

Rothienorman School Newsletter

Aug 2024 - updated

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!

Useful Information

Classes

P1/2– Mrs Palmer-Hay (Mon & Tues) and Mrs Jenson (Tues-Fri)

P2/3 – Mrs Ward (Mon-Wed) & Miss Gallacher (Wed-Fri)

P3/4/5 – Mrs Murray

P4/5/6 – Mr Wood

P6/7 – Miss Burdge

Where does my child line up?

P1/2 and P2/3 will line up and be collected through the side door at drop off and pick up times.

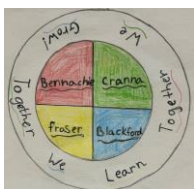
P3/4/5, P4/5/6, P6/7 will enter and exit the school via the pupil entrance at the rear of the school. If your child is late to school or needs to be collected early, they should report to the school office.

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

Reminders for P1 parents



P1 pupils will be in school for half days for the first 2 weeks of this term. From Tuesday 20th – Monday 26th pupils should be collected from the **main office at 12:00pm** each day. From Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th pupils will stay for lunch and should be collected at the **main office at 1pm**. 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 2nd 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 19th Aug – Inservice Day (no pupils)

Tues 20th Aug – Start of term 1

Tues 20th – Mon 26th Aug - P1 pupils in half days

Tues 27th – Fri 30th Aug – P1's stay for lunch

Mon 2nd Sept – P1 pupils in full days

Thurs 5th Sept – PPG AGM

Thurs 19th Sept – Open Morning

Tues 24th and Wed 25th Sept – Proposed Parents Night

Friday 11th Oct – Last day of term 1 & Dress Down Day

Term 2

Monday 28th Oct – First day of term 2

The School Day

Nursery 8.00 am – 6.00 pm

Primary 9am-3:15pm

School Priorities this session

Our priorities 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 3 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 3 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 3 of a 3-Year Improvement).

Updates:

Open Mornings/Afternoons

Please find the dates below of our open sessions this session. Timings of these will be sent out nearer the time:

Term 1 – Thursday 19th September – 9:15-10:15am

Term 2 – Tuesday 19th November pm

Term 3 – Friday 21st February am

Term 4 – Wednesday 14th May am

Toys in School

We would be very grateful for your support by not allowing your child to take toys to school. These can get lost and can cause disagreements between pupils. Thank you!

Lunchtimes

We are going to trial a change to our usual lunchtimes for the first part of this term. In previous sessions the lunchtimes were spread out and this resulted in the PSA's being in the playground for 1hr 35mins. This session all classes lunchtime will be between 12:30 and 1:30pm. P1/2 and P2/3 will eat lunch at 12:30 then go out to play. P3/4/5, P4/5/6 and P6/7 will play first then come in class at a time to eat before heading out to play again. The rationale for this is to have PSA's supporting the learning in class more and to allow pupils from composite classes more opportunities to play with the peers in their year group.

We will trial this for a few weeks then seek feedback from pupils, staff and families to see if we will continue or revert back to a staggered lunchtime. Please note that morning break will be: P1/2 & P2/3 10:15-10:30

P3/4/5, P4/5/6 and P6/7 10:35-10:50.

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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Head Teacher

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