

**2019-20: NEWSLETTER 3**

**OCTOBER 2019**

Dear RDM Family,

Welcome back to Term 2 at RDM. We are looking forward to the term ahead at RDM and all of the festivities that lie before us! Included in this newsletter are updates of all of the important events. These have also been updated to our school APP.

## **1. GLOBAL HAPPINESS**

This year at RDM we have been linking with the British Council working with schools across the World to consider what happiness is and how this looks for children in other countries. In our classes we have spoken about and explored all the different ways that we are happy and what being happy really means. This project led by Mr Boyd is affording 4 of our P7 pupils to present the work we have undertaken at a conference in Birmingham later this term.

To support the cost of their trip, the pupils who are attending have organised a Bingo Tea on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm** in the school hall. All are welcome to attend. Entry is £1 and bingo books and dabbers will be on sale inside. Great prizes, lovely eats and good company!

## **2. ANNUAL PUMPKIN COMPETITION**

Last session we launched a pumpkin carving competition – what a creative bunch we have at RDM. This year – our House Captains are organising this competition again. All pupils are welcome to enter this competition. Pumpkins should be brought to school on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019**, clearly labelled with the child's name and class. The House Captains have requested an entry fee of 50p – which they will use to support their winning house activities and treats. There will be winners announced in each year group. We look forward to seeing all the pumpkins in our quiet garden!



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### **3. PARENT COUNCIL**

#### **Halloween Discos – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November**



**P1-3 - 5:45-7:00pm**

**P4-7 - 7:15-8:30pm**

The cost of the disco is £3.00, this includes juice and a sweet– you pay at the door. There will also be a Tuck shop, The Parent Council have emphasised that a maximum of £3 spending money should be sufficient. Also a wee reminder think about where children will store their money – Halloween outfits don't tend to have pockets!

All parents/carers should remain with their children until they are in the hall. It would be really helpful if parents/carers could take outdoor coats away with them when the children go into the hall. Due to our numbers, only parent volunteers can remain in the hall during the disco. All children must be collected by an adult – please let your child know who is coming to collect them.

#### **Rag Bag**

The Parent Council are organising a Clothing Collection to raise funds – a perfect opportunity to have a clear out before Christmas and have items of clothing recycled! There is a Rag Bag box beside the P2 door, to place your bags.



### **4. HOUSETIME**

This term we have plans to get together in our houses from P1-7. Your child will be allocated a housetime group where they will go to and get to know boys and girls across the school. This is important in such a big school as it helps us bond as a community and contributes to the positive ethos we have established. This term the focus will be on developing a range of new playground games – developing skills of co-operation and communication.

This term we will get together on 2 occasions for a part of the afternoon on:

- **12<sup>th</sup> November**
- **19<sup>th</sup> November**

Pupils are invited to wear their house colours on these days, should they choose to do so. Wider achievement groups for P3-7 pupils will commence in term 3 – with options as to specific skills and groups pupils would like to be part of.

## 5. PARENTS EVENING

Parent's evenings will take place on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 5pm – 7.30pm** and **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 4pm – 6.30pm**. The online booking system will go live on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 9am and will close on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 9am. The link for the Parent Evening booking system is available through our APP or at <https://rdmps.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

If you are experiencing any problems please contact the school office 01738 454455, where they will be happy to assist you.

Nursery parent contact will take place week beginning **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November until Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November**. The nursery team will arrange appointments with key workers.

There will be a **Book Fair** open on both Parents Evenings. We have been altering the company we use for parents evening and this year it will be SCHOLASTIC. The school still benefits from a percentage of all items sold - a great chance to get the Christmas shopping underway!



There will also be a **RAFFLE** for school funds – the proceeds of which will support the Christmas parties.

## 6. In-service Days

Please note that the school will be closed to all Nursery and school children on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** for staff in-service training.

## 7. Poppy Appeal



As in previous years, we will have poppies for sale in school the week beginning the **4<sup>th</sup> November**. This is just a very small donation – should you wish to participate. As a whole school we will commemorate remembrance by observing a one minute silence on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November**. We will host our own remembrance service in the school grounds.

## 8. CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Below we have included our plans for Christmas this session. As a last year there will only be one ticketed event – the P1-3 Nativity. Other classes will have an opportunity for a performance later in the session.



- **P1-3 will undertake their Nativity at Christmas – the dates for this are 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> December.** This will be a ticketed event – tickets will cost £3 and will be allocated initially 2 per family. The event will take place in the Dinner Hall. We will notify you when tickets are available for this. If you have restrictions due to work commitments, let us know and we will do our best to accommodate ticket requests.
- **The times for performances for P1 – P3 nativity are noted below:**

Wednesday 11th	09.30 – 10.30am	P1-3 performance
Thursday 12th	09.30 – 10.30am	P1-3 performance
Thursday 12th	14.00 – 15.00	P1-3 performance

Please note that due to the Dinner Hall being used for performances on these days, the lunch menu will alter – all pupils will have lunch in their classrooms. We will let you know the options available closer to the date.

Should you require any special assistance for these concerts, please do contact us at the office.

- **P4-7 will be hosting an OUTDOOR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT.** There are no tickets for this event, but there may be an opportunity to purchase Christmas treats / hot drinks. This event will be held outdoors at the front of the school on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December starting at 6.30pm.** All classes will perform classic Christmas carols which we will be encouraging everyone to join in with. P4 and P5 will have the opportunity to be part of a stage performance in term 3, and P6 and P7 will have this opportunity in the summer term.



## 9. CHRISTMAS PARTIES / DATES

Date	Event
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	P1 – P3 Nativity Nursery Christmas Party
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	P1 – P3 Nativity
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch Wear Christmas Jumpers Nursery Celebration
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	P6 Christmas Party (afternoon)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	P5 (morning) P4 (afternoon) Christmas Party P7 Christmas Party (evening)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	P3 (morning) P2 (afternoon) Christmas Party Outdoor Christmas Community Carol Service P4 – P7
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	P1 Christmas Party (morning) Specialist Provision Christmas Party (afternoon)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service at Church School Closes at 12 noon

I look forward to seeing you at our up and coming Parent's Evenings.

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