

Dear RDM Family,

What a busy start we have had to the term at RDM – from Burn's recitals, wider achievement opportunities and new and exciting learning contexts things are fully underway in RDM this year. Included in this newsletter are key dates for the term ahead. These can also be found on our APP.

This term we are really looking forward to celebrating World Book Day and our P4/5 pupils will be working towards a performance of 'Ye Ha!' – dates are included below.

We celebrate events around the school using our twitter feed – do follow us @RDMScone

1. Burns Competition

Huge congratulations to everyone who learned and performed a Scottish poem. The standard of performances was high with superb performances from P1 all the way to P7.

Extra special congratulations to Kate in P7 – who was awarded our Julia Quach this year, for her recital of 'Tam O' Shanter'.



2. Parent Council

Our next Parent Council meeting is on **Tuesday 11th February at 6.30pm** – all parents are warmly invited to attend. Minutes from the previous meeting are available on the APP.

There are still a few cookbooks left for sale at the cost of £5 if you didn't manage to purchase one before Christmas. These make excellent gifts and are full of lots of tasty recipes.

Special thanks to Alison our Parent Helper who come in each Friday to sort and organise lost property. If you are looking for any items, lost property is located at the P2 door. All items are tagged and dated. Please do remember to label as many items as possible, to ensure these are returned at the end of the week.

3. SNSA Assessments

Our P7 pupils will be undertaking their Scottish National Assessments over the course of this week. With P4 during March and P1 in May / June. The assessments are designed to be part of learning activities within the curriculum. It is important that pupils understand that the literacy and numeracy digital activities are very much part of their day to day learning. Teaching staff will work with groups of children from each class using ipads or laptops to support pupils when working through the activities. The assessments have been designed to

be inclusive to accommodate the needs of those who require additional support. Further information is available on our APP should you like to find out more.

4. Welfare rights

We've been asked to highlight the following information to you:

Would you like to know if you're missing out on any entitlements? Perth & Kinross Council's Welfare Rights Team offer a free, confidential and impartial welfare rights service to the residents of Perth & Kinross.

"Don't miss out, contact the Council's Welfare Rights Team if you would like free, confidential and impartial benefits advice or representation on 01738 476900 (option 1) or via email:

WelfareRights@pkc.gov.uk. The team can advise on the following:

- Benefits advice
- Challenging benefit decisions
- Debt advice
- If you're struggling financially, they can advise on your options e.g. Crisis Grants or other help
- If you're struggling to pay for school trips

You can also check out their webpages including this page where there is information about help available for families: www.pkc.gov.uk/benefitsforfamilies and the general page about the Welfare Rights Team: www.pkc.gov.uk/wrt

SUMMARY OF KEY DATES

Date	Event
Wednesday 12 February	In-Service Training Day for Staff. School closed to all pupils
Thursday 13 February	MID-TERM HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 14 February	MID-TERM HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 17 February	School re-opens after mid-term holiday
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 11 th March	Scone Seniors Concert at RDM (pm)
Tuesday 17 th and 19 th Thursday March	Parent's Evenings
Wednesday 25 th and Thursday 26 th March (afternoon)	P4/5 Show 'Ye Ha!' – Dinner Hall

Robert Douglas Memorial School

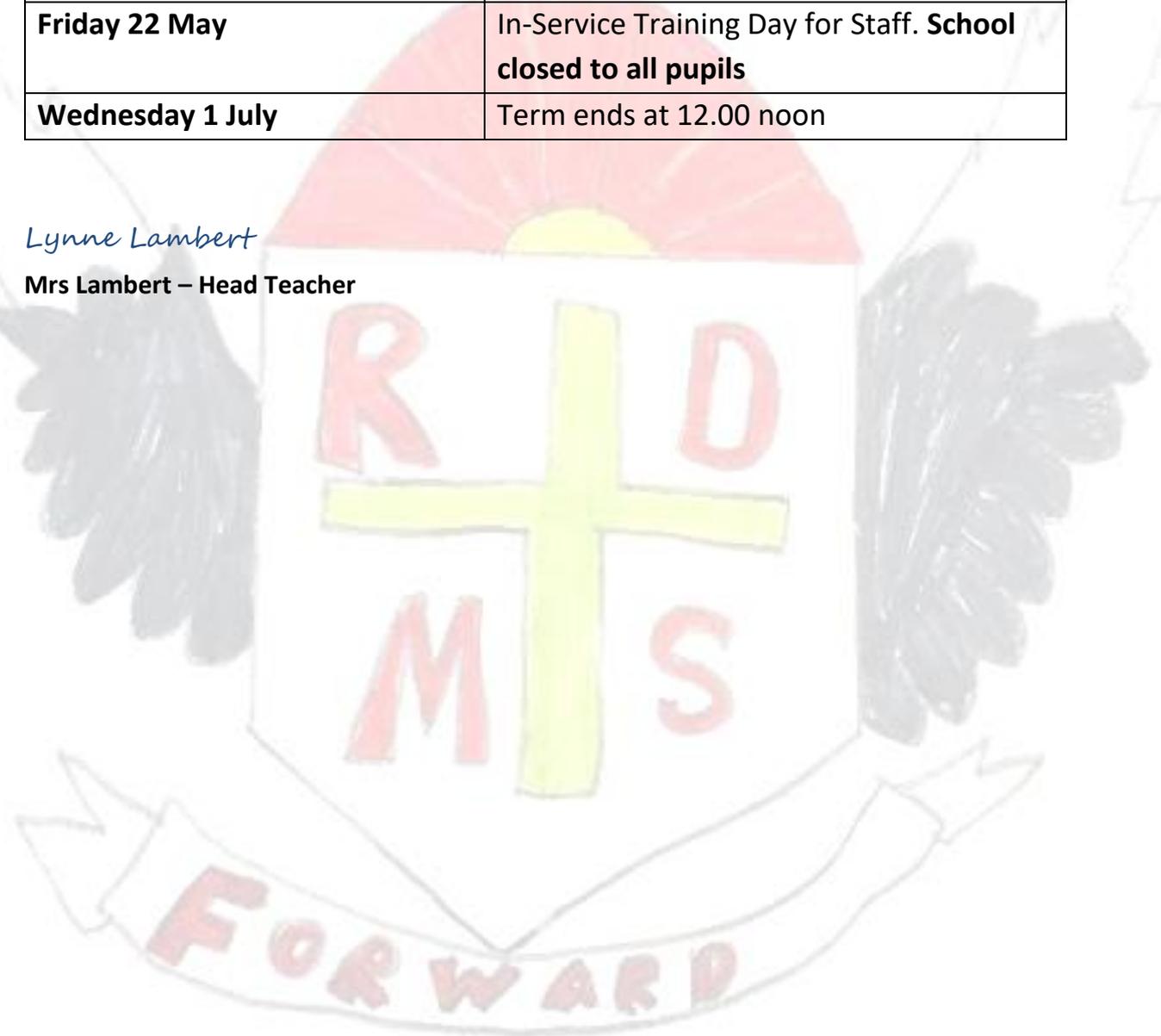
'Forward together in Learning'



Friday 3 rd April	School Closes for Easter Holidays - 3.15pm
Monday 20 April	Term begins
Wednesday 23 April	P6 + P7 Take your child to work day.
Friday 8 May	MAY DAY HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 22 May	In-Service Training Day for Staff. School closed to all pupils
Wednesday 1 July	Term ends at 12.00 noon

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