

Newsletter Rathmore



October 2021

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18-21 October
Parent /Teacher Consultations

21 & 22
Nursery Consultations

25 October – 29 October
Half Term

Staff News

This year we have been joined by three new teachers:

Dr Rhonda
Mitchell-Barrett
(VP & P1)



Ms Jen Bradford (P3)



Mrs Hilary Marshall
(P5)



A New Year at Rathmore

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

Our sincerest thanks for all of your understanding and cooperation in our restart routines and then PHA contact tracing changes.

Last year in total we had 10 positive cases and this month alone we have had over 60 COVID cases, so you will understand our gradual and cautious move to restart full school activities again.

We are delighted to start Music Tuition, P6 Swimming, P5 & P7 Football, Violin Wider Ops Programme, Action Mental Health Workshops and Choir again.

Staff Vacancies

Following EA's lifting of their recruitment block during COVID, we are pleased to have 6 posts for SEN live. If interested, please go to:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/job-opportunities>



Raffy's Thought for the Month

"We all need friends.

Treat others the way you want to be treated"

www.rathmoreps.com

'Caring, learning, excelling together.'

European Language Week

The classes have been alive with songs, rhymes and fun this week as we celebrated our annual European Language Week. Ask your children what they have learnt and check out Facebook soon for some pictures.

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. Our Annual General Meeting and Election of Committee, will be held on Friday 8 October at 2pm. Further information and nomination details are attached.

YMCA After Schools

Our After School Programme currently have a few spaces. Phone: 07591 840 361

Harvest

The P3 children will hold their Harvest Assembly via Google Classroom before half term.

While we cannot invite parents into school this term 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 18 & Tuesday 19 October. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Our first formal consultations for this year will take place from Monday 18 - Thursday 21 October. As already communicated, these conversations will be by phone again with you this term. We look forward to connecting with you.

Please note that school will finish for all P1 - P7 after lunch Mon 18 – Fri 22 October.

You have received your letter to specify your preferred days for consultations. We request that you return your slip by Monday 4 October. Invitations to the consultation will be sent on 8 October.

Nursery Consultations will be on Thursday 21 & Friday 22 October.
(Nursery will be closed these days)

Photos

It was great to have Cool for School take both individual and family pictures this week. Next steps should be emailed to you directly by Dougie.

Emergency Cover Bank

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

Diary Dates

Flu Vaccine P1 - P7
Wednesday 20 – Friday 22 October

Thank you and Goodbye



We will be saying thank you and goodbye next Friday to our Head of Kitchen, Gillian Edgar.

Gillian joined Rathmore as a pupil in P2, so has been part of this school community for a life time!

As Head of Kitchen for 17 years, Gillian has been central to the school and we will miss her skill, kindness and smile greatly.

We take this opportunity to thank Gillian, sending her our best wishes as she begins her retirement.

PTA News

You may be aware that our school community lost a much loved parent and past PTA Committee member last month, Mrs Gemma McClay. We extend our sincerest sympathy and ongoing support for the McClay family.

As a school community, last year our PTA raised £15,000 to go towards our Well-Being Outdoor Play environment. This year's money will be added to this total to enhance outdoor space for every year group. Our sincerest thanks to the Committee Members, Lyndsey Whiteside, Terri McKee and Ashley Ginty.

AGM – Friday 8 October 2021 @ 2pm

School Fund

Last year school fund was £30 per child. This will continue this year with a request for £20 (now live) and a further £10 request in the New Year. We are so grateful for all donations from those who are able to give in this way.

Due to COVID, it is unlikely that full school PTA fundraising events will be possible so support of our £30 school fund is so appreciated.



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