

# Rothienorman School Newsletter

February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Ward back to the Rothie team after a period of absence. Mrs Ward will be working in classes to cover teacher non-class commitment time and also teaching in P2 on Tuesdays for Mrs Edwards probationer day.

We are saying farewell and good luck to Mrs Wells, our Senior Practitioner in the nursery, as she will be returning to teaching as an Additional Support for Learners teacher in the Huntly Cluster. Mrs Wells will be a huge loss to the Rothie team and felt throughout the school community, we wish her all the best in her new role.

Miss Buchan has reduced her days at Rothienorman, she continues to teach in P4/5 on Mondays and Tuesdays but will no longer be with us to cover non-class commitment time. Mrs Ward will be taking over from this role on a Monday and Wednesday.

## Mid-term holiday and in-service days

Please note that the schools in the Meldrum Cluster are on mid-term holiday from Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. To clarify, the pupils will be off on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> through to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of Feb returning on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February. School staff will be undertaking in-service training on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of Feb.



## Swimming sessions

After the midterm break in February, our P5 pupils will have swimming on Fridays until the Spring Holiday. Information has been sent to P5 parents separately regarding swimming sessions.

Many thanks to the P6 parents who volunteered their support during the swimming sessions and thank you to the P5 parents who have volunteered their time to support with the upcoming sessions.



## REMINDER DATES:

### Term 3

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 - PPG meeting at 7:15pm

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022-Local Holidays

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 - Mid-term holiday

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 - In-service days

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 - End of term 3

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - Spring Holiday

### Term 4

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - Start of term 4

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Queen's Diamond Jubilee Holiday

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 - Local Holiday

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 - End of term 4

## Reporting to parents

Many parents have asked about our plans for reporting to parents this session. There will be a formal written report that will share your child's progress and next steps as well as a parents evening before the end of this school year. The team and I are developing a school report format that will be shared and agreed with the PPG before use. I will keep you up to date with when the reports will be issued and the dates for our parent's evening once these have been finalised. At present we are unsure if the parents evening will be allowed to take place in person or if it will be held virtually. Again, I will keep you updated on this matter.

Going forward into next session we plan to implement the following; a settling in parents night in term 1, a brief written interim report in term 2 and a full report and parents night to take place around the spring break. I will work with the PPG to finalise the reporting calendar and keep you informed once this has been finalised.

## Pupil safety before school

The school has had reports from parents that some of the older pupils have been leaving the school grounds in the morning before 9am and going to a nearby cave beside the old railway line. I'd appreciate your cooperation in reinforcing to your children that they should remain on school grounds where you expect them to be when they have arrived at school in the morning.

## Online safety

Please continue to be vigilant at home regarding online safety. We have had parents report to the school that their children have been in chat rooms on their devices at home. You can learn more about online safety from the NSPCC website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

## 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.

Kind regards,

Michelle Strachan, Head Teacher

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