

ROSLIN NEWS



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Nurture, Play, Respect



It has been a very positive beginning to the year and lovely to see so many smiling faces, children and adults, as everyone returned.

STAFF LEARNING

During the INSET days this month the staff engaged in a range of learning in line with our School Improvement Plan. We focused on Play Pedagogy, Child Protection, Spelling and our new Relationship and Sexual Health programme. The staff then worked hard to prepare the school spaces for the children and when they arrived on Wednesday the school was looking welcoming and engaging. The atriums between the classrooms have been set up as shared spaces for play and independent learning.

INITIAL PHASE

We begin the year with what we call the 'establishment phase'. For these first few weeks the focus in classes is getting to know new staff, developing a shared class understanding of expectations and learning about learning. After the September weekend the learning will become more structured, with reading books and homework in place (see below).

HOMEWORK AND CHROMEBOOKS

All of the P3-7 children now have their Chromebooks and this is an excellent time to rethink how we share the class learning at home. The way homework had been done in the past was expensive and environmentally costly as it amounted to a huge quantity of paper.

We are going to change the focus and rename our homework this year, calling it 'Independent Learning'. More details of this will follow but you should see a change in the tasks done at home so that they become more of an extension of learning in class.

We are aware that not all pupils have internet at home and not all parents want the children to use a device in the evening. Details of how we will manage this will also follow.

FAMILY LEARNING

As we write the newsletter we are thinking about ways to allow parents to come into school again and engage with the learning. Talking to some of the families the top request is just to come and look in the classroom, so the first of these will be a 'Meet the Teacher' event on 13th September at 3pm. You will be invited to come into the classroom and be shown around by your child/children. We know not all parents can be around to collect from school and will consider this as we plan other events. P1 and P2 parents will be invited to 'Stay and Play' sessions soon.



OUR VALUES. PLAY NURTURE RESPECT

Now that we have our values in place we are working to embed these across all we do. Our next step is to work to develop a vision and longer term strategy.

FOOD FOR FRIENDS

Thanks to all those who have responded to our request for resources to create a school 'food bank'. Following a suggestion on Twitter, we have decided to call this 'Food for Friends'. This is now up and running in the school entrance hall, thanks to one of our Nursery Parents for kindly offering to oversee the project. If you need anything please just take it, there is no need to ask. Food and other items are available to all from the school community. If you would like to contribute, currently we would like to provide more personal hygiene products, so deodorants, detergent, soap, period products.



RETURN TO NORMALITY

Swimming has restarted for the P4s and over the coming weeks you will be made aware of a range of other opportunities. Our clubs will be restarting and we are keen to make sure these are accessible to everyone. Some of the clubs require payment. If your child would like to attend and financially this is a struggle then please let us know as we can pay for them to attend. Our daytime clubs, like Dancing will also restart soon and now we will pay for these from the school budget to make sure anyone who wants to attend can. We are pleased that some of the inter-school sports events will also be restarting this session.



CYCLE HELMETS

Please can you make sure that any of the children coming to school on cycles or scooters are wearing helmets. Again if this is a challenge financially please let us know as we are keen to get as many of our children as possible avoiding using cars.

READING

We are thrilled to be working with the children to develop a culture of reading for enjoyment within the school. We will continue to invest in quality reading books and library books. Recently we have replaced the first readers and early novels and next session will replace the books for P2-4.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 13th September 3pm - Meet the Teacher and classroom visit
- September Weekend - school closed 16th and 19th September
- 23rd September - Macmillan Coffee Morning - details to follow
- Week beginning 26th - Maths Week
- Week beginning 3rd October - Parent Consultations - letter to follow
- 4th and 5th October - Dress rehearsals for Junior Tour Guides at the Chapel, 10am. Open to parents to come along, details to follow.
- October Holiday - 17th-24th October - Pupils return 25th October
- 24th October - Staff training
- 26th October- Individual and Family Photographs - letter to follow



Don't underestimate flu

The flu vaccine is offered to all children in Scotland aged 2 to 5 years.*

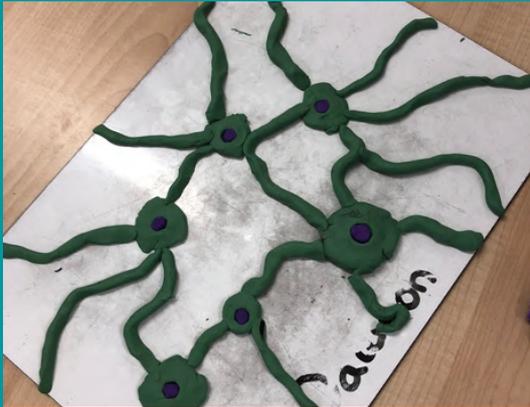


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The flu vaccine is an easy, painless and safe way to help protect your child this winter.

Visit [nhsinform.scot/childflu](https://www.nhsinform.scot/childflu) or call 0800 030 8013 to find out how to get the flu vaccine for your child.

*on 1 September 2022 (and not yet in primary school).



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Look out for the consent form, letter and information leaflet sent home from school.

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