

Newsletter Rathmore



November 2019

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19 & 21 November @ 7.00pm
P4 Archibald's War

12 December- General Election Closure



Early Owls

Early Owls has proved to be a great success this half term. Children are loving the many choices on our breakfast menu and thoroughly enjoying the social aspect of the club. Spaces are still available which can be booked on our School Money Site. Please remember to book these on the Sunday.

Playgrounds in the Morning

It has been a great start to school for our P1 pupils. They have all settled well and now know where to line up in the playgrounds in the morning. We request that those parents/guardians who are dropping off and are wishing to stay until the bell, move away from the gate so the children can gain access to the playground. If you prefer to stay with your child, then plan to arrive closer to 9.00am.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parent/Teacher Consultations in October. We hope you found them informative and supportive.

After School Activities

The last week of clubs for this term will be the week commencing 25 November 2019. We remind you that if your child is not able to attend their club, that you inform the teacher in charge of the activity. That way, we can ensure that all children are present and correct.

P3 Harvest Celebration

Congratulations to the pupils and staff in P3. Your Harvest Thanksgiving celebration was full of colour, music, movement and joy. We are so proud of all the children! Thank you to the whole school community on behalf of Storehouse for your food and toiletry donations to support local families. It is greatly appreciated.

Charity Events

British Legion Poppy Appeal – P7 will be selling poppies this week and Poppy Merchandise is on sale in the foyer.

Children in Need- Friday 15 November

This year pupils can come to school wearing Children in Need accessories with their uniform. On the day, we will be learning about the charity work and collecting £1 per pupil to donate to the appeal.

Raffy's Thought for the Month:
'Be Kind In All You Say And Do'

How we treat others, says a lot about who we are.



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'Caring, learning, excelling together.'

Good Luck!

To Calista Foster in P1 who has been selected to represent NI in the upcoming Savate (French Kickboxing) Irish Championships taking place on the 23rd November.

P4 'Archibald's War'

P4 pupils will be on stage on 19 and 21 November performing their play 'Archibald's War' which is linked to their World War 2 theme. The rehearsals are going well and tickets are now on sale – Good luck everyone!

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Lesley Lloyd, Mrs Lisa Kee, Ms Claire Neill and Mrs Lynne Oettinger to our school team.

No Dogs Policy

Please remember that no dogs are permitted on the premises even if they are being carried.

School Parking

Whilst most parents show consideration for the safety of the children leaving the site, we still receive weekly complaints from residents or concerned people when parents park over the zig-zag lines and residents' driveways. Please show consideration to each other and our local residents.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not permitted at school. Any phones will be left at the school office for parent collection.

Good luck to all the P7 pupils sitting their transfer tests this month.

Diary Dates:

December

P1 Nativities: 5th & 6th (9.30am)

Christmas Fair: 6th @ 3pm

Rathmore Carol Service

Carnalea Methodist Church: 11th (7pm)

School Closure: 12th

P1 Enrolment Afternoon: 13th @ 1.30pm

Nursery Enrolment Evening: 16th @ 7pm

Nursery Nativities: 16th & 17th (1.30 & 9.30)

PTA News

We need your help!

Our Christmas Fair is on Friday 6th December 3-5pm. It is always a great community event and one that the children look forward to every year. This year will feature craft stalls, Santa's grotto, family games & craft and our popular ballot. **However we need your help!** Our helpers list is low this year, if you can help in any small way for the full event or a half hour please get in contact. We would love to hear from you : rathmorepta@gmail.com.

Pumpkin Winners

Thank you to everyone who entered our competition. Tesco Springhill judged the pumpkins and announced the lucky winners.



School Fund

Thank you to everyone who has paid the school fund using the school money accounts system. We need just 6 more panels to allow every child to have access to a smart screen in class. If you would still like to donate to the fund, please do so using the eduspot school payment system.

CASH FOR CLOBBER - Tuesday 26th

November 8.45-9.15am at the school Reception area. If you are having a Christmas clear out this half term please keep all unwanted clothes, shoes, curtains & bedding. Further details will be on Facebook.

Match Funding

Does your employer offer Match funding? If so we would love to have you volunteer in any small way to a PTA event. Your employer will match the funds we raise at that event which could double our efforts!

Help support us for your children's future!