



Rothiemay Primary School

'Nurturing aspiration for learning, relationships and life.'

Responsibility – Inclusion - Values – Empathy - Respect

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Dear Parents/Carers

A big thank you to all those families who came to our parents open event on Tuesday 7th February. It was lovely to see the children sharing and discussing their learning with you. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who took the time to add comments to the feedback sheets in the hall. It was a great opportunity for me to get parent and carers views about our lovely little school 😊.



School Closures

The weather yet again has been sent to challenge us already this term as we had a school closure due to severe weather that left the school with no power and many routes into the village blocked by fallen trees. We endeavour to inform parents as soon as possible in these events, however, additional signal problems can sometimes effect the speed of messages getting out. Thank you for your patience and understanding in these unique circumstances.

School will also be closed to pupils due to strike action on Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March.



King Charles' III Coronation Bank Holiday May 2023. Moray Council have informed all schools that an additional closure day has been granted for Monday 8 May 2023 to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III

Staff

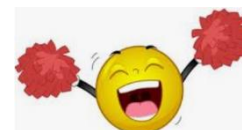


This term we will be wishing Mrs Mackie well as she finishes her time at Rothiemay Primary School to go on maternity leave. We hope she gets a little time to put her feet up before her baby arrives.

We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Howie as she has accepted a full-time post at Buckie High School. We wish her well in her new venture and hope she stays in touch.

P3/4/5 will be getting to know Miss Sutton who joins us for her final teaching placement. We look forward to welcoming her to our team.

Clubs



Clubs are back!

A huge thankyou to Amanda who has been busy supporting our P7's in running Play Maker at lunchtimes for the P1 to 3 children. The P7's are doing a fantastic job supporting the younger children with playtime games. They are showing fantastic organisational skills and great leadership qualities. Amanda will be working with the P5 and P6 soon to train them up to run Play Maker sessions in the future.



We also have a Multi-Sport Club starting after school and running for a few weeks. This will be a great opportunity for children to try a range of sports. Please remember that we can only continue to offer these clubs if we get children signing up for them.

World Book Day



This year world book day is on Thursday 2nd March. We would like to invite children to come to school (or bring) their Pyjamas. They are also encouraged to bring a favourite book to share and discuss in class. We will be celebrating favourite authors and books throughout the day as we 'cosy up with a book' to celebrate world book day 2023.

Opportunities



Keith ASG have teamed up with the Scottish Opera this term. P6/7 children will be learning songs in class in preparation for a collaborative performance with local schools on Wednesday 10th May 2023. This has been a huge success in the past and we are thrilled to be part of it again.



Amanda from Active Schools is continuing to research clubs and activities. The children had various suggestions when she visited school.



Twitter

We are continuing to use twitter to share your children's learning experiences. Remember you can follow us at @RothiemayPS and a twitter account is not required to access our tweets. The photos in the newsletter have all been on Twitter.



Seesaw

Thank you to all those who returned the consent form for Seesaw. Teachers will be using in classes this term. The children will be uploading work they are proud of on Seesaw. They will be encouraged to reflect on their learning and talk about their successes and next steps. We plan to share access with families during Term 4.

Parent Council Meetings

Any parent/carer can attend Parent Council meetings. The following parents have been elected to represent your interests:

Parent Council Chair: Mary Bartholomew
Parent Council Vice Chairperson: Debbie Johnson
Parent Council Secretary: Susan De Almeida
Parent Council Treasurer: Hannah Johnson

We are currently meeting virtually. If you wish to attend or contribute to the meeting please contact the Parent Council:

rothiemayparentcouncil@gmail.com

School calendar: 2022-23

Moray Council Terms Dates & Holidays:

moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_55829.html



Spring

Strike Day Closures: Tuesday 28th February 2023 and Wednesday 1st March 2023 (Active Schools are offering activities on these days – see separate Email)

World Book Day: Thursday 2nd March – Remember your Pyjamas and a book you like!

Term Ends: Friday 31 March 2023

Spring Holiday: Monday 03 April - Friday 14 April 2023 (Good Friday holiday: Friday 07 April 2023)

Summer

Term starts: Monday 17 April 2023

May Day holiday: Monday 01 May 2023

King Charles' III Coronation Bank Holiday: Monday 8th May 2023

In service closure: Thursday 11 May 2023

In service closure: Friday 12 May 2023

Occasional Day: Monday 5 June 2023

Term ends: Friday 30 June 2023



If you are having any difficulties receiving emails or group call messages please contact the school office.