

Rothienorman School Newsletter

December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for the warm welcome to Rothienorman Primary. I am looking forward to getting to know you and your children over the next few months. This is a great time to join the school as this month will be filled with Christmas excitement!

Changes to the school day

Thank you to all who responded to the questionnaire about the school day. Morning interval and Lunchtime is now as follows:

Morning Interval:

P1-3 10:20-10:35am

P4-7 10:40-10:55am

Lunchtime

P1-3 12:20-1:20pm

P4-7 12:50-1:50pm

Christmas jumper day

Christmas jumper day is Friday 10th December. Pupils can wear something festive on that day. We are asking, if possible, for a donation of £1 per child which will be donated to Save the Children. Staff have decided that instead of taking part in a staff 'Secret Santa', they would like to donate to Northsound 1's 'Cash for Kids' and the local foodbank. Well done team Rothie!



REMINDER DATES:

Friday 10th December –
Xmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 14th December –
Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 21st December –
Last Day of term 2

Wednesday 5th January –
Start of term 3

Festivities

December is full of fun festivities. Our Christmas Lunch is on Tuesday 14th December.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to the PPG for purchasing an online panto for all pupils to watch. We plan to watch this during the week beginning 13th December. Thanks again to the PPG, who once again this year have purchased a Christmas gift for every child, crackers for the Christmas lunch and crisps for the Christmas parties.

Please find the dates for the Christmas parties below. Children can come dressed in their party clothes on the day of their party. If their party is in the afternoon and parents wish to take their children home to dress, then please inform their class teacher. Pupils can be collected and dropped off at the main office.

The dates for our Christmas Parties are as follows:

Nursery am	Tuesday 21 st Dec am
Nursery pm	Thursday 16 th Dec pm
P1	Tuesday 21 st Dec am
P2	Wednesday 15 th Dec pm
P3	Monday 20 th Dec pm
P4/5 and P5	Friday 17 th Dec pm
P6	Thursday 16 th Dec pm
P7	Tuesday 21 st Dec pm



Children in Need



Thank you very much for your support on Children in Need day this year. We managed to raise a total of £133!

Staffing

Mrs Whytock has recently started her maternity leave. Mrs Whytock spend time in many of the classes covering teachers non-class contact time. Miss Buchan will be taking over this role on Thursdays. Miss Buchan will also be teaching P2 on Wednesday to allow Mrs Edwards to have her probationer day. We would like to wish Mrs Whytock and her family all the best.

On 6th December we welcomed Ms Burdge to the team. Ms Burdge has joined us on a permanent basis as our P7 teacher.

Indoor Shoes and Winter Weather

As the winter weather is upon us, we are asking that from January the children bring indoor shoes, or a change of footwear that is only worn indoors. If you have difficulty funding indoor shoes, please let us know if we can help.

Can all parents/carers please ensure that their child/children are dressed appropriately for the weather each day, especially as it can change throughout the day. Thank you.

Adverse weather

Please keep an eye on the Aberdeenshire message service on the website (<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/Schools-Closures/>) for updates as your first port of call. Safety of staff and children is paramount when making decisions on transport and school closure. The school will update you as soon as we get any information so please be patient. Keep an eye on local weather updates as any ice, flooding or snow could impact on if and how children and staff get to school. Thank you.

And Finally...

Thank you to families for being patient during the Aberdeenshire school closures on the 29th and 30th November. I understand that this was a very difficult time for the community and having your support was appreciated.

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas from myself and all the staff at Rothienorman Primary School.

Michelle Strachan, (Acting) Head Teacher



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