



NEWSLETTER



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Welcome Back!

We hope you have all had a good summer break, and welcome to the 2016-17 Session. We would like to welcome our two new primary one pupils, who will be with us for half days until Friday 26th August.

Rights Respecting School Level 2 Award

Fantastic news to start our new session! We have successfully attained our UNICEF UK Rights Respecting Schools Level 2 award with 7 key strengths. Thank you to all who have supported us in our journey. The full report will be available to read at the first Parent Council meeting during this term.

Staff

We have a few changes to our staffing this session.

Mrs Riddell will be with our P1 – 3 class every day. Miss Smith will be with the P4-7 class with Mrs Mair in class on Thursdays.

Our PSAs stay as last session, with Mrs Mowat in daily, Mrs Watt on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, and Mrs Mair on Monday and Thursday mornings. Mrs Findlay (ASL) will be here all day each Wednesday for learning support. Our Visiting Specialist teachers this year are Mrs de Winser (MLPS French) every Tuesday afternoon, Mr Allan, (PE) who will be here every Wednesday morning and Ms Young (music) every Thursday afternoon.

Reminder of School Meal Price Increase

From Monday 15 August 2016 the following charges will apply:-

Primary Schools – Pupils - two course standard meal - **£2.15.**

Books of 10 lunch tickets will therefore be **£21.50.**

Primary One Banffshire Journal Photograph

A photographer from the Banffshire Journal will be here to take a photograph of our new P1 pupils tomorrow, Wednesday 17th August 2016 at approx. 11 am.

Annual Update forms

Our annual update forms will be sent home soon. When they are, can you please check them closely for any changes, especially for contact numbers then mark any changes, sign the form and return it as soon as possible?

Technologies Training

Susan Sey from Aberdeenshire Council's technologies team will be visiting to provide further iPad training for pupils and staff on Monday 29th August with a further visit after the October break.

Parent afternoon

We will have our annual Parent afternoon on Tuesday 6th September from 3.10 pm. Invitations will be issued to parents soon, and if there is an issue with the time you have been allocated, please let Mrs Stewart know, any day between 9 am and 1 pm.

Matilda Day

To celebrate what would have been Roald Dahl's 100th birthday, we will be holding a one day workshop with both classes on his 'Matilda' story on Friday 9th September. Further information to follow.

Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Afternoon

We will hold our annual Macmillan coffee afternoon on Friday 30th September from 1.30 to 2.30 pm. All friends, family and neighbours are welcome to join us in our big fundraiser.



Dates for your diary

Monday 29th August	P1 Pupils in all day
Friday 9th September	Matilda Day – To celebrate Roald Dahl's 100 th Birthday
Tuesday 6th September	Parents afternoon – Appointments from 3.10 pm onwards
Friday 7th October	School closes at 3 pm for the 'Tattie' Holidays
Monday 24th October	School resumes at 9 am
Thursday 27th October	Bag 2 School Collection of recycled clothing (see Mrs Stewart for bags)
Monday 14th November	In-Service Day
Tuesday 15th November	In-Service Day
Monday 19th December	Christmas Party 1.30 pm (Pupils may bring party clothes)
Wednesday 21st December	School closes at 3 pm for the Christmas Holidays
Thursday 5th January 2016	School resumes at 9 am
Friday 10th February	Occasional Day
Monday 13th February	Mid-Term Holiday
Tuesday 14th February	In-Service Day
Wednesday 15th February	In-Service Day
Friday 31st March	School closes at 3 pm for the Easter Holidays
Tuesday 18th April	School resumes at 9 am
Thursday 27th April	Bag 2 School Collection of recycled clothing (see Mrs Stewart for bags)
Monday 1st May	May Day Holiday
Wednesday 31st May	Sports Day 9.15 am
Monday 5th June	Occasional Day
Friday 30th June	School closes at 3 pm for the Summer Holidays

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