



# Newsletter Rathmore



**DECEMBER 2023**

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| 4 December     | Carol Service   |
| 5 & 6 December | P1 Nativities   |
| 7 December     | Christmas Jumper Day & Daily Mile Santa Run (non uniform) |
| 8 December     | Flu Vaccines  |
| 20 December    | PTA Party Day (non uniform)                               |
| 21 December    | Last Day of Term (non uniform)<br>12.15pm finish          |
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| 5 January      | Open Day  |
| 8 January      | School Commences  |

Enrolment Information for Nursery & P1  
To keep up to date with information and videos, please check our Website, Facebook & Twitter accounts. Feel free share this with friends, family & neighbours who have little ones ready to join us next September. If you missed our Information Evening last Wednesday, we have an Open Morning on:

Friday 5 January 2024  
9.00am – 10.30am & 12.00noon – 2.00pm

EA Applications Portal Opens  
9 – 26 January 2024

Rockin' Reindeer 2023



Scan the QR code to vote.

Our colourful and glittering Christmas reindeer is now on display at Bloomfields Shopping Centre. Every pupil contributed to our entry so please pop in to see your child's artwork and remember to vote for us. The school with the most entries wins £1000 so we would really appreciate all your support. All proceeds go towards One Great Day and Tiny Life charities.

Congratulations...



...to the budding actors and actresses of P4 for their two fabulous afternoons of 'P4 Remembers'. Plenty of stars shone across both performances as they entertained the audiences with songs, stories and information from WWII. A big thank you to all our parents, grandparents and friends who supported the P4s not just on the days, but in all the preparation as well.

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.'

### Reminder: Severe Food Allergies

Due to a number of severe food allergies within school, we are unable to accept homemade goodies or share food in class. If you wish to send in treats for special occasions, please stick to bagged Haribo which we will send home at the end of school. Thank you for understanding.

### Charities



Rebecca Oates from NI Cancer Fund for Children recently visited us for a special assembly. We presented a cheque for £1670 from our Summer 2023 Sponsorship. Well done to our top fundraisers: Edison P2, Freddie P3 and Jennifer P6. Also pictured are Charlie & Tillie from P4 along with Mrs McKenzie whose families are linked closely to this charity.

We greatly appreciate your support of the charity events at Rathmore.



£469



£448.25

### Representing Rathmore PS

We wish brother and sister Lola, P3 & Luca, P4 good luck competing in the NI Regional Gymnastics Trampoline Competition on 3 December in Ards Blair Mayne Centre.

We also wish Duarte & Reuben from P7 and Harper from P5 success when they swim for Rathmore at the Swim Ulster Championships on 9 December at Aurora.

### Hockey Success



On Thursday 16 November the Boys' and Girls' hockey teams took part in the Ards and North Down Mixed Tournament. Rathmore won all of their matches and plenty of goals were scored. Thanks to the parents for all their support.

### PTA News

Thinking of having a clear out of unwanted clothing over Christmas? We will have a **Cash for Clobber** collection in January (date to be confirmed).

'Save the Children' are having a **Christmas Jumper Day** on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. No need for a shiny new jumper, use your imagination and decorate an old one or just wear festive colours. A donation of £1 can be made via the School Money App.

We have our **PTA Party Day** on Wednesday 20 December 2023 when P1 – P7 children can come to school in their Christmas party clothes and will enjoy a movie, snack, disco and Christmas party activities including Pass the Parcel. Our PTA Party Day donation is £3 payable via School Money.

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 financial circumstances. From all at the PTA, have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to 2024!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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for updates and events this year!!!

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