

2017-18: NEWSLETTER 7

FEBRUARY / MARCH 2018

Dear RDM Family,

What a busy start we have had to Term 3 at RDM. You will be aware that two weeks ago we had a visit from HM Inspectors. Our pupils excelled themselves and we are incredibly proud of how they represented our school community. We are looking forward to sharing the news from our recent Inspection visit with you in due course. Very special thanks to everyone who was able to provide feedback and contribute to this week.

Following our weather related closures last week – we would like to thank our Parent Council, volunteers and Colin our Janitor for helping us clear the playground on Sunday enabling us to get back to school today.

We will be in touch later this week, to confirm the rescheduled date for School Photographs.



WORLD BOOK DAY

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day today on **Monday 5th March**. All day at RDM we will be thinking about reading, being inspired to read new books and we will hear about new authors.

PARENT CONTACT SESSIONS –

Go live MONDAY 5th MARCH 6pm

Following earlier correspondence, Our parent contact sessions will take place on **Tuesday 13th March from 5pm – 7pm** and **Thursday 15th March from 3.30pm – 5.30pm**.

To make life simpler - you can now access the link to the online booking system for Parents Evening, through the **information tab on our APP** or at:

<https://rdmps.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Please do contact the office if you experience any difficulties.



SCOTS POETRY COMPETITION

Last month we held our Annual Scots Poetry Competition. The standard of presentation was just exceptional. Huge congratulations to **GRACE CUNNINGHAM in P6** who took home the Julia Trophy this year.



BIG TALK

Keep looking out for our BIG TALK theme on Twitter and on our APP

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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. We have further supported the following from our school fund this month:

- ✓ Updated selected play equipment in our Nursery
- ✓ Subsidised transport costs for school trips
- ✓ Equipment has been purchased to support context / topic learning in a variety of stages throughout the school.



Please see our January Newsletter for further spending.

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.



PARENT COUNCIL – Next Event:

Easter Family Fun Day

at RDM School on
Sunday 18th March

- *easter egg hunt
- *easter hat competition
- *raffle for giant Thorntons egg
- *bake sale

RDM Parent Council

Easter Egg Hunt starts at 1pm from RDM Dinner Hall, Bake Sale from 1pm, Easter Hat Competition at 1.45pm and raffle at 2pm for the Thorntons Egg



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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 THURSDAY 22nd MARCH at 7pm

This is a great opportunity to be part of consultations based around decisions for our school and to hear what is planned for the future.

SCHOOL MEAL PRICE INCREASE

The price of school meals will rise following the Easter Holidays. These will **increase to £2.15** applicable from 17 April 2018. This increase was approved at the Special Council meeting on 22 February. This charge applies to nursery and pupils in primary 4 to primary 7.

All primary 1 to primary 3 pupils will continue to receive their school lunch free of charge.



SNSA (Scottish National Standardised Assessments)

All Pupils in P1, P4 and P7 will be undertaking Scottish National Assessments before the Easter holidays. We had an opportunity to discuss these at our last Parent Council meeting. Further information on these assessments is available on our APP or at: <https://standardisedassessment.gov.scot/parents-and-carers/>.

Alternatively, please do contact the office where we will be happy to send home information regarding these and talk to you about them.

KEY DATES– as highlighted in our APP:

- **PARENT CONTACT Evenings: Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th March**
- **School closes for Easter: Thursday 29th March 2018**

Thank-you for your continued support,

Lynne Lambert

Mrs Lambert – Head Teacher

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