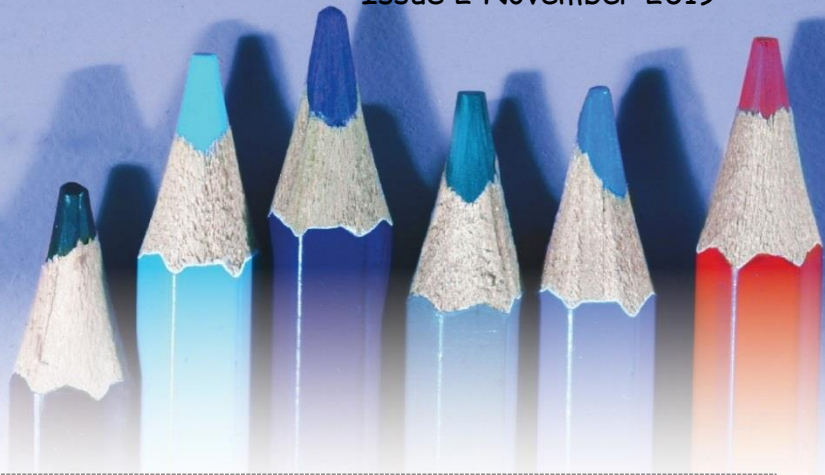


Ralston Primary School Newsletter



Staffing

Whilst Mrs Matheis is absent, Miss Montgomery will take over the position of Acting Depute Head Teacher. Miss Curran will teach P1a full time.

Miss Montgomery will be responsible for the daily management of the Nursery, P1, P2 and P3.

If you have any queries/concerns your child's class teacher is unable to answer, please contact Miss Montgomery P1-3 or Mrs Kerr P4-7.

Staff Car park

Parents/Carers are reminded that the car park is not for pick up/drop off. **This is for staff and visitors only.**

Children **are not allowed** to walk through the car park in the morning, at the end of the school day or at 4 p.m. after a school club has finished.

Staff
Car Park

Winter Weather Conditions

As we begin the winter period, please note the following in case of periods of severe weather;

Please do not phone the school office.

- Should it be necessary to close the school we will post information on our website and use our school app to contact parents/carers.
- Please ensure we have your up to date mobile phone numbers.

Subsequent school closure days will be notified on the Renfrewshire Council website, and via local media. Updates will be given daily to keep you informed.

School Grounds

Please be aware that during winter months, pavements around the school and the playground can be icy. Everyone is asked to take care and use the safest routes and those which have been gritted. The Health and Safety of our pupils is our highest priority. Renfrewshire Council directs janitors to clear one safe path from the outside of the school to the main entrance. Mr Fox, our janitor, has agreed to clear a path in the Infant Playground and Upper School Playground.

In **severe** conditions the only entry into the Infant Playground will be by the gate on School Road. The other 2 gates will be locked. Pupils are encouraged to follow the salted path and enter by the ramp door.

A path in the Upper School Playground will be cleared for entry at the main front door.

The janitor checks the site on arrival at 8 a.m.

Winter Clothing

Please ensure children come to school wearing appropriate footwear and clothing during the winter period. Children are encouraged to change out of wellington boots when inside school. Please remember to name hats, gloves, scarves!

School App

We have invested in a new school App which is free to download. The App's diary is much better than the previous version and also has items such as the daily lunch menu.

Any posts from the School Website or Twitter feed are automatically linked to the app in the News section. The App is free to download from google Play and Apple store by searching for School App for parents and then Ralston Primary School when the App opens.

We hope this new feature will improve communication and allow parents and carers to access all school information from the one place.



Road Safety

I continue to be in communication with our community police officer regarding the ongoing issues with parking in streets surrounding the school. Several residents and pedestrians report that drivers continue to park carelessly and obstruct driveways and pavements. Please adhere to the advice issued from the school and the police regarding road safety. The goods delivery entrance is **only** a car park for ROSC pupils before 8.45 a.m.

School Lunches

Now that winter has arrived, our children in P4-P7 no longer eat packed lunches at the picnic benches. Our promoted staff are all on duty to help, however, we are concerned at the amount of food thrown away from packed lunches and school lunches.

Nuts and nut based products are not allowed in packed lunches due to several children having severe allergies.



Children In Need

A fun day was had by all on Friday 15 November. Spots and Pudsey merchandise galore. An amazing sum of £367.88 was raised.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

Our Coffee Morning was once again a great success.

Thank you to everyone who helped on the day and donated to this wonderful cause. We raised a total amount of £1036.47



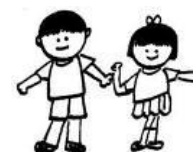
Free School Meals/Clothing Grants

All children in P1-P3 are entitled to a free school meal. Parents or guardians who are eligible can apply for free school meals and/or clothing grants by downloading a form from Renfrewshire Council website. For session 2019-2020, the level of clothing grant was £100 per eligible pupil to assist with the purchase of school uniforms. As a school we are allocated Pupils Equity Funding based on the number of eligible children registered for free school meals. In P7 we are also able to apply for a grant to support the cost of the residential trip and this again is based on those registered for free meals/clothing grant. We would urge you to apply for the grants that you are eligible for.

<https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmealsandclothinggrants>

Christmas Parties

Children may bring party clothes to school to change into at lunch time or change at home if they are going home for lunch.



Christmas Services

The services will be held in St Mark's Church on Friday 20 December 2019 at 9.30am for P1-P3 and 10.30am for P4-P7 and a warm welcome is extended to family and friends to join us.



Administration of Medicines

The administration of PRESCRIBED medicines during the school day is at the discretion of the Head Teacher. **Appropriate forms must be completed in advance of medicines being administered.**

- Only prescribed medication supplied by the parent/carer in its original container should be administered to a child.
- No child should take any form of medication in school without the written permission of the parent/carer. **Prescription medicines should be accompanied by Appendix 1 Permission Form.**
- Medication must be delivered to/collected from school by an adult.

Diary Dates

November 2019

23 November Parent Council Christmas Fayre 10-1pm

December 2019

02 December St Andrew's Day Holiday
11 December Nursery Nativity
11 December Christmas Jumper Day
12 December Christmas Concerts A.M P1-P7
13 December Christmas Concerts A.M P1-3
P.M P4-P7
16 December P7 Christmas Party
17 December P5 & P6 Christmas Party
18 December P3 & P4 Christmas Party
19 December P1 & P2 Christmas Party
20 December School Closes 2.30pm

January 2020

6 January School Reopens
15 January P1 Registration 1-3pm
16 January P1 Registration 1-3pm
30 January Scottish Concert pm
31 January Scottish Concert am & pm

February 2020

7 February In Service Day
10 February Holiday
11 February Holiday
12 February In Service Day
13 February School Reopens
27 February P5 Open Day 2.15-3pm

The full annual calendar can be found on the school website and school app. Please note all dates may be subject to change.



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Recognising Pupils' Achievements Outwith Ralston Primary School

Although we encourage children to tell us about their achievements outwith school we are sure that we don't know about lots of things, however, big or small. If you feel that your child has accomplished something for the first time, improved in something, or has achieved an award (yellow belt in Judo, a badge at Souts/Brownies /Boys Brigade etc) please let us know by completing the tear off slip below. This will then be shared at assembly and added to our achievements records. Children are awarded a Bronze Achievement certificate after (5 achievements) a Silver after (10 achievements) and a Gold after (15 achievements).

Recognition of Achievement

I'd like (name) _____ (class)_____ to be recognised for his/her achievement in _____

He/she _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____