

2018-19: NEWSLETTER 3

OCTOBER 2018

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. PARENT COUNCIL

The AGM of the parent council took place on Thursday 27th September 2018 at 6.30pm – the minute of the meeting is available on the APP to view.

There are a few important updates to share with you:

New committee 2018-2019

Chair - Claire MacFarlane
Vice Chair - Louise Walsh
Secretary - Michelle Jamieson & Lynzi Stewart
Treasurer - Viktoriia Paton

On behalf of the Parent Council and school community, we would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to our outgoing committee members, Wendy Reid (Chair), Victoria Ritchie (Secretary) and Angela Thomson (Treasurer).

We're pleased to say that they are still involved with the fundraising team which also includes Kay Bisset, Sam Wells, Gaynor Hood, Emma Smith, Dawn Turner and Fiona Coyle. If you would like to support this, the team would make you more than welcome.

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Halloween Discos – Friday 2nd November

P1-4 - 5:45-7:00pm

P5-7 - 7:15-8:30pm



The cost of the disco is £3.50, this includes juice, chocolate bar and glow stick – you pay at the door. There will also be a Tuck shop (including water), and glow goodies will be available to buy in the hall. 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!

@RDMScone

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! Bags with full details will be issued on Thursday 1st November.



Filled bags to be returned to shed next to Dinner Hall on the following dates:

- Wednesday 7th Nov between 3pm - 3.15pm
- Thursday 8th Nov between 8.35am - 9.10am and 3pm - 3.15pm
- Friday 9th Nov between 8.35am - 9.10am and 3pm - 3.15pm

Additional bags will be available from the office.

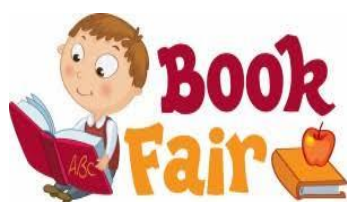
2. PARENTS EVENING

Parent's evenings will take place on **Monday 12th November 5pm – 7.30pm** and **Wednesday 14th November 4pm – 6.30pm**. The online booking system will go live on Monday 5th November at 9am and will close on Friday 9th 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 19th November until Thursday 22nd November**. The nursery team will arrange appointments with key workers.

There will be a **Book Fair** open on both Parents Evenings. Following feedback from last year, this year we have used the company THE BOOK PEOPLE. 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.

3. In-service Days

Please note that the school will be closed to all Nursery and school children on **Thursday 15th and Friday 16th November** for staff in-service training.

4. Poppy Appeal



As in previous years, we will have poppies for sale in school the week beginning the 5th November. This is just a very small donation – should you wish to participate. As a whole school we will commemorate remembrance by observing a minutes silence on Friday 9th November. In all classes, we will be creating wreaths to present at our whole school remembrance service.

5. CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Below we have included our plans for Christmas this session. As a staff team, we have reflected on the feedback we received last session and have decided to alter things slightly – to include only 1 ticketed event and the opportunity for an evening performance. It is important to us that EVERY CHILD has the opportunity at some point in the school year to be part of a performance, therefore:



- **P1-3 will undertake their Nativity at Christmas – the dates for this are 12th & 13th 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.
- **P4-7 will be hosting an OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.** There are no tickets for this event, but there will be an opportunity to purchase Christmas treats. This event will be held in the **evening of Tuesday 11th December starting at 6pm.** The format of the evening will be to tour round the school grounds experiencing different aspects of Christmas. More details will be issued in the next newsletter.
- P4 and P5 will have the opportunity to be part of a stage performance at Easter, and P6 and P7 will have this opportunity in the summer term.

The times for performances for P1 – P3 nativity are noted below:

Wednesday 12th	09.30 – 10.30am	P1-3 performance
Wednesday 12th	14.00 – 15.00	P1-3 performance
Thursday 13th	09.30 – 10.30am	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.



6. CHRISTMAS PARTIES / DATES

Date	Event
Tuesday 11 th December	Nursery Celebration
Tuesday 11 th December	P4 – P7 Outdoor Christmas festival
Wednesday 12 th December	P1 – P3 Nativity
Thursday 13 th December	P1 – P3 Nativity
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch Wear Christmas Jumpers Nursery Christmas party
Monday 17 th December	P6 Christmas Party
Tuesday 18 th December	P4 (morning) P5 (afternoon) Christmas Party P7 Christmas Party (evening)
Wednesday 19 th December	P2 (morning) P3 (afternoon) Christmas Party Base winter celebration
Thursday 20 th December	P1 Christmas Party Base Christmas Party
Friday 21 st December	Christmas Service at Church School Closes at 12 noon

7. PARKING REMINDER / DOGS IN THE PLAYGROUND

It has come to our attention that people who do not have blue badges are using this car parking space at drop off/ pick up times. Please could we ask that this space is only used for those who hold a blue badge and require closer access to the school building.

In addition, dogs are not permitted in the school grounds.

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

Lynne Lambert

Mrs Lambert – Head Teacher