

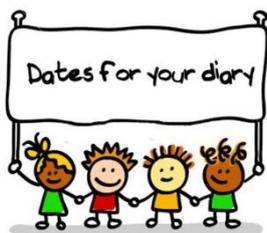
ROSEMOUNT PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



November /December 2019
NEWSLETTER

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Parent Teacher Meetings - Staff would like to pass on their thanks to all those parents who attended the Parent Teacher Meetings and for the supportive role that you play which was evident from discussions with the class teacher. If you were unable to attend the meeting, please contact the class teacher. Research clearly shows that pupil's whose parents are actively engaged in and show an interest in their children's learning are better behaved and make more progress. If you have any concerns about any aspect of your child's education or provision within the school, please make an appointment to speak with the class teacher or Mr Bradley. Please note all meetings with the class teacher should be by appointment only and should not take place during class time between 9.00am and 3.00pm unless pre-arranged. *The Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO – Mrs Meenan) will be available on Friday afternoons from 1.30-3.00pm for parents who have a concern.* Please make an appointment beforehand.



Dates for the Diary

Week beginning 11th Nov

Fri 15th Nov

Tues 19th Nov

Wed 20th Nov

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Wed 20th Nov

Thurs 21st Nov

Mon 2nd Dec

Wed 4th Dec

Tues 10th Dec

Thurs 12th Dec

Fri 13th Dec

Mon 16th Dec

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Tue 17th Dec

Wed 18th Dec

Fri 20th Dec

Anti-bullying week. Class activities carried out
Rosemount Male Voice Choir to sing at assembly
Cyber-bullying workshop delivered to P4 & P5
International Children's Day. Class activities planned
Fireman Talk for P5 pupils
YES Project P6 trip (Youth Educated in Safety)
Choir to sing at Rosemount Resource Centre Cross Community Dinner
P7 Girls to Attend St Cecilia's College Christmas Workshop
P1 Storytelling with with Elga Logue- Library Service
Choir - Carol singing at Foyleside @ 10.00am
Carol Service in St Eugene's Cathedral @ 6.00pm
P1 Nativity @ 11.00am
Nursery Nativity @ 9.30am
Choir singing at Sainsburys
P2 Nativity @ 1.30pm
P3 Nativity @ 10.00am
End of term One – (P1-P3 finish @ 12 noon / P4-P7 finish @ 12.30pm)

Please note; Some of these dates and times may be subject to change

Winter Blues.... Please make sure that your child comes to school suitably dressed for the winter months. We like to get the children outside every day if at all possible. We are very proud of how well our pupils look, particularly at events in the community. Please make sure that pupils have the full school uniform to school including black shoes (no fluorescent or multi-coloured footwear please). For Health and Safety reasons pupils should not be wearing earrings to school – a stud earring is permitted.



Christmas Presents - We all love Christmas but it can be a stressful and expensive time of year. We are very aware that parents are also being asked to contribute towards school funds like never before. Staff do not expect presents at this time of year and have suggested that there are many charities who would benefit from money that is saved in this way.



Christmas Events/Donations - We have decided to take a one year break from our Annual Christmas Rikety Wheel but promise to be back bigger and better next year. We will hold a Christmas draw as usual and are appealing to any businesses who would like to support our school by donating a one-off attractive item that would be ideal for a STAR Prize in our Christmas Draw.

Parent Teachers' Association

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 13th November. The Association reported on fundraising events that took place throughout the year, practical ways in which the PTA helped the school, a financial report on income and expenditure and a report on what the money raised was spent on. Our Chairperson is Lisa McLaughlin, the secretary is Carolyn McGeehan, Vice-secretary is Catriona Curran and the treasurer is John Flood. We wish them well in their roles. It was agreed at the AGM to forego a Rickety Wheel Fundraiser this year as it was felt that many of the local businesses need a break from being constantly asked for donations, that the committee needed a break from the huge organisation involved and that the parents could also do with a break from what can be an expensive night out. We promise however to be back next year, bigger and better!

Job Opportunities!! Classroom Assistants / Mini-bus Driver

1. Throughout the school year we sometimes require additional classroom assistant support for pupils with specific learning difficulties. It has proved quite difficult to get classroom assistants, however, many schools are in the same position and those assistants who are available are snapped up quickly. If you know of a qualified classroom assistant, who is available for work, please encourage them to forward their name to the school office so that we can contact them if and when there is a need.
2. SURESTART require a mini-bus driver for 16 hours per week. If this is something you would be interested in or know someone who would be interested in driving for them, you can contact SURESTART or Mr Bradley for more details.



School Minor Works Programme

- Work has begun on the outdoor learning area outside the P2 and P3 classes. Hopefully this will be ready to use in the spring
- New boilers have already been installed but after a lot of pressure the Department have agreed to upgrade the control panels that work the heating system (delighted about this)
- The Department have also agreed to sort out the ongoing and extremely frustrating pot-hole that keeps rearing its head in the carpark. We are not sure to what extent the repair will take at this point but hopefully it will sort the problem out once and for all.
- An alder tree was removed facing the front entrance to the school. School maintenance along with specialist advice recommended that the tree was 'under stress' and posed a health and safety risk to passers-by as well as to the building itself.
- New taps and pipes will be fitted in the pupils' toilets.
- New gate to be fitted between Rosemount PS and St Joseph's Boys' School so that we can access and use their playing field safely.



A massive thanks to all those parents who made a contribution towards our Before and After School Clubs. Some parents have even committed to paying a small contribution daily – a great way of spreading the cost. Despite the contributions the school still subsidises the clubs to ensure that there is adequate supervision and provision made. We will try to cover some of this cost by applying for grant support through other sources as we know how important the clubs are for our parents and families.

Punctuality, Attendance and Time Keeping

School starts at 9.00am SHARP. Latecomers miss out on essential early morning learning and can disrupt the organisation of the class. Attendance is monitored monthly and the Educational Welfare Officer visits the school termly.



Elections December 2019

With the forthcoming elections just around the corner please be mindful of the well-publicised impact austerity measures have had on school budgets and our ability to deliver the curriculum as efficiently and effectively as we would like. Keep '**Funding for Education**' top of the political agenda and put hard questions to the politicians who are seeking your vote.