

Rothienorman School Newsletter

Aug 2023

Dear Families,

We are looking forward to welcoming back pupils and staff to the new term. We give a warm welcome to the new pupils who are joining us in P1 or throughout the school this session. I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer, we are all excited about this upcoming school year!

Staffing

We welcome Miss Taylor to our teaching team this session. Mrs Robertson will be leaving for her career break at the end of the first week of term, we wish her all the best in her studies. Miss Gallacher will be starting her maternity leave on Fri 15th Sept, until then she will be supporting our P1 transition and working on school priorities. Mrs Foister is also joining us full time in the nursery.

Miss Bonfanti will be off work recovering from a procedure for a while. Miss Sim will be supporting schools in the cluster as an ASL teacher, including Rothienorman, while Miss Bonfanti is off. We wish Miss Bonfanti a speedy recovery.

Where does my child line up?

P1/2 (Miss Burr) and P2/3 (Mrs Ward & Mrs Sharp) will line up and be collected through the side door at drop off and pick up times.

P3/4, P4/5, P5/6 and P7 will enter and exit the school via the pupil entrance at the rear of the school. If your child is late to school or needs to be collected early, they should report to the school office.

A wee reminder that pupils in P1-3 must be dropped off and collected by an adult over 16 years.

Please note, to reinforce the importance of school and to minimise class disruptions, pupils should not be regularly collected from school early to attend after school clubs.

Reminders for P1 parents

P1 pupils will be in school for half days for the first 2 weeks of this term. From Tuesday 22nd – Monday 28th they should be collected from the **main office at 12:10pm** each day. From Tuesday 29th to Friday 1st pupils will stay for lunch. They should be collected at the **main office at 12:45pm**. During this week, you have been invited to join your child for lunch one day. We will confirm the day with you asap. From Monday 4th Sept, P1's will stay at school all day and always use the side door for drop-off and collection.

REMINDER DATES:

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

Wed 30th Aug – Library Van Visit

Mon 4th Sept – P1 pupils in full days

Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th Sept – Proposed Parents Night

Wed 27th Sept – Library Van Visit

Friday 13th Oct – Last day of term 1 & Dress Down Day

Term 2

Monday 30th Oct – First day of term 2

Please click [here](#) for the annual calendar 2023/24

The School Day

Nursery 8.00 am – 6.00 pm

Primary 9am-3:15pm

Breaktimes

P1/2, 2/3, 3/4 – 10:15-10:30

P4/5, 5/6, P7 – 10:35-10:50

Lunchtimes

P1/2, 2/3 – 12:15-1:15

P3/4, 4/5 – 12:30-1:30

P5/6, P7 – 12:40 –1:40

Communication

We have purchased a 2-year licence for Learning Journals as a replacement for Seesaw, this is currently successfully used in the nursery. We hope to start using this early into term 1. Learning Journals is a tool to share your child's learning with families and used a profiling tool to track the learning journey of a child through nursery and school.

If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please contact the school office to make an appointment.

School Priorities this session

As detailed in the last newsletter, our priorities for this session will continue this session with some updates. These are:

Improvement Priority 1:

Raising attainment within all aspects of Literacy through increasing practitioner confidence and skill to deliver high-quality learning experiences for all children alongside developing teacher professional judgement and effective use of data. (Year 2 of a 3-Year Improvement).

Improvement Priority 2:

Raising attainment in numeracy through increasing practitioner confidence and skill in the subject alongside developing teacher professional judgement and effective use of data. (Year 2 of a 3-Year Improvement).

Improvement Priority 3:

Increase practitioner confidence and skills to ensure wellbeing, equality and inclusion to maximise achievement for all pupils (Year 2 of a 3-Year Improvement).

Annual Update Forms

Annual Update forms will be sent out by ParentsPortal week commencing 4th September. An email with details of how to log onto ParentsPortal will be sent out prior to the forms being issued.

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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