

# Newsletter Rathmore



February 2019

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**Our new website is live!**

**P1 – P6 Parent Consultations  
11/02 – 14/02**

**PTA Book Fair  
5/3 – 7/3**

## P7 Transfer Consultations

Congratulations to all our pupils who received their AQE results last weekend. Scores aside, we are so proud of all our P7s and the hard work and perseverance they have demonstrated. By the end of next week, all our P7's will have chosen their preferred options for Post-Primary School and will begin the long wait until 1<sup>st</sup> June before finding out where their educational journey will continue.

## Reporting Bumps

Please note that from 4/2/19 all bumps will be reported by text. If we need to speak to you personally for further action, we will phone. Please ensure contact numbers are correct.



## Wrap Around Care



We are delighted to announce our link with YMCA North Down, who from September 2019 will operate 'YMCA After School Club' at nearby West Church Bangor, providing affordable out of school child care for our P1 – P7 children. We are thrilled that from September 2019 we can provide a complete wrap around care option for our families 8am – 5.45pm and through holidays.

## Building Enhancement

We are pleased to inform you that EA have prioritised Rathmore for a roofing project which will commence this month. There will be disruption to the Junior Playground, to P2 classes and P3DD. We will communicate further when exact details are known. If necessary, classes may have to move to the gym for a short period while noisy work is carried out. We know this short term upheaval will be beneficial long term.

## Resurfacing Scheme

We have been asked by DFI Roads to alert you to resurfacing of the roads from Clandeboye Cemetery to Springhill Slip Road. The work will take place from 17 February to 17 March and all diversions in those areas will be signposted.

Raffy's Thought for the Month:  
'Honesty is the best policy'

So always tell the truth.

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**'Caring, learning, excelling together.'**

## Staff News

This month, we say goodbye to our Crossing Patrol Officer John Armstrong who is taking up a new post at Kilmaine Primary School. Mr Armstrong has been keeping our children safe on the Rathmore Road for three years. We wish to thank him for his work and enthusiasm and wish him well for the future. We welcome back Christine Crawford as Crossing Patrol Officer from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February who is there to assist children across the Rathmore Road. The roads around Rathmore are very busy and we have had a few incidents recently. We teach the children about road safety in class and assembly. We ask you to be vigilant of cars and hold your child's hand when walking to and from school. The safety of our pupils is our first priority.

## Parent Teacher Consultations

The teachers in the P1 to P6 classes will be hosting their Parent Teacher Consultations during the afternoons of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

P1 – P6 classes will finish each day that week (Monday – Friday) at 1:10pm and there will be no after school activities. The Friday afternoon is being used for year group planning and strategic meetings.

P7 Parents – please note your children will remain in school until 3pm Monday to Thursday and will finish at 1.10pm on Friday with the rest of the school. This will give them plenty of time to rehearse for Aladdin.

## Aladdin

Our P7's are practising very hard for their performance of Aladdin on 19<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March. They are very impressive already and we are sure it will be a spectacular event.

## New Website

Following difficulties experienced last month we have designed a new website during January. We are now live and hope you find it bright, informative and clear on both computer and android devices. Click on [www.rathmoreps.com](http://www.rathmoreps.com) to check out our new 2019 look!

## PTA News:

### School Fund

On Monday, every family will receive an important letter regarding school fund for this academic year. Please read it and consider the impact this money has on our school, we really need your help to provide for our children. There will be a link on the PTA Facebook page to make it easy to donate.

### Book Fair

This year's book fair will take place 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March to support World Book Day on 7<sup>th</sup> March. The fair helps us raise money to replenish our classroom books which is much needed at present. More details to follow.

### Brown Money Week

Brown Money Week will take place in April so we would appreciate if you would start to collect all those loose coins over the next 2 months and see if we can beat last year's donations. There will be some prizes for those classes donating the most.



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for updates and events this year!!!  
**Help support us for your children's future**

## Diary Dates:

### Half Term

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February

(School recommences on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>  
February at 9am.)

PTA Book Fair 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March