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Dear RDM Family,

Welcome to Term 3 at RDM. The RDM team have been busy planning lots of exciting learning opportunities this term – so it is guaranteed to be a fun and busy term ahead! ROADMAPS will be issued at the end of the second week. They will highlight what key learning is being undertaken and how you can support at home, you should also be receiving termly updates through seesaw detailing next steps for your child in literacy and numeracy.

BUILDING OUR CURRICULUM

Following an extensive consultation exercise with our pupils, staff and latterly with you as parents through an online poll, we have been able to finalise and update our school values, vision and aims. These we feel reflect our current school. These will form the basis of all our planning and support how we take forward new ideas.

VALUES

TEAMWORK AMBITION INCLUSION RESPECT

VISION

**RDM – where we THINK BIG, AIM HIGH and reach our
destiny TOGETHER**

AIMS

We aim to move **FORWARD** by:

1. Ensuring **WELLBEING** underpins and drives learning within our school community, leading to happy, engaged and resilient pupils.
2. Inspiring our learners to be **AMBITIOUS** and reach their potential.
3. Equipping our learners with the **SKILLS** for learning, life and work so that they can make contributions locally and globally.
4. Helping our learners to **CELEBRATE** and explore Scone's historical and entrepreneurial roots.

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WEBSITE

Our updated Website is now up and running – this can be found at:

<http://robertdouglassmemorialschool.schoolwebsite.scot/>

The Website links to our APP and therefore is automatically updated with any messages / news – you will also find key documents and newsletters as they are published.

SCOTS POETRY COMPETITION

Preparations have started for our annual Scot's poetry competition. The final of this will take place on Friday 25th January. Pupils are permitted to wear something tartan should they wish to do so.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR WIDER ACHIEVEMENT

Term 3 sees the launch of our 'Wider Achievement' Groups. These collaborative sessions will provide children with the opportunity to develop a whole range of skills through varied contexts, equipping them for success in the modern and evolving world around us. The development of these skills for learning, life and work, will derive from the opportunities outlined below. Further details, and a plea for help, to follow!

P1-3	P4-7
<i>Drama & Filming Club</i>	<i>Animation & Digital Skills</i>
<i>Play-doh Sculpting Club</i>	<i>Construction & Model Making</i>
<i>Yoga & Mindfulness</i>	<i>National Galleries of Scotland Art Club</i>
<i>Netball</i>	<i>Intergenerational Buddies</i>
<i>Super Scientists</i>	<i>Sports' Committee</i>
<i>National Galleries Art Club</i>	<i>Creative Dance</i>
<i>ICT Coding Club</i>	<i>Learn To Knit</i>
	<i>Festival Choir</i>
	<i>RDM Bake Off!</i>
	<i>Cross Country Crusaders</i>
	<i>Tennis Club</i>
	<i>Music & Recorders</i>
	<i>Rights Respecting Champions</i>

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SCHOOL FUND

As a school, we wish to thank-you again for all of your support in our fundraising events this session so far. From the proceeds raised at our Christmas events we were able to:

- ✓ Cater and provide food for every class at RDM for their Christmas party, including a special P7 party.
- ✓ Reduce the cost of transport for trips which are taking place happening this term.
- ✓ Purchase equipment and resources to support our wider achievement groups.
- ✓ Pay affiliation costs for RDM to participate in PKC and sporting events.

We will endeavour to be as transparent as possible with how we spend our school fund and will continue to consult with our staff and pupils on this. At the moment much of our fund is spent on subsidising transport costs.

PARENT COUNCIL

As a reminder, The Parent Council has an email address that they can be contacted on:
rdmparentcouncil@gmail.com



You can also follow them on Twitter [@RDMParentC](https://twitter.com/RDMParentC) and Facebook: [RDM Parent Council](https://www.facebook.com/RDMParentCouncil) –

These are the only OFFICIAL PAGES which link with the school.
The next meeting of the Parent Council will be on

Tuesday 15th January 6.45 for 7.00pm.

We are hoping to undertake some consultation around report cards at this session, so do come along if you have any suggestions that would support these.

KEY DATES for February – as highlighted in our APP:

- Robert Burns Poetry Final – 25th January
- [P1 Enrolment](#) – Week Beginning 14th January
- [Nursery Enrolment](#) – Week beginning 21st January. Please note you need to register each year.
- School is CLOSED to all pupils - Wednesday 13th February – Friday 15th February.
- World Book Day - 1st March. Pupils are permitted to dress up as book characters on this day.

Thank-you for your continued support,

Lynne Lambert

Mrs Lambert – Head Teacher

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