

Newsletter Rathmore



Goodbye



We say goodbye to Mrs Murphie this month after 32 years at Rathmore. Dawn will be missed by pupils, staff and parents. We take this opportunity to wish her all the best as she begins her retirement.

December 2020



We also say goodbye and Happy retirement to Mr Billy English. Billy has been helping children across the road for the past 24 years. Everyone will miss his cheery greeting each morning and his kind, friendly words to pupils and parents.



We wish Mrs Christine Crawford best wishes in her new job. Christine has been guiding children across the Rathmore Road for the past 3 years. We will all miss you.

Enrolment Information

This year we are unable to welcome prospective parents to visit our school. Early in December we will post a video on our website to give you a 'taste of Rathmore'. Please share with family and friends who have children ready to start in Nursery or P1.

Key Dates for Admissions

At present dates for applying for Nursery or P1 places have not been published on the EA website. Please keep checking our Facebook and Twitter accounts for up-to-date information.

EA Hub www.eani.org.uk

Raffy's Thought for the Month:

'Be empathetic, think of others'
Realise that the feelings of others are important.



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'Caring, learning, excelling together.'

Store House North Down

Our Key Stage 2 classes are thinking of others this month. They are all working on a Reverse Advent Calendar, which means instead of getting a present each morning, they are bringing in an item of food to create a hamper for Storehouse. This started in P6 last year and turned out to be a big success.

DE Advice for Parents

We remind you that the latest DE advice is that face coverings should be worn while on the school grounds. Thank you to those who are wearing masks – we really appreciate your support.

Please remember that the path leading to Killeen Avenue is for children's use only. In the morning it is solely for children arriving at school. Each afternoon it becomes an exit for the children. If you are coming onto our site, please use one of the other entrances.

Collection Routines and Times

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to arrange staggered arrival and collection times. Finishing times may be changed for the new term to ensure our children receive equal time in school.

Temporary Employment Opportunity

We may need temporary cover for our Crossing Patrol as we wait for EA recruitment. This is a paid position for 10 hours per week. If you are interested please contact the School Office on 02891 270 399.

Diary Dates

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 11th December

School will finish on Tuesday
22nd December (half day)

School will commence on
Wednesday 6th Jan 2021

Rathmore Celebrations

Congratulations to our Nursery and P1 classes. They have been working hard to prepare very special Nativities, which will be shared with all P1 parents.

P4 may not be able to perform to an audience this year but they have been busy filming and will release their video to parents later this month.

We will end our term with our on-line Carol Service – Exciting!

Flu Vaccinations

Anyone who missed the deadline for returning permission forms will be contacted by the School Nursing Service and offered a week-end clinic time.

PTA News December 2020

Christmas is not cancelled at Rathmore, although we can not have our annual Christmas fair we will still be bringing some Christmas cheer. Save the Children are having a Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11th December which we would love to donate to, so this year the children should come to school that day in festive attire and Panto will be coming to Rathmore! 'Oh yes it is!!!'

No need for a shiny new jumper use your imagination and decorate an old one or just wear festive colours that day. Suggested donation for this fun filled festive Friday is £2 to include Panto streamed to your child's classroom in the safety of their bubble, some popcorn and a drink.

The PTA will also be sending home a fun Christmas quiz for everyone to do. There will be a winner in each year group. If you wish to take part just return your entry, with £1, to your class teacher by Thursday 17th December.

Thank you so much to everyone who has already donated to School Fund this is very much appreciated and even more than ever given our current circumstances. From all at the PTA have a wonderful Christmas, keep each other safe and we look forward with hope and unity to 2021!