

# Newsletter Rathmore



October 2020

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5 October  
PE uniform

19-22 October  
Parent /Teacher Consultations

22 & 23  
Nursery Consultations

26 October – 3 October  
Half Term

## PE Uniform

We are delighted to introduce our new PE outdoor uniform which can be worn to school on children's outdoor PE day. This is not compulsory and those who had already bought plain black bottoms and tops can continue wearing them with their red polo shirt.

## Lunchtime Supervision

Please phone the office 02891 270 399 if you, or someone you know is available for emergency cover 12-1pm.

## A New Year at Rathmore

Welcome to our first Newsletter of the year following our frequent and lengthy letters, in September. Our sincerest thanks for all of your understanding and cooperation in our restart routines and new systems. It is wonderful to have our children back safely and the school alive with a learning buzz again.

A special welcome to our parents in Nursery and P1. We look forward to partnering with you over the incoming years.

## Staff News

This year we have been joined by two new teachers:

Holly Stephens (P5) and Rebecca Loggenberg (P4)



Raffy's Thought for the Month

“We all need friends.

Treat others the way you want to be treated”

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‘Caring, learning, excelling together.’

### European Language Weeks

This year we extend our language week to two weeks. The classes have been alive with songs, rhymes and fun.

Our class involvement was shared by Google Classroom which meant the children were able to see each other's learning and activities.

### Assemblies

Our thanks to the staff and local churches who have videoed and shared our assemblies each Friday morning by Google. While we can't use our hall for whole KS gatherings it is a fabulous way to pause, sing, and share each week.

### PTA

Despite not being able to hold social events at present we need our PTA Committee more than ever. Information regarding our Annual General Meeting and Election of Committee, will follow, next Friday.

### Digital Learning

Our digital learning has been enhanced this term by our investment in the Mathletics package and Google Classroom. The children will be using both in school and at home as we aim to safeguard our children's learning throughout the year.

### YMCA After Schools

Our After School Programme currently have a few spaces.

Phone: 07591 840 361

## Diary Dates

Photos  
Nursery, P1 & P7  
Friday 20 November

Flu Vac  
Monday 14 December  
Tuesday 15 December

### Governors

Our Board has changed shape this term following the retirement of Alderman Marion Smith. Marion is a long standing Rathmore Supporter and Board member whose experience and wisdom will be missed.

Marion is an EA Representation who has been replaced by Caralyn Scales who is an EA Rep (and parent).

The Board welcome Caralyn to the team.

### Harvest

The children will hold their Harvest Assembly via Google Classroom before half term.

While we cannot invite parents into school this year we do seek your continued support of the Food Bank. Our collection this year will go to support the work of Storehouse North Down. We would appreciate contributions of jars, tins, prepacked food and long life milk for distribution. Please leave contributions to the front door on Monday 19 & Tuesday 20 October.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

### Parent Teacher Consultations

Our first formal consultations for this year will take place from Monday 19- Thursday 22 October.

These conversations will be by phone instead of face to face this term.

Please note that school will finish for all P1-P7 after lunch.

You will receive your letter to specify your preferred days for consultations tomorrow. We request that you return these by Tuesday 6 October.

Invitations to the consultation will be sent on 9 October.

Nursery Consultations will be on Thursday 22 & Friday 23 October. (Nursery will be closed these days)