

Rothienorman School Newsletter

October 2022 🍁🍁🍁

Dear Families,

As always, this has been a very fast term as we are soon approaching our October Holidays. We have had a positive start to our new school year with pupils settling into the routine of school well.

Staffing

We have Mrs Gould join us as a PSA on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs Hughes joint the team on a permanent basis on a Friday. Mrs Hughes has been supporting the school as a PSA on a supply basis since term 4 last session.

School Improvement Priorities

Priority 1 – Literacy:

This session we have introduced a phonics and writing approach across the whole school. This is a progressive approach to literacy that will support consistency across each of our classes.

Priority 3 – Health and Wellbeing:

We have also introduced Zones of Regulation to support pupils develop their understanding of feelings and how to develop strategies to help manage these feelings.



REMINDER DATES:

Term 1

Thurs 13th Oct – PPG Halloween Discos 🎃

Fri 14th Oct – Last day of term 1

Term 2

Mon 31st Oct – First day of term 2

Mon 31st Oct – Flu vaccinations

Wed 9th Nov – Individual Pupil Photographs

Wed 16th Nov – Children in Need dress down day

Thurs 17th and Fri 18th Nov – In-Service days – no pupils in school

Fri 25th Nov – Proposed date for Interim Reports

Tues 6th and Wed 7th Dec – Proposed dates for whole school Xmas Show

Fri 9th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 23rd Dec – Dress down day

Fri 23rd Dec – Last day of term 2

Term 3

Mon 9th Jan 2023 – First day of term 3

Uniform Exchange

As a school community we are trying to share the importance being more sustainable for the future and promote ways to reuse and recycle. One way that we are trying to help the environment is by having a school uniform exchange. This is available to everyone in the front foyer of the school. Please consider donating uniform that is too small and picking up uniform that is a suitable size in the future to help look after our planet. This uniform exchange is free of charge. T-shirts, jumpers, cardigans, trousers, skirts and jackets are available through this exchange.



Labelling clothes

Please name all clothing including jackets. If you are using our uniform exchange, please remember to label all clothes with the new owners name. Many thanks.

Dressing for the Weather

We have been very lucky this term with our weather, however it has started to become colder and wetter. Please ensure that your child is coming to school in clothing that is suitable for the weather. Many thanks.

Parents Portal

We have had some families sign up to Parents Portal this session but strongly advise all parents to. We will be sending home school reports via parents portal and any future parents night sign ups. Parents portal will also be the tool that is used to make payments to school, for example, for school trips.

PPG Members

Rothienorman School PPG Elected members are:

Chair – Faye Morren

Vice Chair – Claire Wells

Treasurer – Dave Wilkie

Secretary – Donna Wilkie

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the whole school community to thank our outgoing Chair and Vice-Chair, Joanne Kinghorn and Arlene Cheyne, for all their hard work and support during their time in their roles. As a new Head Teacher to the school they were both very supportive and welcoming, thank you. Dave and Donna Wilkie are continuing in their roles as treasurer and secretary.

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you*

PPG Halloween Disco

Halloween Disco, Thursday 13th October Nursery -P3 6pm-6.45 and P4-P7 7pm to 8pm. Admission via ticket only and available from school office for £2.

Restorative Approaches and Emotion Coaching

This session we will be creating a Positive Relationships Policy as part of School Improvement Priority 3. This will be based on a relational approach built on developing mutual respect and positive relationships. Our approach will combine restorative approaches with emotion coaching, this enables us to view behaviour as a learning or emotional need and to respond to this need in a non-judgemental and empathetic manner to make sense of the behaviour and provide pupils with the tools to repair relationships.

I would be keen to share this approach with you, to explain the benefits of using a restorative approach and emotion coaching. I plan to hold an information session for parents this session. More information will follow.

Photographs

Individual photo's will take place on Wednesday 9th November 2022 and Class Photo's will be taken on Tuesday 18th April 2023.

Twitter Page

We have started sharing some good news on our Rothie Twitter page @RothieSchool Please keep an eye out for some posts coming up.

EPS leaflets

Aberdeenshire's Educational Psychology Service have some useful leaflets on key topics that contain advice for parents and carers. The aim of these leaflets is to help parents and carers help build resilience, connections and secure attachments. These leaflets can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Events at Rothie Primary

Christmas Show

We are in the (very) early stages of planning a whole school Christmas show. The proposed dates for this are the 6th and 7th of December and will be shown during the school day and one evening. More details will follow about this once plans are firmed up but we are excited to have the community back into school and give our pupils the chance to perform to others.

P7 Residential Trip

We are planning on holding a P7 trip this year. We have recently had one provider pull out but are in talks with another provider at the moment. This trip will take place in term 4 and we are planning to go with pupils from another school in the cluster. I will share information with P7 parents once we have finalised costs, dates etc. I really hope to have this information available to you before the October break.



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