



R.S.M.P. School and Nursery Class Newsletter

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Autumn News

Dear Parent / Carer

After a challenging start to the year, staff and children are now back and settling into positive school routines. Thank you all for your understanding and patience over the first part of this session. Our safety routines continue in school as we move slowly back to some of the more normal activities that we all enjoy. Please read this letter carefully as some of the 'normal' activities that we would do at this time of year remain restricted due to Covid-19 regulations.

Parent's Night: We would love to be welcoming parents into the school for this event, but we are not allowed to do this. As a result, we have taken the decision to do telephone consultations instead. Each child should have received a letter in their bag explaining which day/days each class will be doing their consultations. Appointment slips will be in school bags today (Fri 22nd Oct) Calls will be from the school number, or one of 2 mobile phone numbers – 07823489273 or 07468531181

Monday 25 th Oct	Primary 2 and	Primary 3	
Tuesday 26 th October	Primary 4/5 and	Primary 1/2 and	
Wednesday 27 th October	Primary 1	Primary 3/4 and	Primary 7
Thursday 28 th October	Primary 5/6 and	Primary 6	Primary 7

Halloween We normally run a disco, but this year we will not be doing a Halloween disco. The current guidance issued to Head Teachers states 'large gatherings are still not permissible under the current guidance'. We will be having a dress down on Friday 29th Oct, where children can wear a costume (not too scary please and no weapons!). Class teachers will choose what activities they want to do with their class on that day.

School Photos We have a provisional booking with the Wilson Photography Wednesday 10th November for the full school.

Infant Playground: We love seeing parents at school in the mornings as they drop children off. Now the children are settled into their morning routine, we want parents to feel confident to leave their child to play until the bell goes. If you want to stay to watch your child go in, please can you step back from the playground to behind the black fencing (as many parents do). There are always staff there to look after the children.

Website: Our school website has been updated. Messages and news can also be found on the website as well as the app. To view it, go to <http://robertsmillieps.schoolwebsite.scot/>

Budget: £6500 of school 'Equity' funding has been allocated for parent and pupils to spend. Decision on this spend will be taken through voting. Mrs. Cassie and a group of parents have been discussing 3 options to choose from. Watch this space for the vote!

Flu Jab: Flu immunisation will take place on Tuesday 26th October. Many thanks for returning forms to ensure that this runs smoothly on the day.

Christmas This year we are hoping to hold an outdoor "*Winter Wonderland*" event rather than the usual Christmas fayre and Christmas performances. Plans are taking shape and we hope to be able to run a Santa's grotto, stalls with Christmas goodies, Christmas singing and a Nativity tableau. We will update parents with times and dates in the next couple of weeks.

Children's Christmas parties will be taking place in school as normal on the following dates:

Fri 17th Dec – P7, P6 & P5/6

Mon 20th Dec – P4/5, P3/4, P3

Tues 21st Dec – P2, P1/2, P1

Dress Down days Thank you to all who have donated their £1s to these. Our last dress down for MacMillan raised nearly £130!

Oct theme – Oct 29th – Fancy Dress / Costumes (or just dress down if you prefer)

Nov theme – Nov 26th – Bright colours

Dec theme – Dec 17th – Christmas Jumpers

Homework Home learning has begun again, using a mix of digital resources and paper based tasks. If your family are finding it hard to access digital resources / devices, please let the school know.

Dates for your Diary

Week of 25 th October	Parent Consultations
Friday 29 th October	DRESS DOWN DAY – fancy dress
Wednesday 10 th November	School photographs
Monday 15 th November	In-Service Day (Children don't attend school)
Week of 22 nd November	Enterprise Week in school
Friday 26 th November	DRESS DOWN DAY - Colourful
Friday 17 th December	P7, P6 & P5/6 Christmas Party
Friday 17 th December	DRESS DOWN DAY - Christmas Jumpers
Mon 20 th December	P4/5, P3/4, P3 Christmas Party
Tues 21 st December	P2, P1/2, P1 Christmas Party
Wednesday 22 nd December	Nursery Christmas Party
Wednesday 22 nd December	School Closes 2.30pm – Christmas Holiday
Wednesday 5 th January	School Opens following the holiday

Many thanks. *Mr. Peck*