

Rothienorman School Newsletter

December 2022 🎄🎄🎄🎄

Dear Families,

We are halfway through term 2 already! This is a very busy term and is passing very quickly.

Staffing Update

We will be saying farewell to Mrs Edwards, P1/2B teacher, at the end of this term. Mrs Edwards has secured a permanent position at one of the school's in our cluster. Mrs Edwards will be a great loss and we wish her all the best. Mrs Edwards' last day with us is on Friday 23rd December. We are currently recruiting for a teacher on a fixed term basis until the summer holidays.

Mrs Elizabeth Park, one of our Early Years Practitioners, has been successfully recruited for a promoted post at another setting, this is a seconded post for a fixed term. Following the fixed term Mrs Park could return to her previous post at Rothie nursery. Mrs Park's last day at Rothie will be Friday 9 December. We wish her all the best in her promoted post. We are currently recruiting for a replacement practitioner on a fixed term basis.

Next term Mrs Whytock will be returning from maternity leave. Mrs Whytock will be joining us for 2 days per week supporting NCCT (non-class commitment time).

Charity Fundraising



This term Rothie school and nursery community have been raising money for a variety of different causes. We have raised the following amounts:

Children in Need £143.60

Poppy Scotland £86.80

Macmillan (staff) £77.00



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REMINDER DATES:

Term 2

Tues 6th and Wed 7th Dec – Whole school Christmas Show

Thurs 8th Dec – Nursery Christmas Show

Fri 9th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 14th Dec – Christmas Lunch

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

Fri 10th and Mon 13th Feb 2023 – Local Holidays

Tues 14th and Wed 15th Feb 2023 – In-service days

Fri 31st March 2023 – Last day of term 3

Term 4

Mon 17th April 2023 – First day of term 4





Festivities 🎄🎄🎄

December is full of fun festivities. Christmas Jumper Day is Friday 9th 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.

Our Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday 14th December.

There is a dress down day on Friday 23rd December, there is no donation for this.

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	Monday 19 th Dec am
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P1/2A & P1/2B	Friday 23 rd Dec pm
P3 & P4	Wednesday 21 st Dec pm
P5 & P6	Thursday 22 nd Dec pm
P7	Tuesday 20 th Dec pm



Rothienorman Whole School Christmas Show

This year we are holding a Whole School Christmas Show. The classes are busy rehearsing their performances. As you know, there will be 3 performances of the show and tickets are already on sale for this. The performance is expected to last 1hr. There are 2 evening performances, if your child is not attending both evening performances, please let their class teacher know. For the evening performances, pupils should arrive at school between **6pm and 6:10pm** and go to their classrooms where they will be met by their teacher. Pupils should be collected from their classrooms at the end of each performance, 7:30pm.

Tickets

Additional tickets will go on sale from Wednesday this week. The school office will contact families who have indicated that they would like additional tickets to let them know if any are available. Children under 5 are free but due to the demand for tickets, they will have to sit on an adults knee.





PPG Raffles

The PPG are selling raffles for hampers. Raffle tickets will be on sale on Wednesday 30th Nov and Thursday 1st Dec after school, from 3pm-3:30pm in the school foyer. Tickets will also be on sale before each performance. The raffle will be drawn during the Wednesday evening performance.



Soft Start

Due to the two late night performances, we are offering a soft start on Wednesday and Thursday morning. Pupils will be able to arrive in school between 9am and 9:30am on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th December as they have two night-time performances the nights before.

Seesaw Update

From Friday 23rd December Aberdeenshire Council will be suspending the use of Seesaw, therefore we will not be able to use this platform to share learning. The council are looking into similar products that may be a suitable replacement.

Adverse Weather ❄️❄️❄️

Decisions that impact the school day are not taken lightly, but in the event of any changes to the school day or openings 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. For pupils who receive school transport, where school transport is not running, please do not take your child(ren) to school yourself, unless it is safe to do so. If you do take your child(ren) to school, you must also be able to collect them at the end of the day. Please note that the School Information Line is no longer available and notices of school closures or changes to transport/school day will be updated on the school closure website detailed above.

Dressing for the Weather 🧥

Please ensure that your child is coming to school in clothing that is suitable for the weather. Many thanks.





Uniform Exchange

Just a wee reminder that we are trying to promote the importance of being more sustainable for the future by reusing and recycling through our uniform exchange. This is available to everyone in the front foyer of the school.

EPS leaflets

Aberdeenshire 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](#).

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,

Mrs M Strachan, Head Teacher



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