



Rothiemay Primary School

'Nurturing aspiration for learning, relationships and life.'

Responsibility – Inclusion - Values – Empathy - Respect

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Dear Parents/Carers

Spring time is upon us and we are fast approaching our spring term holidays. It is a lovely time of year to stop and recognise how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful area. The new lambs always make me smile on my journey to school.

Clubs

Unfortunately due to no uptake our term 3 club run by Active schools was cancelled. We will continue to work with Amanda Walker, Active Schools Coordinator for Keith ASG to offer clubs and events throughout the year. If you have any feedback or suggestions for these events please let us know at school or via the Parent Council. Amanda has already been in touch with someone from Huntly Rugby Club about some taster sessions for P6/7. Watch this space for further clubs and events next term!

Before School

Please remember if you are dropping children off at school the doors are only open from 8.40am. Mrs Donnison and Mrs Rowley are available from this time each morning and the doors are opened for access to the toilets. School buses all arrive at or after 8.40am.

Uniform/PE Kit

Thank you to all those of you who have remembered your PE kit every week so far. The best way to make sure you have your kit on the right days each week is to leave a PE bag with appropriate sportswear in it on your peg for the week.

PE days are:

P1/2/3 Wednesdays and Thursdays

P4/5 Tuesdays and Thursdays

P6/7 Mondays and Thursdays

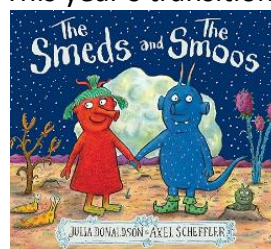


Proud Clouds

Remember to share any achievements out of school with us so that we can celebrate these in our Friday assemblies. Email us at: admin.rothiemayp@moray-edunet.gov.uk

Primary 1 Transition

Transition activities for our new primary 1 starters is well underway. They have been visiting class and getting to know the other children and their teacher. They have joined class for some playful learning sessions and story times. This year's transition book is:



Primary 7 Transition

Throughout term 3 and 4 Primary 7 pupils are invited to join 'Keith Loft Youth Project' as part of a rural schools transition programme.

Primary 7 pupils are also invited to information evenings at their chosen school as well as a set of transition days. These transition days are designed to give all pupils a taster of how they will travel to and from school in August, help them follow timetables and find their way around their new school.

Keith Grammar School transition days are Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th June 2024.

The Gordons Schools transition days are Monday 24th or Tuesday 25th June depending on which house you are in. All pupils on Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th and Friday 28th June 2024.

Information about houses and any further details will be shared with parents during term 4.

Reporting to parents.

Thank you to all those parents who check their child's learning log each week to stay fully informed about your child's learning journey throughout the year.

Term 3 means the teachers are busy writing the annual reports. These reports will include information about attainment, attendance and effort. The children also discuss their effort and attitude, the wellbeing indicators, learning successes and next steps.

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Attendance



You may have read in the press that school attendance across the UK has dipped since COVID and the Scottish Government is monitoring closely

how schools are supporting improved attendance. We have a duty to bring this to your attention, in line with Moray Council's attendance procedures, as continued absences may have a negative impact on your child's achievement and attainment.

Progress, attainment and achievements can be impacted by any absence. Evidence suggests that falls below 90% can have a negative impact on progress. The higher the absence rate, the greater the impact on attainment.

Days missed	Percentage	Impact of absence
0 days	100%	Gives the learner the best chance of success
9 days	95%	Almost there
19 days	90%	Less chance of success. Learner could drop a whole grade in secondary school
27 days	85%	Serious implications on learning and progress
36 days	80%	

Easter

The parent council have been busy organising some Easter fun in the village. We hope to see you all there!

More information to follow.

Parent Council Meetings

23/24 parent council:

Chairperson - Morag Stephen
 Secretary – Kirsteen Shepherd
 Treasurer - Karen George



If you would like to contribute to the meeting but cannot attend please send your thoughts and ideas to our parent council email on:

rothiemayparentcouncil@gmail.com



Our next meeting will be on:

Tuesday 14th May 6.30pm-7.30pm

We will be meeting face to face at Rothiemay Primary School. We will also be offering an online link for those who would like to attend virtually.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 6th February 2024 6.30pm-7.30pm
 Parent Council Meeting – Minutes on BLOG
 Saturday 20th April Parent Council Spring Fayre,
 Village Hall 1-3pm

Spring Holidays

Friday 29th March 2024 (Good Friday) – Friday
 12th March 2024

2023 – 2024 Summer Term

Thursday 28th March 2024 – Term ends
 Monday 15th April 2024 – Term starts
 Monday 6th May – May Day Holiday
 Thursday 16th and Friday 17 May In-service days
 Monday 3rd June – Occasional day – School Closed

Moray Council Terms Dates & Holidays:

moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_55829.html



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

Mrs Clayton