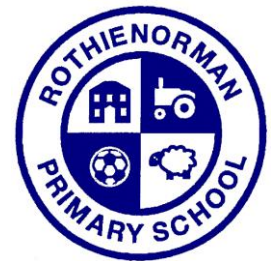




Rothienorman Primary School



Bulletin No 4: Wednesday 16th November 2016

Dear Parents

Staffing

I am delighted to let you know that we have appointed Mrs Karen Johnston as administrative assistant. We had a huge number of extremely well qualified and experienced candidates to choose from but I am sure that Karen's experience and background in education will stand her in good stead for this post, she will start shortly.

Mrs Linda Raffan asked me to pass on her thanks for her lovely gifts and to say how much she enjoyed working at Rothienorman. Mrs Fiona Robertson has started as a student Pupil Support Assistant, she will be with us on Fridays between now and the summer.

Flu Immunisations

The school nurses will be in school on Friday 18th November to immunise school children, who have returned permission slips, against flu. If parents of nursery children would like them immunised then they should contact their health centre.

Children in Need

The Pupil Council have organised a dress down or dress in something spotty day for Children in Need on Friday 18th November. Donations of £1 please.

Glow

All classes have been busy adding to their class Glow pages and there is now significantly more information on the main school Glow pages too. Please ask your child to log into Glow (Username and Password should be in their reading record) and see more about what they have been doing at school: Glow website: <https://glow.rmunify.com/>

Green Butterfly Award

Kate Malster attended the Pitcaple project awards ceremony over the October holidays to receive our Green Butterfly Award. This recognised all of the amazing outdoor learning work that has been done by the nursery over the years, mainly at Fyvie Castle. Kate and her husband John have led on this project and have inspired many children, families and staff members alike. We have been building on this and classes throughout the school have been participating in a lot more outdoor learning this session; some at Fyvie Castle and some here in Rothienorman.

Gold Sport Scotland Award

Miss Eilidh Robertson and our Health Group worked really hard last session to put together an application for our Gold Sport Scotland Award. We have now heard that we have been successful in achieving this prestigious award. We will be presented with our Gold Sport Scotland flag in January 2017.

Snow Packs

If the school has to close due to snow or other adverse weather then pupils are expected to carry out activities in their snow packs. Copies of these are attached to this bulletin but they can also be accessed via Glow. There may be other activities posted on Glow in their class page and it would also be great if they can respond to any conversations on there.

'Information for Adverse Weather Closures' at the end of this bulletin details how to check if the school is closed.

Staff Training

Staff have recently taken part in the following professional development:

- British Sign Language (BSL)
- John Muir Award Training
- Grow Well Choices
- Food Hygiene
- Loose Parts Play in Early Years
- Visible Learning
- Growth Mindset
- Modern languages - French
- Dyslexia
- Teaching Cognitive Skills for Life in the Early Years
- Early Years Federations
- Tapestry P7 Transition Project

Pets Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA)

The veterinary nurse, Emma MacDonald visited us on Tuesday 1st

November to share information on some of the important work that the PDSA do to help animals. P1 pupils also had input on the welfare needs of animals and P2,3 pupils had a session on Canine Companions linking to their recent projects.



Reverend Thorburn Assembly

Reverend Thorburn joined us on 8th November to discuss the importance of Remembrance. We also watched a short video about the history of the poppy. The Pupil Council have been selling poppies for the last 2 weeks. Everyone participated in a 2 minute silence on the 11th November.

Meldrum Rotary Shoebox Appeal

Most of the shoeboxes have been collected now but if you are still filling them or indeed have empty ones to return please do so on Thursday 17th November as any remaining boxes will be collected on Friday 18th. Thank you.

PPG Coffee Morning

Our next PPG coffee morning will take place on Thursday 8th December at 9.15am. Everyone is welcome.

PPG Fundraising Events

Our Fancy Dress discos were a great success with £336.46 being raised. Well done to our winners of the pumpkin competition. The super Christmas cards and mugs have now all been received with £410.70 profit. Thank you



to the PPG and the other volunteers for helping to organise these fundraisers. These PPG events help to pay for things like the pantomime and buses for outdoor learning and other trips. The PPG have also agreed to pay for 6 ipads, 2 car booster seats and a new coomber (music system). The next fund raiser will



be the Christmas Show Raffle. The PPG will be looking for donations of items suitable for hampers for the following themes, Kids Christmas, Family night in, Pamper Night and Christmas. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 15th December after the show but there will be opportunities to buy tickets at other occasions.

Christmas Parties

Our Christmas Parties will take place as follows this year:

Monday 19 th Dec	am	Nursery (both sessions)
	pm	P5-7
Tuesday 20 th Dec	pm	P3-4
Wednesday 21 st Dec	pm	P1-2

Nursery children should come to nursery dressed for their party at 10am. Parents can then return to join the party at 12.00 to see our special visitor with the children. There will be no afternoon session on this day.

School children should come dressed as normal but can bring clothes to change into at lunchtime.

Lunch Times

Please see the amended lunch times in the dates for the diary at the end of the bulletin. These changes are necessary to enable us to get set up for things like Christmas parties, shows and Christmas lunch.

Christmas Jumper Day

The Pupil Council have decided to hold a Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 16th December where children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper or some other Christmas outfit and donate £1. Any money raised will be split between Save the Children and the PDSA.

Christmas Shows

P4-7 have been working hard to learn their lines, songs and parts for our school show this year. The whole school will watch the dress rehearsal on Tuesday 13th December. Parents of P4-7 pupils will receive further information about booking seats for either the dress rehearsal or the shows on Wednesday 14th or Thursday 15th December. Although we don't charge for tickets the children collect donations at the start of the shows (information to follow on what they will be collecting for).

Morning nursery pupils will also be performing a show for their friends and family at 11am on Wednesday 21st December. The afternoon session are hoping that friends and family will join them at Fyvie on Wednesday 21st December to sing some Christmas songs.

Active Schools Activities

Due to various events over the Christmas period we have had to cancel a few after school activities. I have attached an updated version of the timetable providing the dates for the remainder of this term and for term 3.

Well done to our P7 pupils who have now completed, and received their certificates for Bikeability.



Regards

Ms. Julie Symington,
Head Teacher.

Information for Adverse Weather Closures

Telephone Information Line: **0870 054 4999**

Rothienorman School Pin Number: 022530

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Moray Firth Radio

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MW 1107kHz

North East Community Radio

FM 97.1-106.4

Waves Radio

FM 101.2

Original

FM 106

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2016-2017

Friday 18 th November 2016	Flu Immunisations
Thursday 8 th December 2016	9.15am, PPG coffee morning in GP room
Tuesday 13 th December 2016	Early lunch, 12.00 - 1.00pm
Tuesday 13 th December 2016	Afternoon Dress Rehearsal, P5-7 Christmas Show
Wednesday 14 th December 2016	7pm, P5-7 Christmas Show
Thursday 15 th December 2016	7pm, P5-7 Christmas Show
Friday 16 th December 2016	Christmas Lunch, 12.20-1.35pm
Monday 19 th December 2016	Nursery (both sessions) Christmas Party
Monday 19 th December 2016	Early lunch, 12.20-1.20pm. P5-7 Christmas Party
Tuesday 20 th December 2016	Early lunch, 12.20-1.20pm. P3-4 Christmas Party
Wednesday 21 st December 2016	Am Nursery show at 11am.
Wednesday 21 st December 2016	Early lunch, 12.20-1.20pm. P1-2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 21 st December 2016	Pm Nursery Christmas Songs at Fyvie
Wednesday 21 st December 2016	School closes for Christmas holidays
Thursday 5 th January 2017	School opens
Friday 10 th February 2017	School closed (occasional day)
Monday 13 th February 2017	Holiday
Tuesday 14 th February 2017	In Service Day (no pupils in school)
Wednesday 15 th February 2017	In Service Day (no pupils in school)
Friday 31 st March 2017	School closes for Easter holidays
Tuesday 18 th April 2017	School opens
Monday 1 st May 2017	Bank Holiday
Monday 29 th May - Friday 2 nd June 2017	P6,7 pupils to PGL, Dalguise residential trip
Monday 5 th June 2017	School closed (occasional day)
Friday 30 th June 2017	School closes for the summer holidays