

Newsletter Rathmore



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Staff News

Over the past few months we have welcomed a number of new staff to the Rathmore Team. Mr Lyle McFarland has joined our staff as Foundation Stage Leader and P2 teacher & Mrs Sara McKenzie has been appointed as Literacy Leader and P4 teacher.

We have also welcomed two new Special Needs Classroom Assistants, Mrs Ruth Page and Miss Liana Vannucci, who are working in P4 and P5. You will also have noticed Mr Andrew Harris and Mrs Lindsay Andrews, our new Crossing Patrol team, guiding our children across the roads each morning with big smiles.

We know you will make them all feel welcome and part of our school community.

We send our best wishes to Mrs Janeen Best and Mrs Ruth Wood as they begin their maternity leaves this month. We are grateful to Miss Olivia Curlett and Miss Emma Hamilton as they begin teaching in their P4 and P6 classes.



Uniform

As we are now in our Summer Term, children can wear their Summer uniform when it becomes warm enough! This is a family choice and many children continue to wear a combination of Winter and PE uniform.

Menu

Term 3 Menu for School Dinners is attached.

Raffy's Thought for the Month:

'Be content with what you have'



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'Caring, learning, excelling together.'

May Closures

There are a few dates we would like to bring to your attention, to help you plan childcare. School will close for Bank Holiday May Day on Monday 3rd May. Children have a further two-day break at the end of May (28-31), due to two Staff Development Days (Exceptional Closures).

Reminders

Sick/Absent Children: are recorded by the class teacher. We require a written note on the first day of return. Only parents of children with additional adult assistance for Special Needs need to phone the office to inform us.

Staff Contact Requests: should be made in writing or phoned through to the office. All teachers are classroom based full-time and are therefore unable to respond to requests immediately. We aim to respond to your requests within two days when a meeting or time to phone will be arranged.

Contact Details: Please contact the office if your phone/address has changed.

School Car Park

Only staff, visitors and parents with school passes are allowed into the car-park. This helps to ensure the safety of your children. Please remember that only the main car park should be used. The area around the Nursery remains a pedestrian space for the safety of our children. Should your child arrive 'slightly' late for school you should still park at the road side and walk into the school grounds.

School Parking

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

Diary Dates:

29/04	School recommences
3/05	May Day Holiday
17-21/5	Fit for Life Week
28&31/05	Exceptional Closures

PTA News:

What a strange year it has been but so good to see all the happy faces back at school. Well done parents we survived homeschooling! The PTA is still very much alive and despite not having the opportunity to have any events for a whole year now we are determined not to let this get us down.

Cash for Clobber –22nd April

Let's start with a big clear out over Easter folks and get some Cash for Clobber funds in the bank. We are having a collection on Thursday 22nd April 2021 so please bag up any unwanted clothes and drop at school entrance that morning. A PTA member will be present at the front door of school to direct you where to place your bag, please be mindful of others and adhere to COVID restrictions that will be in place at that time.

Smarties Challenge

We hope to run our Smarties challenge again this year so watch this space for more details in our May Newsletter. Start hoarding those 20p coins now and let's see if we can beat last year's total!

We will also be starting to plan, as best we can, for events next year so if anyone has any new exciting ideas please get in touch at rathmorepta@gmail.com we would love to hear from you.

Finally, as we reflect on the difficulties the past year has brought with schools being closed, it cements the importance of them being open and thriving and it is through extra funds that the PTA raises each year that facilitate this, so thank you to everyone who contributes both financially and with their time we appreciate you all. Please also consider joining the team as events are only possible if we have a good strong team to run them!



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