

# Rothienorman School Newsletter

June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Where has term 4 gone, it has been a fast, busy term so far with lots more to do before we break for the summer holidays.

## Staffing Update

I am pleased to tell you that Mrs Barrow returned to work this week. We are delighted to have her back. Miss Bonfanti, our ASL teacher has also returned to work after a period of absence, we are also delighted to have her back at Rothienorman on a Wednesday and Thursday.

We have been lucky to have been temporarily given an ASL teacher from the cluster for a period of time. Mrs A Murray joined us recently and has been working alongside Mrs Murray in P1 as well as helping out in some other classes.

## Classes Next Session/Transition

It has recently been confirmed that there will be seven classes at Rothienorman Primary next session. These will consist of: 2x P1/2 classes, P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7. We are currently looking at the teachers for each class, this will be shared with children and families during the step-up session in June.

There will be some informal and formal aspects to transition. New class teachers will start visiting the classes of their new pupils before the step-up session. New teachers will send a postcard home with the pupils on step-up, this is something that can be used as a reminder to your child during the summer holidays about their new teacher.

Current class teachers will share important information about each pupil with the new teacher before the end of term, including information about their learning and any supports that are required.



## REMINDER DATES:

### Term 4

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

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

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Jubilee party  
afternoon

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June – P7 Transition  
visits to Meldrum Academy

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Step-up  
session

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Sports Day  
(am)

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Nursery  
Sports

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Back-up  
Sports Day

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

### Session 2022/23

#### Term 1

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – In-service  
Day

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – Start of  
term 1 for pupils

## Jubilee Celebrations



This weekend marks the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The school will be closed on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Rothienorman Primary would like to mark this historic occasion by having a Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea Party on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June for pupils. Pupils can come to school dressed in red, white and/or blue or in party clothes. The pupils are busy making decorations for this and will be baking treats for us to have at the tea party. On this occasion, due to it being a whole school event and there being limited seats, we are unable to invite families along to celebrate with us.

## Parents evenings and School Reports

We were very excited to have families back in school for our parents evening recently. After the long weekend I will send home a questionnaire seeking your feedback on both the school reports and parents evening to ensure that we are providing families with useful information.

## Sports Day

Our sports day is scheduled for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, we have an alternative date of Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June in the event of bad weather. Sports will take place in the morning and consist of both potted sports and races. The PPG are kindly supplying ice-cream for all pupils to have on sports day – Thank you PPG! Pupils and staff are encouraged to wear their house colours to sports day, with me being Head Teacher, I am in all of the houses so have set myself a challenge to wear something of each colour 🏃

Parents are welcome to attend Sports Day, more information about times will be shared nearer the time but we are hoping to recruit some parent helpers to man the potted sports stations. Potted sports are likely to take place between 9:30am and 11am, times will be confirmed before the day. If you are able to help on Sports Day, please email the school office on [rothienorman.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:rothienorman.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)



## School Improvement Planning

This term the staff and I will undertake a self-evaluation exercise which will be part of a process that supports us to prioritise objectives and targets for next session. These will align with Aberdeenshire's 4 Education Priorities of improving learning, teaching and assessment, partnership working, developing leadership at all levels and improvement through self-evaluation. Once we have undertaken our self-evaluation exercise, I will share our priorities with you and ask for your comments.

## PPG Disco

The PPG look forward to hosting their first disco since 2019! Entry price is £3 which includes a drink and a snack. No additional money required. Tickets can be bought from the school office.



## P7 Transition

The P7 transition to Meldrum Academy will take place from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

## P7 Leavers Activities

Our P7's have 4 activity days planned in June. Information about these trips have been shared with the P7 parents. We hope that the activities days help add to the fond memories they have of Rothienorman Primary.

## 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](mailto:rothienorman.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk).

Kind regards,

Michelle Strachan, Head Teacher



