

Rothienorman School Newsletter

October 2023

Dear Families,

It was wonderful to have so many of you attend our recent settling in parents evening. Thank you to those who were able to participate in our Values Mentimeter and to those who work in STEM areas who shared their information with Miss Burdge, our STEM Lead.

Staffing

Elizabeth Park, EYP in the nursery, is returning from her secondment next week. We are very grateful to Melissa Brander who has been part of the team during Elizabeth's secondment. Melissa will be leaving the team this week, we wish her all the best in her next nursery.

Sustrans i-bike Scooter Sessions

Our upcoming Sustrans i-bike Scooter sessions are being held on the following dates:

Dates:
Tuesday 10 th Oct
Thursday 12 th Oct (rescheduled from 19 th Sept)

All classes will take part in these sessions that will be held in the playground. Please ensure your child comes to school in suitable clothing for the outdoor scooter sessions. Scooters and helmets are available for pupils to use however they may take their own along for the sessions.



Important Dates

We are having a dress down day at the end of term. There is no donation for this.

Please note on the list of dates that there are 2 in-service days in November. These are staff training days, and no pupils will be in school or nursery.



REMINDER DATES:

Term 1

Monday 9th Oct – Flu immunisations

Tues 10th Oct - Scooter i-bike Sessions (all classes)

Thurs 12th Oct - - Scooter i-bike Sessions (all classes)

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

Term 2

Monday 30th Oct – First day of term 2

Thurs 2nd Oct – Halloween Disco (evening)

Mon 6th Nov – Individual and Family Photographs

Wed 15th Nov – Rothie celebrates Children in Need

Thursday 16th and Friday 17th Nov – Inservice Days, no pupils in school or nursery

Friday 8th Dec – Xmas Jumper Day

Friday 22nd Dec – Dress Down Day

Friday 22nd Dec – Last day of term 2

Term 3

Monday 8th Jan – First day of term 3

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

PPG Halloween Disco 🎃🎃🎃

Message from the PPG:

PPG are looking forward to hosting a Halloween disco on Thursday 2nd November. The price is £2 per child and a tuck shop and tattoos will be available should children wish to buy on the night. There will also be a prize for best carved pumpkin.

Tickets are available from our school office. Children can pass money via their class teacher or you can purchase tickets directly from the office. It would be great if you had the correct amount of money.

Tickets will be provided on receipt of payment. Please look after your ticket as this will provide entry.

Nursery parents must stay with their children please.

Thank you on behalf of your PPG.

Important Information about the Disco

Pupils should enter the disco through the front door where they will show their tickets. At collection time, parents will be asked to come into the school via the pupil entrance to **collect their children from the hall**. All children in Nursery to P3 **must** be collected by an adult. Children who attend the older disco will be allowed to walk home if no adult comes to collect them. Please ensure your child knows if they are allowed to walk home. Everyone will leave the disco through the pupil entrance at the rear of the school. Pupils may take mobile phones for the purpose of getting home safely, however these will not be allowed to be used during the disco. Please help the parent and staff volunteers by reinforcing this to your child(ren).

Live Life Aberdeenshire Digital Library 📖📱📺📺

Message from the Library Service:

If pupils or families would like to join Live Life Aberdeenshire Libraries, to enable them to access our digital library, all they have to do is go to <https://tinyurl.com/yxmedkyy> and complete the online form. They will then receive an email providing them with their online borrower number. **Please remember to input your PIN when registering** as you will need the PIN when downloading a book, e-newspaper or e-magazine.

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.

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.

PPG Update

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the whole school community to thank our outgoing elected members of the PPG for all their hard work and support during their time in their roles. Their work has been pivotal in school improvements and making Rothie a great school for our learners.

*thank
you*

Our newly elected members are:

Joint Chairpersons: Cheryl Henderson and Lyndsey-Anne Prue

Treasurer: Wendy Harris

Secretary: Arlene Cheyne

We look forward to continuing our work with the PPG making improvements for our learners.

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:

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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