

Rothienorman School Newsletter

January 2024

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful holiday full of family time and happiness.

Mrs Barrow

This week, on Wednesday 10th January, Mrs Barrow retires (early) after 15 years as our Administrator at Rothienorman Primary School. I'm sure you will all join me in thanking Mrs Barrow for all she has done for the school over these last 15 years. We will miss working alongside her and having her as one of the faces of Rothie School. We all wish her a long and happy retirement full of relaxation and family time. I'm sure she will be kept busy spending time with her grandchildren. I'm sure she will keep in touch and come visit us all at school.

We welcome Heather McKenzie as our new Administrator. Heather will officially start with us on Monday 15th January, however some of you may have spotted her in the office with Mrs Barrow or Mrs Johnston the last few weeks of school learning the ropes.

PPG and Parent Support

A massive thank you to our PPG and all parents for their support last term. Last term was a very busy term for the pupils with the added extra of a whole school show. Thank you to all parents who helped their children learn lines and songs, get costumes and for supporting our fundraising before and during the shows.

A special thank you to the PPG for organising a fabulous raffle and to raise even more money for the school. Also, a huge thank you to the PPG for providing Christmas gifts for every child in the nursery and school and for purchasing the food for our class Christmas parties.



REMINDER DATES:

Term 3

Mon 8th Jan – First day of term 3

Thurs 18th Jan – PPG meeting
7pm

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
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Term 4

Mon 15th April – First day of term
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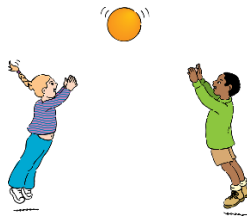
Please click [here](#) for the annual calendar
2023/24



Good news

The school was successful in securing a grant from Aberdeenshire Educational Trust for the purchase of 14 iPads. We had applied for 25 iPads but were successful for 14. These additional iPads will make a huge difference to supporting and enhancing learning, teaching and assessment in school.

Upcoming activities in school



This term we will be having some visitors in school to work with the children. Starting this Friday, Garioch Rugby will be working with P5/6 and P7 for 4 weeks. Starting next week, Active Schools will be working with the P5/6 class on Tuesdays for 4 weeks to train them to become Playleaders. Active Schools will also be running a lunchtime club for P1-3 on these weeks. P1-3 parents have received a link to sign their child up to these sessions. Starting in February, YMI (Youth Music Initiative) will be coming into work with P3/4 and P4/5 from February to May on a Wednesday afternoon.

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 ❄️☁️☔

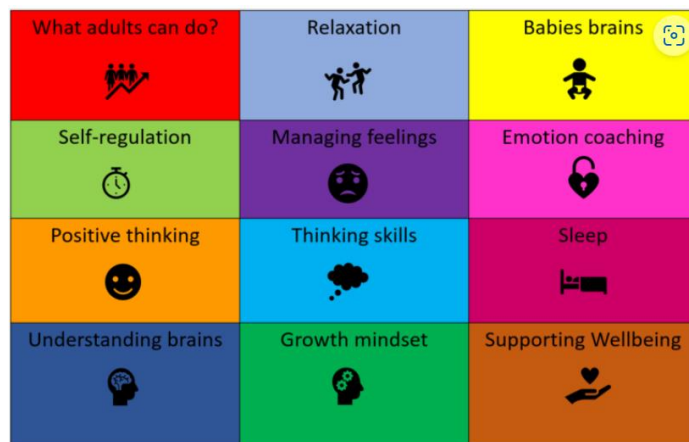
Decisions that impact the school day are not taken lightly, but in the event of any changes to the school day or openings please keep an eye on the Aberdeenshire message service on the website

(<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.

Kind regards,

Michelle Strachan,

Head Teacher



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