



# Dinnington First Newsletter

## No 3 October 2024-2025



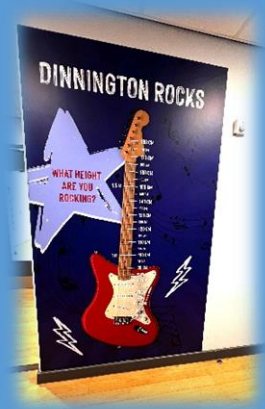
Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy half term it has been! There have been lots of trips and visitors and the children have worked so hard over the last 8 weeks - we are very proud of them. Thank you very much for all the Harvest Festival contributions. These will be taken to the food bank on Friday.

Also thank you very much to those who came to the school forum last week and supported with suggestions for our new school website. We will be looking at all the suggestions and more information will be shared soon including our new social media platforms.

We have also been improving our displays in school this term to support the children's learning. They have been a big hit with the children. We have a timeline displaying our history curriculum, a world map, a forest scene with all our British wildlife and a guitar for the children to measure themselves on the way to the lunch hall.

We hope that you all have a lovely half term holiday.  
Kind regards  
Mrs Ash and the Team



### Nursery

The children have completed their first half term in school and they have all managed really well, we are very proud of them! They are growing in confidence every day. We have read many books, we particularly enjoyed 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We went on our own bear hunt in our forest and we actually found a bear!! He was a friendly bear, thank goodness! We have been learning about Autumn too and we had a fun Autumn party with Little Movers.



### Reception

The children in Reception have had so much fun in the last few weeks completing their learning on the senses. They put all 5 of their senses to the test when they watched popcorn explode as it cooked, made delicious healthy milkshakes and made their own musical instrument. The children have also started to write words in their literacy books using the sounds they know and they have been developing their understanding of numbers and shapes in maths.



## Upcoming Events

11<sup>st</sup> November

Anti Bullying Week - Parent workshop  
TBC

11<sup>th</sup> November

8.50 Books and Brunch Y4

12<sup>th</sup> November

8.50 Books and Brunch Y3

13<sup>th</sup> November

Books and Brunch Y2

14<sup>th</sup> November

Books and Brunch Y1

15<sup>th</sup> November

Children in Need Non-Uniform Day

18<sup>th</sup> November

2pm Nursery Stay and Play

19<sup>th</sup> November

2pm Nursery Stay and Play

19<sup>th</sup> November

Choir Performing Newcastle Cathedral

20<sup>th</sup> November

8.50 Reception Books and Brunch Class 2

21<sup>st</sup> November

8.50 Reception Books and Brunch Class 3





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## Year 1

Year 1 has settled in brilliantly this half term and we are very proud of the progress they have made already. We have explored the Hancock museum and we had some furry friends visit from ZooLab. In PE we have started learning about curling and the techniques involved with sliding, we will be getting ready to play some competitive games later in this Block. Our topic on the Space Race in History has been a big hit already with the children and they have loved learning about the Moon and the astronauts on the International Space Station.



## Year 2

Year 2 have had a great time learning about animals and their needs for survival. We had ZooLab come in to show us some amazing animals and we even got to touch some of them! In Maths we have been working hard on our addition, using practical resources and chalk to help our understanding.

## Year 3

We have had a fabulous half-term in Year 3, which has included 2 outstanding trips. Firstly, we were orienteering at Gibside and then we visited the Great North Museum and learnt all about rocks and fossils. We have also had a visit from Gateshead FC, who brought along their trophy for gaining promotion. We are thoroughly looking forward to next half-term and lots more exciting learning opportunities.



## Year 4

This half term, Year 4 has been thriving with a variety of engaging activities! In outdoor learning at Forest School, students explored Roman mythology, discovering the fascinating stories of Roman gods while connecting with nature. They then created their own clay tiles to represent their unique deities. In art, the class collaborated to produce an abstract board using power print techniques, building on individual patterns they developed separately before contributing to the larger piece. It's been a vibrant half term, filled with creativity, exploration, and hands-on learning!



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## Notices

### **Communication with School**

We are continually working to try and improve our communication with you all and ensure that it meets your needs. If you need to contact school please do so via [contactus@dinnington.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:contactus@dinnington.newcastle.sch.uk) or telephone the school office 01661 822457

Please note that Seesaw is not used for parental communication beyond Reception other than to send out curriculum information.

### **Library Donations**

If you have any pre loved books that would be suitable for our school library we would welcome donations please!

### **Packed Lunches**

Please ensure that your child's packed lunch does not contain any nut products. We have several children with severe nut allergies.

### **Scooters**

We have had a few complaints that scooters are getting damaged whilst they are stored at school. Please ensure they are stored and removed carefully so other scooters do not get damaged. Thank you



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Schools are encouraged to promote healthy eating and we talk to the children about this as part of the PHSE curriculum.

Healthy eating and a healthy life style are all part of children keeping themselves safe and healthy in the future.

**The recommended daily intake of sugar for a child is 25g** - which is roughly the equivalent of jam sandwich.

A high sugar diet is linked to tooth decay, weight gain, hyperactive behaviour, sleep problems and overall poorer health.

Below are some examples of sugar content and the NHS website attached has some ideas on health food ideas.

Our school nurse is also available to support with advice on healthy eating or encouraging your child to try new foods.

**1 jam sandwich - 23g**

**2 chocolate digestives - 20g**

**1 bowl of cheerios - 5g**

**1 packet of crisps - 9g**

**1 chocolate mini roll - 13g**

[Healthier Families - Home - NHS](#)



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A look ahead...

## December 2024

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Fair**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – 9.30am EYFS Nativity**

**1.30pm Y1-Y2 Festive Performance**

**2.15pm Y3-Y4 Festive Performance**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am EYFS Nativity**

**1.30pm Y3-Y4 Festive Performance**

**2.15pm Y1-Y2 Festive Performance**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – School Christmas Lunch**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – EYFS Christmas Party (AM) Key Stage 1 Christmas Party (PM)**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Key Stage 2 Christmas Party (PM)**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Carols at St Matthew's Church**