

ROSEMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

October 2021

Welcome back to the start of term 2 at Rosemount. We hope you all had an enjoyable break.

We had hoped that this term would bring a further easing of Covid restrictions for schools but unfortunately this has not yet happened. The long awaited update which was published on Monday states that the Scottish Government is continuing to adopt a cautious approach and that there are to be no changes to the current mitigations.

We know you will be as disappointed as us as this regrettably means we must continue to restrict many of the things we would normally do. However, we will - as always - be as positive as possible, so here is the good news...

Maths Week Activities



National Maths Week (27th September) was celebrated at Rosemount with an inter-house maths quiz. Our House Captains did a splendid job of organising events and teams from across the ages and stages of the school. It was a fun filled day and gave our budding mathematicians a chance to shine. Thank you to Mrs Smith for her planning and organising of this event and well done to everyone who took part.



Cross-Country Club has started up again on Tuesday lunchtimes for pupils in P5-7.

This has been possible as the event is fully outdoors.

We had a huge turn out for the first run this week which just amazing to see. Thank you so much to Emily Cleland and her team of volunteers who have made this possible.



Outdoor Learning remains on our improvement plan this year. We have enlisted the help of Alba Explorers who have already made a big difference to our outdoor classroom areas:



Over the coming weeks Alba Explorers will be working with the P4-7 children on biodiversity and sustainability and all the pupils in the school will have the opportunity to plant trees and undertake ecology workshops. We are very excited about these developments as this, along with our playground plans to introduce loose parts, will make our outdoor spaces a special learning environment.



★ We are looking to create storage solutions to hold our loose parts play equipment.
 ★ Can anyone help by providing:

★ ***Large plastic or wooden storage boxes (suitable for outdoors)***
 ★ *** tattie boxes ***



Thank you



Hallowe'en Fun Day. Unfortunately we can't host the Parent Council's parties this year however, pupils can come to school in Fancy Dress next **Friday (29th October)** if they wish. Please remember that we don't allow scary masks or 'weapons' (swords / guns etc). Children who don't wish to participate can dress down for the day and just come in play clothes.





The School Crossing Patroller will be reinstated at the crossing at Main Road / Dubton Road junction from Monday 25th October.

Pupils should make use of this safe place to cross.



We will be supporting the work of Poppy Scotland (Montrose) and the Royal British Legion's centenary by helping create displays for the town's Remembrance Day commemorations. We need the base of **plastic bottles** which will be turned into poppies. We have also been asked to paint a number of Tommy silhouettes which will also feature. Please send you



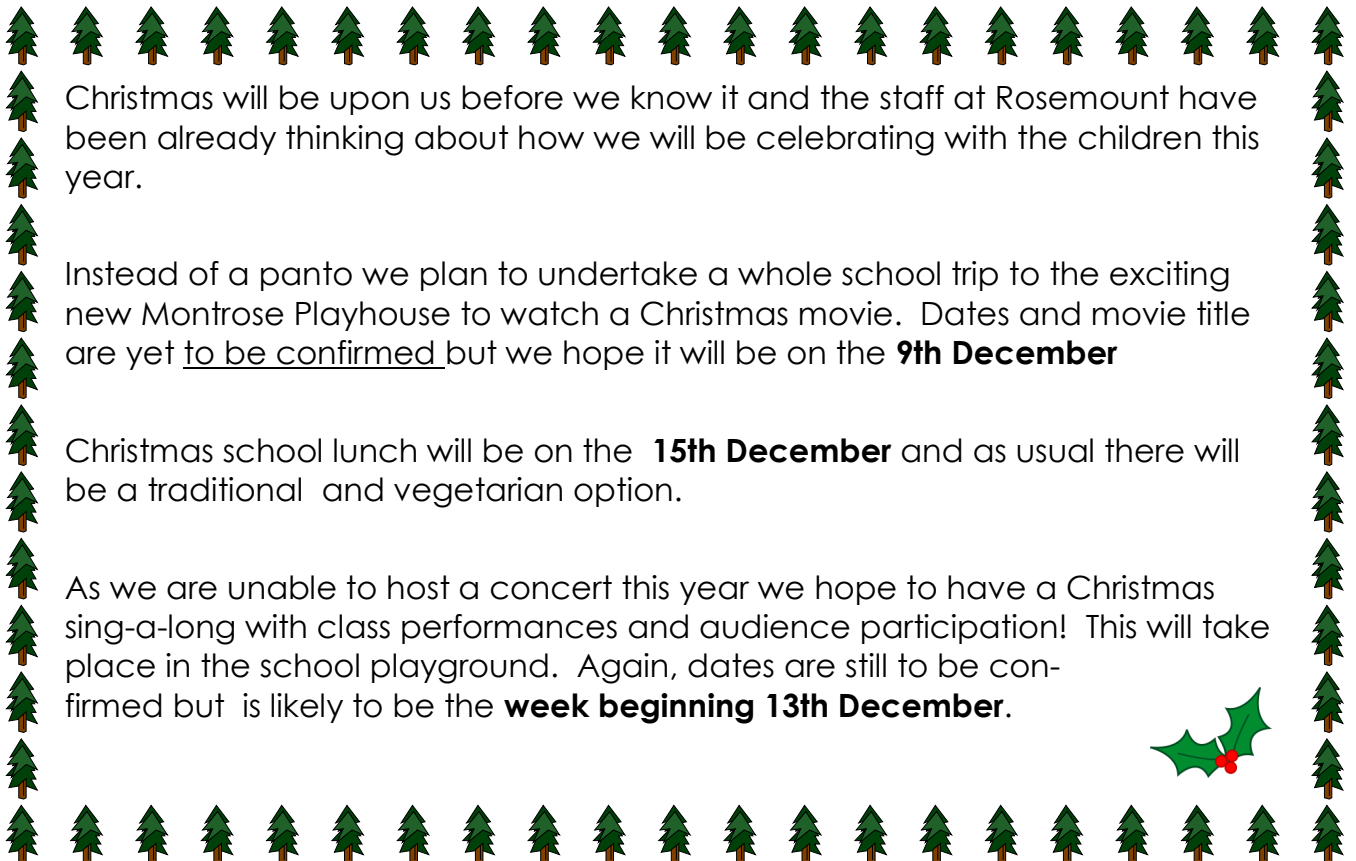
plastic bottles into school by 27th October. Thank you.



Parents Evenings would normally be held at this time of year however, we are still in the position of being unable to offer face to face meetings. In place of these meetings we will be issuing an interim report mid November for your child to give you an overview of how they are settling in at school. As each class is now using SeeSaw as a regular means of communication and we are sending home the termly overviews of planned work, the interim reports will be a brief summary of where pupils are in terms of their readiness for learning and progress to date.

There will be an opportunity to respond to these should any further information be considered necessary.

I know this is not what we had hoped for and please remember that you can contact the school via phone, Groupcall or Seesaw if you have any concerns or queries and we will always do our utmost to help.



Christmas will be upon us before we know it and the staff at Rosemount have been already thinking about how we will be celebrating with the children this year.

Instead of a panto we plan to undertake a whole school trip to the exciting new Montrose Playhouse to watch a Christmas movie. Dates and movie title are yet to be confirmed but we hope it will be on the **9th December**

Christmas school lunch will be on the **15th December** and as usual there will be a traditional and vegetarian option.

As we are unable to host a concert this year we hope to have a Christmas sing-a-long with class performances and audience participation! This will take place in the school playground. Again, dates are still to be confirmed but is likely to be the **week beginning 13th December**.





Covid Advice - What to do if your child is unwell

If your child, or anyone in the household becomes unwell at any time with COVID related symptoms, the whole household should self isolate and arrange for Covid-19 tests. Details of how to book a test can be found on the [NHS Inform website](#) and [UK Government: Get a PCR Test](#).

If you, or a member of your household, receive a positive lateral flow test result you and your household should self-isolate and you should arrange a confirmatory PCR test via the link above.

Staff, children and young people are strongly encouraged to inform their schools of any positive tests when reporting absences.

If your child's PCR test is positive for Covid-19 you will be contacted directly by the NHS Tayside Test & Protect Team. You (or your child if they are able to) will be asked to provide details of close contacts.

For more information about what is happening in our schools please go to: https://www.angus.gov.uk/schools_and_young_people/covid_19_return_to_school_arrangements

If in doubt, please contact the school.

We respectfully remind parents:

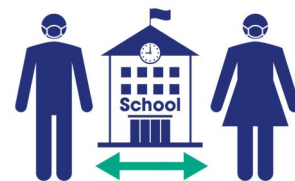
- ◆ that physical distancing and face coverings are still required at the school gates
- ◆ be mindful not to obstruct walkways for pupils and other parents
- ◆ they should not enter the playground unless by prior arrangement with the school
- ◆ to drop children off as close to 9am as possible and not before 8.45am
- ◆ to park safely and courteously

Protect yourself and others.

Avoid gathering at the school gates.

Follow physical distancing guidance.

Wear a face covering at drop-off and pick-up.



If someone else drops off your child, please make them aware of this too please.



Dates for Your Diary

- Monday 25th October - Flu Vaccination programme
- Friday 29th October - Halloween Fancy dress day
- Wednesday 1st December - In-service Day 2: School closed to pupils
- Thursday 2nd December - In-service Day 3: School closed to pupils
- Friday 3rd December - St Andrew's Day Holiday: School closed
- Thursday 9th December - proposed cinema trip (to be confirmed)
- Wednesday 15th December - School Christmas Lunch
- Wednesday 22nd December - End of Term (returning Monday 10th January)