

Rothienorman School Newsletter

December 2023

Dear Families,

How can we be in December already? This term is flying by and it will soon be the holidays.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Coulter to our team permanently. We 'borrowed' Mrs Coulter from Meldrum Academy to take over from Mr Floyd in September and are happy to hear that she is now our permanent janitor.

Charity Fundraising



**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

This term Rothie school and nursery community have been raising money for a variety of different causes. We have raised the following amounts:

Children in Need £319.55

Poppy Scotland £55.71

Macmillan (staff) £135



Panto

A massive thank you to the PPG for funding our Panto again this year. The pupils enjoyed a performance of Sleeping Beauty in November. The company are booked again for next year, we are already looking forward to their performance of Aladdin.



REMINDER DATES:

Term 2

Fri 8th Dec – Xmas Jumper Day

Tues 12th, Wed 13th and Thurs 14th - Christmas Show

Wed 13th Dec – Christmas Lunch

Week beginning 18th Dec – Christmas Party Week

Fri 22nd Dec – Dress Down Day

Fri 22nd Dec – Last day of term 2

Term 3

Mon 8th Jan – First day of term 3

Wed 31st Jan – Scottish Poetry Competition

Fri 9th & Mon 12th Feb – Local Holidays

Tues 13th & Wed 14th – Inservice Days

Thurs 29th Feb – World Book Day

Fri 15th March – Red Nose Day

Fri 29th March – Formal Reports

Fri 29th March – Last day of term 3

Term 4

Mon 15th April – First day of term 4

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



Festivities 🎄🎄🎄

December is full of fun festivities. Christmas Jumper Day is Friday 8th December. Pupils can wear something festive on that day. We are asking, if possible, for a donation of £1 per child which will be donated to Save the Children.

Our Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday 13th December, pupils can also wear a Christmas Jumper on that day if they wish, there is no donation for this.

There is a dress down day on Friday 22nd December, there is no donation for this.

Please find the dates for the Christmas parties below. Children can come dressed in their party clothes on the day of their party. All school parties are in the afternoon, so if parents wish to take their children home to dress at lunchtime, then please inform their class teacher. Pupils can be collected and dropped off at the main office. Our Christmas parties this year will be in **year groups** rather than classes.

The dates for our Christmas Parties are as follows:

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| Monday 18 th | P3 & P4 party |
| Tuesday 19 th | P7 party |
| Wednesday 20 th | P5 & P6 party |
| Thursday 21 st | Nursery am & Nursery pm |
| Friday 22 nd | P1 & P2 party |



Christmas Show

We are fully immersed in our Christmas Show planning and rehearsing. As you know there will be 3 performances, the performances are expected to last for 1hr. The show may take slightly longer on Thursday due to the raffle being drawn.

Our performances are as follows:

Tuesday 12th Dec at 1:45pm (please note that pupil lunches will be served slightly earlier to accommodate this)

Wednesday 13th Dec at 6pm

Thursday 14th Dec at 6pm

If your child is unable to attend both evening performances, please let their class teacher know. For the evening performances, pupils should arrive at school between 5:30pm and 5:40pm and go to their classrooms where they will be met by their teacher. Pupils should be collected from their classrooms at the end of each performance at **7pm**.

PPG Raffles & P7 Lucky Square

The PPG are selling raffles for hampers. Please donate any raffle prizes to the school office by Monday. The PPG are also supporting our P7's raise money for their residential trip to Loch Insh by promoting a Lucky Square. This will take the costs down for families and is something we would like to run every year so please buy a Lucky Square, you could win up to £150 shopping voucher of your choice.



To also raise money for the P7 trip, we will also be selling programmes for a donation and the P7's have been busy baking to sell treats for the performance.

Soft Start

Due to the two late night performances, we are offering a soft start on Thursday and Friday morning. Pupils will be able to arrive in school between 9am and 9:30am on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th December as they have two night-time performances the nights before.

Disabled Parking

Reminder: 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.

Dressing for the Weather 🧥

Please ensure that your child is coming to school in clothing that is suitable for the weather. Jackets should be worn everyday! Many thanks.

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.

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.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

From the Rothie Team



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