

Rothienorman School Newsletter

January 2023

Dear Families,

Happy New Year to all our families at Rothienorman.

Staffing Update

We are happy to welcome Miss Sim to the team. Miss Sim is our new P1/2B teacher and is joining us on a fixed term basis until the summer. We are also welcoming Mrs Whytock back after her maternity leave. Mrs Whytock will be working on Thursdays and Fridays supporting P1/2A, P1/2B and P4's NCCT (non-class commitment time).

Later this month we will also be welcoming a new Early Year Practitioner to the nursery team. This will be on a fixed term basis covering Elizabeth Park while she is on her secondment.

School Shows

I hope you all enjoyed the Whole School Show in December. It was wonderful to have families into school enjoying, and even participating, in the children's performances. We raised £409 from the tickets and programme donations.

A special thank you to the PPG for organising a fabulous raffle and selling of tea-towels to raise even more money for the school. Also, a huge thank you to the PPG for providing Christmas gifts for every child in the nursery and school, for purchasing the food for our class Christmas parties and for giving each class money to make Christmas crafts.



Good news

The school was successful in securing a grant from Aberdeenshire Educational Trust for the purchase of two Clevertouch boards for both P1/2 classes. When these interactive boards arrive, this will give us one in every class including the nursery.

Seesaw Reminder

Aberdeenshire Council suspended the use of seesaw on Friday 23rd December 2022, therefore we are no longer able to use this to share learning. We are looking into a suitable replacement for seesaw.



REMINDER DATES:

Term 3

Mon 9th Jan 2023 – First day of term 3

Tues 10th Jan 2023 – All Aberdeenshire Primary Schools closed due to Industrial Action

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

Please click [here](#) for the annual calendar 2022/23

Industrial Action

All Primary Schools in Aberdeenshire are closed on Tues 10th January due to Industrial Action. Please note, the nursery is open as usual.

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.

Learning during Adverse Weather School Closures

At the end of last term, you should have received guidance about using Teams for learning during school closures. Rothienorman school will use Teams to continue learning during any adverse weather closure. It is advised that you and your child attempt to login at home to allow you to contact the school in the event of any difficulties.

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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