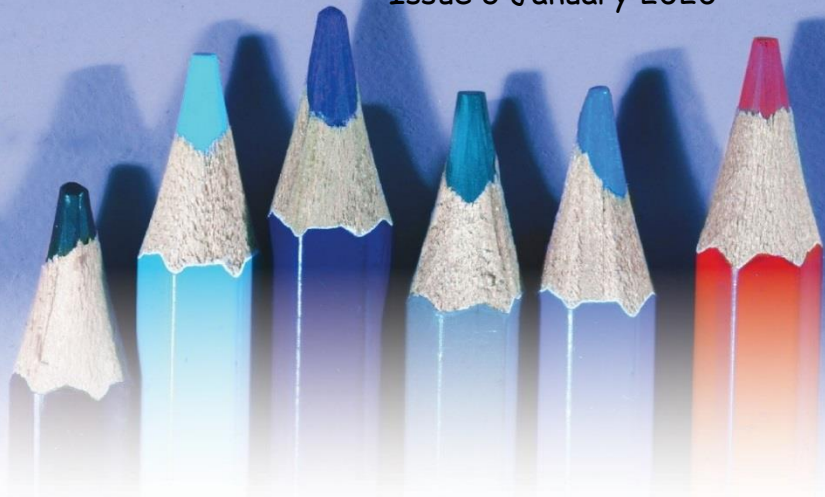


Ralston Primary School Newsletter



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

Primary 1 Registration Session 2020/2021

Children who reach the age of 5 years between 1 March 2019 and 28 February 2020 should be registered for education in their catchment school. Pupils whose surnames begin with A to L should register on **Wednesday 15 January 2020**. Pupils whose surnames begin with M to Z should register on **Thursday 16 January 2020**. Registration will take place between 1.15 and 3 p.m.

Parents must produce their child's birth certificate and 2 proofs of residence, **which must include council tax notice** for the property or proof that you have registered for council tax at that property on a letter from your solicitor confirming that missives have been concluded or a rentbook for rented property, tenancy agreement or mortgage/bank statement. **Original documents must be produced.**

You must register your child in only one school, either the denominational or non-denominational school for your area. If you need information on schools for your area please telephone 0300 300 0170 or visit the website www.renfrewshire.gov.uk. If you want your child to go to a different school, you will also need to make a placing request.

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 and sportswear with logos.

This has recently resulted in children being excluded from friendship groups due to clothing and footwear.



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.

Please remember it is now illegal to park on pavements.

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!

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.



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.

Information in Emergencies

We make every effort to maintain a full educational service, but on some occasions circumstances arise which lead to disruption. Schools may be affected, for example, severe weather, temporary interruption of transport, power failures or difficulties of fuel supply. In such cases, we will do all we can to let you know about the details of closure or reopening. We will keep in touch using letters, email and text messaging, notices in shops, churches and community centres and on the school and council's websites, announcements in the press and on local radio.

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.

Diary Dates

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

March 2020

3 March	Scholastics Book Fair
5 March	World Book Day
12 March	STEM Day
25 March	P3 Open Day 2.15-3pm

April 2020

01 April	Spring Parade Nursery, P1 – P3
02 April	Easter Services St Mark's Church
03 April	Holiday
6 to 17 April	Easter Holiday's
20 April	School Reopens
23 April	PTA Spring Disco

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 _____