

Newsletter Rathmore



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Staffing

As we finish this Friday, we will be saying thank you and goodbye to our temporary teachers and classroom assistants who have become part of our team over the year and added to our school community. We wish them the very best for their future careers and look forward to seeing them again.

Our best wishes to Laura Grant as she commences her maternity leave.

Charity Thanks

Thank you for your support of our 'Rathmore Run' last month. Your generosity raised a fabulous £3344.35 in total. Muscular Dystrophy UK received a cheque for £1672 last week at our assembly and the other £1672.35 has been donated to the PTA.



YMCA After School Club

Thank you for your responses which enable us to make preparations for a Tuesday 27th August start. Breakfast will also commence on Tuesday 27th August.

Annual reports

Your child will receive their Annual Report and meet their teacher tomorrow. Please return your Proof of Receipt to the class teacher.

Curriculum Meetings

Our Parents' Curriculum Meetings for P2-P7 will take place 2-5 September. At these meetings, you will get a chance to meet your child's teacher(s) and hear an outline of the year ahead, the curriculum your child will cover and how you can get involved in your child's education.

P2 – Tuesday 3 Sept at 1.15pm
P3 – Wednesday 4 Sept at 1.15pm
P4 – Wednesday 4 Sept at 2.20pm
P5 - Tuesday 3 Sept at 2.20pm
P6 – Thursday 5 Sept at 2.20pm
P7 – Monday 2 Sept at 2.20pm

Office Update

Due to GDPR regulations 'Data Capture Forms' are no longer sent home annually for checking or amending.

Please inform the office in writing of any changes to your contact details as they occur e.g. phone number, address and emergency contact order.

School Meals

To aid kitchen management from September payments for meals (breakfast and dinner) will close on Sunday night for the week ahead. If dinners are not booked, a packed lunch will be necessary.

2019-2020 Holiday List

Attached in this email is our 2019-2020 Holiday List. Please note the change due to National VE Day Celebrations in 2020.

Pupils Excelling

In the last few weeks, a number of our pupils have been excelling in a variety of fields. In particular, we wish to congratulate the pupils who represented the school at the North Down Athletics Tournament, 17 of whom reached the finals. Also pupils who took part in the Musical Evening and all 31 of our instrumentalists that attained success in their Royal Academy Music Grades.

Congratulations to our two P7 footballers; Noah who travelled to France to play for Co. Down and Emi who travelled to Barcelona to play for Linfield Ladies. Our last mention of the year goes to P7 Ellie D who won gold at the Northern Ireland Acrobatics Gymnastics Championship and represented NI at the GB Championships in England. You are all stars.



Holiday List for 2019-2020

Term 1

Tuesday 27 August – Friday 20 December

School Commences: Tuesday 27 August 2019
(Tuesday to Friday - 9am-12.15pm)
SD Day 1: Monday 30 September 2019
Half Term: Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November 2019
Last Day of Term: Friday 20 December 2019 (12.15pm finish)

Christmas Break: Monday 23 December 2019 – Friday 3 January 2020

Term 2

Tuesday 7 January – Friday 3 April

SD Day 2: Monday 6 January 2020
School Commences: Tuesday 7 January 2020
Half Term: Monday 17 - Friday 21 February 2020
SD Day 3: Tuesday 17 March 2020
Last Day of Term: Friday 3 April 2020 (12.15pm finish)

Easter Break: Monday 6 April - Friday 17 April 2020

Term 3

Monday 20 April – Tuesday 30 June

School Commences: Monday 20 April 2020
May Bank Holiday: Friday 8 May 2020
SD Day 4: Monday 11 May 2020
SD Day 5: Monday 25 May 2020
Last Day of Term: Tuesday 30 June 2020 (12.15pm finish)

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End of Year Arrangements

The P7 Leavers' Assembly will start at 1.30pm on Wednesday 26th June. P4-P6 will finish at 1.55pm this day to accommodate the assembly.

Our Nursery Classes will finish the school year with their Nursery Celebrations on Thursday 27th June.

P7 Classes finish with movie outing (non-uniform) on Thursday 27th June and are to be collected from the front entrance at 1pm.

P1- P6 Classes will finish with in-school fun day (non-uniform) on Friday 28th June. School will close for the summer at 12.15pm

PTA News

Thank you for your support of our events this term. Congratulations to P2 Miss McCorkell who won the Smarties Challenge and to P5 Mrs Atkins who won the Brown Money collection and an ice-cream afternoon. Fabulous!!

Our amazing summer fair has added a further £1974 to our fundraising. Adding this to our total means that our PTA have raised a staggering £20,000.00 this year. With this amount we have ordered £8,000.00 worth of P1-P4 Reading Books for our Core and Supplementary Scheme and a further 4 Activ Panels (All classes P3 – P7).

Our sincerest thanks to the 2018-19 PTA Committee for their dedicated work this year and to our co-chairs Lynsey Whiteside and Keri Dunlop who have steered the committee and the fundraising efforts.



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