

Rothienorman School Newsletter

March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Covid

There have been a number of positive cases of COVID reported to school recently. We are continuing to keep mitigations in place to reduce the spread of the virus. You can support this by keeping your child at home if they have any **symptoms** and then booking a PCR test as soon as possible. Parents can also support by giving **asymptomatic lateral flow tests** to pupils as this can reduce the likelihood of spread in schools by catching infections early. Please continue to contact the school if your child does receive a positive test.

Short-term Nursery Closure

I'd like to express my sincere apologies to all who have been impacted by our recent nursery closure. I have been working with the Early Years team to try and avoid this situation, however for the safety of our pupils, we were unable to remain open on Tuesday 1st, Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd of March.

Reporting to Parents

Many thanks to members of the PPG for collaborating with the school to develop our reporting format and calendar for the year. This academic session families will receive a written report on Friday 13th May. There will be an opportunity to meet with class teachers at parents evening on Tuesday 24th or Wednesday 25th June. It will be confirmed nearer the time if these meetings will take place in school or virtually.

Reading Books

Class teachers will start sending reading books home with pupils this term. Reading books hadn't been widely sent home due to covid restrictions, however this process will start up again with mitigations in place in school to reduce the spread

Osbourne Books



Many thanks to Thorneybank Farm Shop who pledged £39.99 to purchase a box set of 50 Osbourne Books to donate to the school. We are very grateful for this as we continue to make improvements to our reading books.

REMINDER DATES:

Term 3

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day

Tuesday 8th March – Individual Pupil Photo's

Friday 18th March 2022 – Comic Relief

Friday 1st April 2022 - End of term 3

Monday 4th to Friday 15th April 2022 - Spring Holiday

Term 4

Monday 18th April 2022 - Start of term 4

Thursday 12th May – Family Photo's

Friday 13th May - Written reports to Parents

Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th May – Parents Evening

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June - Queen's Diamond Jubilee Holiday

Monday 6th June 2022 - Local Holiday

Friday 1st July 2022 - End of term 4

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March. As per the letter sent out to families last week, pupils can come dressed to school as their favourite character or in a pair of pyjamas along with their favourite book. Pupils have also been invited to participate in a sponsored read if they wish to help raise money for new reading books.



Due to the short-term nursery closure, World Book Day activities will take place on Friday 4th March for our nursery pupils.

Individual and Family Photo's

Individual photo's are being taken on Tuesday 8th March for nursery and primary pupils. Family photo's are being taken on 12th May 2022.

Red Noses – Comic Relief

Comic Relief takes place on Friday 18th March. Noses will be available to purchase from school at a cost of £1.50. Further information will be shared regarding purchasing Red Noses at a later date.

Pokemon Cards

We would appreciate your support by not allowing your child to take their Pokemon cards to school. These have been causing some disagreements in the playground and we are also trying to reduce the spread of COVID by reducing the items that are shared between pupils. Thanks in advance for your support in this matter.

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...

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or comments via the email address rothienorman.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

Kind regards,

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