

Rothienorman School Newsletter

November 2023

Dear Families,

Welcome to term 2. We have a busy term ahead of us!

Staffing

Ms Bonfanti, our ASL teacher, returns after a period of absence. We'd like to thank Miss Sim who supported the school while Ms Bonfanti was off work.

Poppies

We will continue to support Poppy Scotland this year. Poppies will be on sale in school from Wednesday 1st November. Pupils can come to school with a small donation if they would like a poppy.



Individual Pupil Photographs

Please note that the photographer will be in school **on Friday 10th November** to take individual and/or family photographs. This date has had to change due to our scheduled Panto visitors on the Monday.

Children In Need 2023

As Children In Need lands on our second in-service day in November we will celebrate Children In Need on Wednesday 15th Nov. This year the theme for Children In Need is 'Be SPOTacular'. On Wednesday 15th Nov, pupils and staff are invited to come to school as spotty as possible and bring along a donation for Children In Need.

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

BE SPOTACULAR



REMINDER DATES:

Term 2

Monday 30th Oct – First day of term 2

Thurs 2nd Oct – Halloween Disco (evening)

Mon 6th Nov – Panto – Sleeping Beauty

Fri 10th 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

Christmas Show – Dates to be confirmed

Friday 8th Dec – Xmas Jumper Day

Week beginning 18th Dec – Christmas Party Week

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 🎃🎃🎃



The Halloween Disco is on Thursday 2nd Nov. Remember there is a prize for the best pumpkin! 🎃

Nursery - P3 6-6:45pm (please remember that nursery children require an adult to accompany them to the disco)

P4-P7 7-8pm

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 (rear of the school) 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).

In-service Days

Please note that there are two in-service days this month, Thursday 16th and Friday 17th November. This means that the school and nursery will be closed to pupils on these days.

Nuts in school

Please note that we are a nut free school, this also includes spreads or bars such as Nutella. We appreciate your support with this.

Christmas Show

We are planning on putting on a Christmas Show again this year and are looking at dates in December for our performances. These are yet to be confirmed but we are looking at dates in the week commencing 4th December. We are aware of Santa visiting the community on Tuesday 5th December in the evening so we will avoid this evening. More information will follow.

Disabled Parking

We have 3 disabled spaces in our main school carpark. It is important that at least 2 of these spaces are left free for our disabled members of our school community who require these spaces. This is most important during busy school events, for example, our Christmas Show. The school has an overflow carpark beside the school playground if needed.

RSPC (Rothie School Pupil Council) Update

This session our RSPC are leading our venture into becoming a Rights Respecting School. They are currently working on our application for a Bronze Award.

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 owner's 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:

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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