



October 2023

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Staff Development Day
2 October

After School Clubs Commence
3 October

Nursery – P7 School Photographs
12 & 13 October

P3 Harvest Celebration
19 & 20 October

Parent/Teacher Consultations (no after school clubs)
23 - 26 October

Nursery Consultations
23 & 24 October

Half Term
30 October - 3 November

Parent Teacher Consultations

Our first formal consultations for this year will take place from Monday 23 - Thursday 26 October. Please note that school will finish for all P1-P7 pupils at 1.10pm each day this week, including the Friday. You have received your letter to specify your preferred days for Consultations. We would request that you return these by Thursday 5 October. Invitations to the Consultations will be sent home on the 13 October. Nursery Consultations will be on the 23 & 24 October. (Nursery will be closed for pupils on these days).

There will be no Afterschool Clubs this week

European Language Week

We wish to say a big thank you for all the effort you put into making our European Languages Week, and in particular, our Dress Up Day such a massive success. It is wonderful for our children to celebrate and learn about such a rich variety of cultures as we start our Transformation journey towards becoming an Integrated School.



PTA

Thank you to all parents who supported our PTA Events & School Fund last year. We enhanced our outdoor areas including the building of a new outdoor class space and focused on the resources & activities for Forest School in each KS. We bought a class set of iPads with a lockable rechargeable cabinet. Your donations during 2023 – 24 will continue this work we have already started. We hope to buy another iPad set and finish our KS outdoor spaces this year. Thank you for your support of Rathmore through the PTA, it makes a huge difference.

Raffy's Thought for the Month

“We all need friends.

Treat others the way you want to be treated”



Harvest Celebration

This year's P3 Harvest Assemblies will be held on Thursday 19 and Friday 20 October afternoons. Doors will open at 1.10pm and tickets are now available to P3 parents.



Our food donations 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 into school by Wednesday 18 October. Thank you for your ongoing support in our charity work. We know this collection will be greatly appreciated by Storehouse.

After School Clubs

Start this week on Tuesday 3 October. 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.



Mobile Phones are not permitted in school. Any phones will be kept in the school office for parent collection.

P1 – P7 Flu Vaccinations

Please note that our annual Flu Vaccinations will take place on Friday 8 December. Letters from School Health will be sent home via school bags.

Considerate Parking

Please show consideration to each other and our local residents in how and where you park. Sadly, we have received a complaint from a resident whose driveway has been blocked by Rathmore Traffic which has prevented them from leaving their home.

Sister & Brother Success

Congratulations to Helena (P4) who won a Gold medal and Harrison (P7) who won 2 Bronze medals at the WUKF Ireland 4 Nations Karate competition in Dublin in September. We are so proud of you!



PTA News

Our PTA Annual General Meeting is this Friday 6 October at 1.30pm when the parent body will elect their PTA Committee for 2023-24.

With our Integrated journey beginning this year, perhaps this is a perfect opportunity for you to join the Committee and support the school in this way.

Our sincerest thanks to the 2022-23 PTA Committee:

Chairperson: Lynsey Whiteside
Hon Secretary: Ashley Ginty
Committee Members:

Julie Hardy (Vice-Chair)
Rhonda Mitchell-Barrett
Bronwen Stewart
Terri McKee

We look forward to hearing our annual update this Friday and thanking Ashley Ginty for her time on the Committee as she leaves for 'Big School!'

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for updates and events this year!!!
Help support us for your children's future!