

Rothiemay Primary School

'Nurturing aspiration for learning, relationships and life.'

Responsibility-Inclusion-Values-Empathy-Respect

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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy new year to all our Rothiemay families and a huge welcome to all our new families that have joined us throughout January. It's lovely to see everyone welcoming them into their classes.

Thank you to those families that completed the form sent out asking for your views on our school vision and values. I have since met with the pupil committee in school and we have now agreed and finalised our new school vision and values.

Our School Vision

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Our School Values

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The children wanted to use the letters that make up the word RIVER as the basis for our values. We will continue to earn 'river points' based on these values. We will be discussing what each of them look like and how we can show them in our learning, play and attitudes around school. Look out for the river point slips in your child's reflection jotter to find out more about what they are doing to earn their river points in school.

All Parent Welcome - Tuesday 7th February 2023 3.30-4.30

We are really looking forward to welcoming all parents into school on Tuesday 7th February 2023. We would like to give the children the opportunity to share their learning experiences with you and show you their jotters. We will have activities set up in your child's class so they can talk to you about some of their learning experiences and teachers will be available in classes to answer any questions.

Clubs

I am delighted to inform you that Amanda Walker (Active Schools Co-ordinator for the Keith ASG) will be working closely with school to reintroduce opportunities for children to attend clubs both after school and during lunchtimes.

Primary 7 volunteers trained to lead playmaker activities will be working with Amanda to run a lunchtime club for Primary 1 to Primary 4 children for a 6 week block starting on 14^{th} February.

A KGS Pupil has also offered to run an after school 'Mixed Sports' club aimed at P4-7 for 4 weeks starting on Wednesday 1^{st} March 3.15-4.15 (a separate email has been sent out to parents requesting a parent helper to support these sessions)

Library Van

The next dates for the library van visiting school will be:

Friday 3rd February, Friday 10th March, Friday 14th April, Friday 19th March

Please remember to send your child with their library van books on these dates.



School closures can happen at this time of year. Every effort will be made to ensure that closure decisions are made in a timely manner. When a decision has been made it will be communicated in the following ways:

- Post on the Moray Council Service Disruption webpage. This will be visible to anyone who visits https://secure.moray.gov.uk/mcalerts/portal on the Council website.
- Post on the Moray Council Facebook page and Twitter feed (facebook.com/MorayCouncil/ twitter.com/TheMorayCouncil)
- Send an Email Alert message. This message will only be received by those who have registered at mygovscot https://online.moray.gov.uk/site/wss/home and chosen Rothiemay Primary School as services about which they wish to receive alerts.

(Note - this is not connected to our regular Rothiemay school emails.)

If the decision is made to send bus pupils home early, we will try to call all bus pupils' parents to make them aware, ensuring that someone is at home to meet them off the bus. As a school we do not know when the buses will arrive at school to collect pupils, this may mean that there is a delay between our call and the buses arriving to drop pupils off at home.

CALENDAR

School calendar: 2022-23

Moray Council Terms Dates & Holidays: moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_55829.html

Spring

Term starts: Monday 9th January 2023

Mid-term holiday: Friday 10th February and Monday 13th February 2023

Term ends: Friday 31st March 2023

Spring holiday: Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April 2023

Summer

Term Starts: Monday 17th April 2023 May Day Holiday: Monday 1st May 2023 In-Service Closure: Thursday 11th May 2023 In-Service Closure: Friday 12th May 2023 Occasional Day Holiday: Monday 5th June

Ends Friday 30th June 2023