

Ralston Primary School Newsletter



Staffing

After a long term absence following a bereavement, Mrs Matheis has decided to give up her role as Depute Head Teacher and return to being a Class Teacher. She will take up a Class Teacher position in another Primary School in Renfrewshire.

Mrs Matheis was a valued member of our staff team for 22 years. We wish her health and success in her new post.

Mrs McLaughlin will take on the role of Acting Principal Teacher whilst Miss Montgomery is Acting Depute Head Teacher.

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.

Please remember it is now illegal to park on pavements.

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

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>

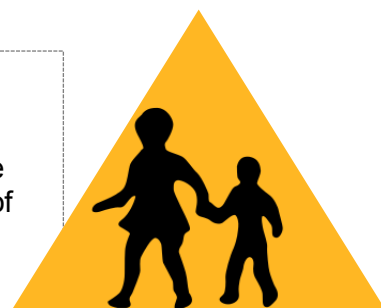
School Uniform

Parents are urged to comply with our school uniform policy and avoid purchasing trainers with logos for indoor shoes.



Playground

Children are very familiar with morning routines. Parents of P1-P3 children are reminded not to stand in the middle of the play area. Please stay at the gates or the side of the playground on entry to P1-P3 area. There should be no parents/carers of P4-P7 pupils in the playground. Please share this information with extended family members who are part of your drop off team.



As requested at the P1 parent meeting, I kindly request that parent/carers are not in the line at 9 a.m. This upsets other children whose parents are adhering to the rules.

Winter Weather Conditions

As winter weather has arrived, 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. **Please note the entire playground will not be gritted.**

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!

Contact Details

Parents are requested to ensure that emergency contact details, particularly mobile and home telephone numbers, are kept up to date at all times. Please provide this information in writing and the school office will update your details. As a consequence of weather conditions and disruption to schools in recent years, this is especially important at this time of the year. Please see the statement below which is from Renfrewshire Council.



To help us keep you informed it is important that you make sure we have the most up to date emergency contact information for your family.

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

February 2020

27 February P5 Open Day 2.15-3pm

March 2020

5 March World Book Day

9 March Scholastics Book Fair 3-4pm for Parents

12 March STEM Day

25 March P3 Open Day 2.15-3pm

April 2020

01 April Spring Parade Nursery, P1 & P2
11am and 2pm

02 April Easter Services St Mark's Church

03 April Holiday

6 to 17 April Easter Holidays

20 April School Reopens

23 April Parent Council Spring Disco

May 2020

6 May In Service Day

7 May In Service Day

8 May Holiday

14 May Parents' Night

18-21 May P7 Lockerbie Manor Trip

22 May Holiday

25 May Holiday

26 May School Reopens

28 May P7 Induction PGS

29 May P7 Induction PGS

29 May P1 Induction Day 1.30pm

June 2020

8-11 June Health Week

12 June Sports Day

18 June P7 Dance Glynhill Hotel

24 June Nursery Presentation

26 June Church Services St Mark's Church

School Closes 1pm

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 Scouts/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 _____