

Rothienorman School Newsletter

June 2023

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we are half-way through term 4 already! It is a busy term with lots still left to be done and loads still to look forward to.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Policy

This year the school has been developing a Learning, Teaching and Assessment Policy to promote a consistent approach to high-quality learning, teaching and assessment. Many thanks to a focus group of the PPG and the RSPC (Rothie School Pupil Council) who consulted on the policy. You can find a copy of the policy [here](#) and on our website.

Reporting to Parents Consultation

Many thanks to those of you who have completed our Reporting to Parents Consultation. If you are still to complete this and would like to, please follow the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/8Xhqy5KBY3>

Upcoming Holidays

Please note that the pupils and staff are on holiday on Friday 2nd and Monday 5th June. Both the school and nursery are closed on these days.

Re-Scheduled Sports Day

You will have seen from my correspondence on Friday that our Sports Day has been rescheduled due to pitch maintenance. Sports Day will now be held from 9:30am - approx 12pm on Friday 23rd June. Our back-up date is Wednesday 5th July. We will start the day with potted sports in our Houses before moving onto class races. Please can your child come to school on the day wearing something of their House colours.

Bennachie - Red

Blackford - Blue

Cranna - Green

Fraser - Yellow

Achieve your SPARK!



REMINDER DATES:

Term 4

Wed 31st May – Library Van Visit

Fri 2nd & Mon 5th June – Occasional Days – no school or nursery

Tues 20th, Wed 21st, Thurs 22nd June – P7 Transition to Meldrum Academy

Fri 23rd June – Sports Day

Wed 21st June – Step-up Session

Mon 26th – Thurs 29th June – P7 Residential Trip to Loch Insh

Tues 4th July – Thank you Tea

Wed 5th July - Back-up Sports Day

Fri 7th July – Last day of term 4

Session 2023/24

Term 1

Mon 21st Aug – Inservice Day (no pupils)

Tues 22nd Aug – Start of term 1

Tues 22nd – Fri 1st Sept - P1 pupils in half days

Mon 4th Sept – P1 pupils in full days

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

PPG Spring Fair

thank you

Wow!! The Spring Fair was a really good day and raised a lot of money to support the pupils at school. A MASSIVE thank you to the PPG for organising, to the volunteers and to everyone who came along to support the school. I'd also like to thank Deans of Huntly for donating shortbread for everyone to enjoy.



In total we raised more than **£1,300!** This makes a HUGE difference to the school. There are so many things that the PPG have supported us with this year that make a difference to each and every child.

Well done to Mrs Whytoch who won the 'Great Rothie Fudge Off' with her delicious Lemon Meringue Fudge. Mrs Whytoch has won bragging rights for the whole year 😊

Sport Scotland Silver Award

Many thanks to Mrs Whytoch who has taken a lead on us achieving a Silver Award from Sport Scotland this year. We would like to improve on this and 'Go for Gold', so if any of you would like to volunteer your time running a lunch/after school group please get in touch with the school and we will put you in touch with Active Schools Aberdeenshire.



Step up Session

On Wednesday 21st June we will be holding our step-up session from 2-3pm. This is where your child will spend time in their new classroom with their new teacher.

With our predicted pupil numbers for next session, it is indicated that we will move to 6 classes, therefore there will be a number of composite classes next session. Indicatively, these will be P1/2, P2/3, P3/4, P4/5, P5/6 and P7.

Parent Volunteer Thank You

As always, we have been well supported by our parents so far this term. We have had a number of parents support with trips, Bikeability and the Spring Fair. This is a wee reminder that we are hosting a Thank You Tea for our parents who have volunteered for anything over the session. This will be on Tuesday 4th July at 2:15pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Library Van Visit

Live Life Aberdeenshire Library Service are back in school this week. They will be visiting with their library van on Wednesday 31st May. Please remember to that pupils will need their library cards if they would like to borrow a book to take home. If they do not have a library card, then they can still borrow a book, but it will have to stay in school. We are expecting one further visit from the library van this session, at the end of June, and a few further visits next session.



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](#). Here is a grid to show some of the information available on this site:

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| What adults can do?  | Relaxation  | Babies brains  |
| Self-regulation  | Managing feelings  | Emotion coaching  |
| Positive thinking  | Thinking skills  | Sleep  |
| Understanding brains  | Growth mindset  | Supporting Wellbeing  |

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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