

# ROSEMOUNT PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



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## October 2019 NEWSLETTER

### 'Be Bright Be Seen' and Wear Your Seatbelt!

*The following advice has been issued by the Education Authority:*

"Thank you for your ongoing support in promoting the safety of pupils travelling to and from schools and colleges. At this time of year, pupils need to be particularly vigilant. Limited visibility during dark mornings and evenings, along with heavy traffic and the excitement surrounding the Christmas season, can increase the likelihood of serious, and sometimes fatal, accidents. Please encourage all young people to wear reflective clothing and high visibility items, especially during the dark mornings and evenings, when travelling between home, bus stops and school."

**Be Bright,  
Be Seen**



### Dates for the Diary;

Week Beginning Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October

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Parent teacher meetings

Halloween Panto for P6 and P7 pupils

Halloween disco

**Pupils finish school at 1pm to facilitate staff training**

### **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November (Inclusive) - SCHOOL CLOSURE**

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020 @ 3pm

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020

School grounds 'clean-up' (see note below)

Scholastic Book Fair

Flu vaccination

Y6 YES Project (Youth Educated in Safety)

Confirmation Y7

First Holy Communion P4

***Please note some of these dates are provisional and could be subject to change.***

### Macmillan Cancer Support

John McGinley and Mrs McMenamin recently organised events to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. John managed to keep quiet for a week (unbelievably!) while our coffee morning was another great success. Leftover food was sent to Foyle Food Bank. We will publish final amounts raised soon. Thank you as always for your generosity.



### PTA

The contribution that the PTA has made to our school over this past two years is well publicised at this stage. They not only provide much needed funds to support our children's learning but have also provided practical support for supervision and events. They are looking for new members but we will provide further information regarding this in the near future.

### School Grounds 'Clean-up'

Weather permitting, we hope to do a clean-up of the school grounds on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October from 9.30am - 11.00am. We aim to tackle the problem of leaf litter among other issues that affect how our school looks and to ensure our premises remain safe for everyone who accesses our school. If any adults/parents can spare 1½ hours, we promise to give you a free cup of tea! Leave your name in the office.

## Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent teacher meetings are an important way for parents to find out about the progress that your child is making. It gives you, the parent, an opportunity to discuss with your child's teachers any concerns or information which you think the teacher should know. At Rosemount we like to hold our parent meetings early in the year so that any areas of concern can be addressed as soon as possible. Staff are available throughout the year, with appointment, to meet with parents to discuss progress or any other issues which you feel are important.

## School Traffic

Congestion is a problem faced by many schools and workplaces due to heavy volumes of traffic. Please be patient and considerate of other road users and residents when dropping children off to school. Most importantly, be mindful of the children going to and from school. Their safety takes precedence to all other considerations. Some schools close off the staff carpark to traffic – our system works quite well and we hope to continue with the system as it is, with your co-operation and patience.



## Parental Contribution To Sustain Our Clubs

Last year we requested a contribution from parents who make use of our After School Clubs. Annually our Early Bird and After School clubs cost between £3000 - £4000 for the school to run. The clubs are an important aspect of our school and in many cases help parents who need to get to work before school starts. Last year we raised in excess of £1200 which made our club more affordable for the school. We have applied for funding also to make up the shortfall between the cost and contributions made by parents. Thank you for your support last year. A letter will go out shortly requesting a voluntary contribution from those families that can afford to pay it and explaining in more detail how you can help. Thanks also to the family who donated snacks for children who attend the clubs. The children are really enjoying them!

## Internet Safety

In a fast changing world, online and internet safety is an area many parents feel anxious about but are uncertain what to do about it. Talking to your child – openly, and regularly – is the best way to help keep them safe online. You might find it helpful to start with a family discussion to set boundaries and agree what's appropriate.

### 3 tips to help start the conversation

1. Explore sites and apps together and talk about any concerns.
2. Ask your child if they know how to stay safe online.
3. Talk about personal information and what to share and what NOT to share online.

Get more advice about how to [talk to your child](#) to help them stay safe at

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>.



## Events that have taken place this term so far.....

Maths Presentation for P4 – P7 by Mr Andrew Jeffreys (Magic Message)

Health Promotion Day at St Cecilia's College for Year 7 pupils

Annie – The Show in the Millenium Forum for P3 – P7

Seagate Sponsored STEM Workshop P5 - P6

Families Connect - Parents and pupils from Year 1-4

Child Protection Inspection

Pupils take part in Liturgy of the Word and Choir at Sunday Mass