



## Rothersthorpe CE Primary School Newsletter 30th October 2023

*Everyone is valued as an individual— Love your neighbour, as yourself (Mark 12:31)*

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**Dear Parents,** Welcome back to autumn term 2 and the build-up to Christmas. This year Explorers and Navigators will be performing The Nativity in Church. Pathfinders and Adventurers will perform a summer play this year instead. All classes will sing at the last achievements assembly and at the Christingle.

This term we are looking for parent volunteers to run an after-school Christmas disco. All funds raised will go towards our art club and also a mural project that we would like the children to paint in the summer. At the moment we have 2 parent volunteers and Rev Nic Edwards has volunteered to run the disco/music—thank you. We will need at least 5 parents for the Explorers/Pathfinders class and 5 parents for the Adventurers/Navigators classes. Parents would need to monitor the hall and sell sweets/drinks. Mrs Fountain will be on site for safeguarding. We hope you can help.

**Kind regards, Mrs Fountain, Staff, Governors & Trust**



### Stars of the Week

### Curriculum Awards



### Amy's Prize for hard work & excellent behaviour



### Book Recommendations this week

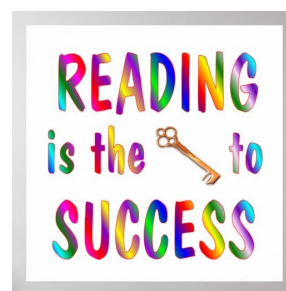
- The BFG by Roald Dahl
- Tom Gates –Top of the Class
- Alex Rider Books—The Skeleton Key



## Reading Congratulations for w/e 20th October 2023

**Class 1 Explorers and Class 2 Pathfinders**—we ask children to read at home 3 x each week. Parents please sign your child's reading log.

**Class 3 Adventurers and Class 4 Navigators**—we ask children to read at home 4 x each week.



### Reading is the key to success! EXCELLENT

**Year 1—91%**

**Year 2—100%**

**Year 3—81%**

**Year 4—82%**

**Year 5—92%**

**Year 6—100%**

### New Parent Tours

Come and look around our supportive, high achieving, welcoming small school. Next tour dates are: **Tuesday 14th November at 1.30pm; Monday 4th December at 1.30pm and Friday 12th January at 1.30pm**

We only have a couple of spaces left for **Reception September 2024**—don't miss out!

There are still a couple of spaces **now for pre-school**—your child can start with us as soon as they are 3 years of age. Apply for 15 or 30 hours free childcare.

**Pre-school September 2024**—we have quite a few spaces still. Please email and put your child on the waiting list to secure your child's place.

We have received excellent feedback from current parents.



**Explorers  
Class  
Pre-school  
&  
Reception**







## Culture Week W/C 30th October 2023 BRAZIL

The first week back at school will be our yearly culture week. This year we are celebrating **Brazil**.

All children will take part in many different activities in their classes this year. There will be an introductory assembly on Monday, as well as Samba dancing.

On Friday we have a samba workshop for all classes and Vera, Agatha and Atticus' mum will be making a Brazilian cheesy bread to share on Friday. Cash donations will be gratefully received towards costs. Thank you—sounds amazing!

## CAN THE SCHOOL DISCO & CHRISTMAS FAYRE RETURN THIS YEAR?

**2 parent volunteers so far and Rev Nic Edwards will run the disco/music for the children—Thank you. We need more parent volunteers to supervise and sell refreshments please**

Would you be able to get a group of parents together to organise a school disco and after school Christmas Fayre in December?



Our children would love to get together and have fun dancing and playing games at a school disco. We have a music system and Spotify. We just need friends to buy and sell refreshments and look after the children. (Mrs Fountain we stay on site for safeguarding).

The format has previously been the following:

Class 1 Explorers and Class 2 Pathfinders—straight after school disco 3.30-4.45pm.  
Bring a change of clothes in a bag.

Class 3—Adventurers and Class 4—Navigators 5pm to 6.15pm.

Use of the hall would need to be checked due to village clubs using. A Thursday after school is usually OK.

All funds raised would pay for a range of art resources/art club and a planned mural.

## REMEMBRANCE—Lest We Forget

Remembrance Poppies will be on sale from the 1st November at school.

Items for sale are:

Slack bands and wrist bands £1

Clip on poppies and zip tags 50p

Poppies—a donation



## Diary Dates

Monday 30th October

Friday 3rd November

**Poppies** etc on sale at school from

Tuesday 14th November

Thursday 16th November

Friday 17th November

Monday 20th November

Saturday 25th November 12pm

December—Date TBC

Friday 15th December

Wednesday 20th December

Back to school. Culture week—Brazil

**2.45pm Start—Assembly/Samba Drumming/Food**

1st November for Remembrance on 11th November 2023

1.30pm New Parents Tour

**3.45pm Class 3/Adventurers** Residential Parent Meeting

BBC Children in Need—Mufti—£1 donation

**3.45pm Phonics/Reading Parent Workshops**

**Explorers & Pathfinders** joint parent workshop

**Adventurers & Navigators** joint parent workshop

Film in the hall for children with Mrs Fountain

Y5/6 Strictly afternoon at The Derngate. Tickets available.

Christmas lunch and Santa Fun Run in the afternoon

**2.45pm** Achievements assembly in church with Carols

**9.30am—Explorers & Navigators Nativity**—pre-school & siblings welcome. Ticket event. Letter will be sent.

**1.45pm—Explorers & Navigators Nativity**—No pre-school children please. Ticket event. Letter will be sent.

**2.30pm—Christingle Service** in Church—all welcome

**3pm**—Christmas Raffle in the school hall. LAST DAY

*Christmas holidays 20th December 2023 to 8th January 2024*

**Monday 8th January 2024**

**Back to school**

**Note: Pathfinders and Adventurers classes will perform a summer play this year rather than one at Christmas. Time for a change!**

## CLUBS THIS TERM 2023

**YOU CAN BOOK ANY SCHOOL CLUB 24 HOURS BEFORE**

**BREAKFAST CLUB CAN BE ANY DAY AND BOOKED AS AND WHEN NEEDED**

Monday	7.45-8.45am—Breakfast club / 3.30-4.45pm- Sport club or Art/craft club
Tuesday	7.45-8.45am- Breakfast club / 3.30- <b>4.20pm</b> - KS2 Basketball or IT/Homework club 3.30-4.45pm
Wednesday	7.45-8.45am- Breakfast club / 3.30-4.45pm- Sport club or Gardening club
Thursday	7.45-8.45am- Breakfast club or 8am-8.45am- Gymnastics club—book direct with GLK
Friday	7.45-8.45am- Breakfast club



### COME LITTLE LEAVES

George Cooper

"Come, little leaves," said the wind one day.  
"Come over the meadows with me and play;  
Put on your dresses of red and gold,  
For summer is gone and the days grow cold."

Soon as the leaves heard the wind's loud call,  
Down they came fluttering, one and all;  
Over the brown fields they danced and flew,  
Singing the sweet little songs they knew.

"Cricket, good-by, we've been friends so long,  
Little brook, sing us your farewell song;  
Say you are sorry to see us go;  
Ah, you will miss us, right well we know."

Dancing and whirling, the little leaves went,  
Winter had called them and they were content;  
Soon, fast asleep in their earthy beds,  
The snow laid a coverlid over their heads.

