



# NEWSLETTER



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## **New Year, New Term**

Welcome to Term 3, and a Happy New Year to all. We hope you had a lovely break and are all set for the busy time ahead.

## **Christmas Dress as You Please Day Donations**

Pupils and staff raised £38.70 from their Christmas Jumper Dress as You Please Day on the last day of term. This will be sent to Marie Curie as chosen by our Pupil Council.

## **Home/School Partnership**

Your child's log in details for Athletics and Spellodrome / Nessy is in their school diary. Please can you encourage them to log in regularly to support the learning which is happening in class on a daily basis.

## **Primary One Registration Week**

Registration Week for Primary 1 is 15th January to 19th January 2018.

All children who reach their fifth birthday by 28th February 2019 are invited to register for Primary 1 for admissions in August 2018.

Aberdeenshire Education and Children's Services has a common starting date for all its school in the middle of August in any particular year. You will be informed of this year's starting date at the time of registration at school.

Parents are asked to visit the Primary school of their choice during Registration Week. If this is not possible, should try and visit the school by the end of February 2017. To register for Primary 1 the child's birth certificate is required as evidence of their date of birth.

Aberdeenshire Education and Children's Services make no provision to admit any children who are five after the end of February, unless that child has previously been registered and has commenced full-time attendance (excluding induction) in a state supported for Forces school and is transferring into Aberdeenshire. In this case, the local authority can exercise discretion. Registration for a nursery for playgroup does not count for the purposes of this exception.

## **Fordyce Primary School Pupil Council Librarian Leadership Group**

As a result of our school improvement self-evaluation process we have identified a vision for our school library through the three key quality indicators – leadership and management, learning and provision, success and achievements.

Our library vision statement: our school library is a central learning environment which promotes equity of experience for all learners and removes barriers to learning.

Following two visits to the Library in Portsoy last term, members of our Pupil Council Librarian Leadership Group are now ready to implement changes to our own Library with the support of Aberdeenshire Council Librarian Moira Stewart. We are now looking for support from our parents to categorise the Non-Fiction section of the library using a very basic Dewy System. Please contact the school office if you are able to support us in this.

## **Quality Improvement Visit**

We will have our Quality Improvement Visit on the morning of Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January with Fiona Cruickshanks. We would appreciate if some of our parents would be able to pop in to chat briefly with her. If you are available that morning, please let the school office know.

## **Rugby Festival**

Some of our P4-7 pupils have been identified to represent the school at our cluster's Rugby Festival on the morning of Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at either Duff House or Myrus Astro Turf depending on the weather. Permission slips will be issued to those pupils identified very soon.

### **Expressive Arts / STEM Club**

On Friday afternoons from now until the Mid Term break, our pupils will have the opportunity to learn crochet with support from members of the local community. They will also get to take part in STEM Club, with Miss Smith, learning about science.

### **Mid Term Break**

Pupils will have a break from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February inclusive. School will close on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 3 pm and resume on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 9 am. This comprises of one of Banff Cluster's Occasional Day holidays on the Friday, Mid Term holiday on the Monday and staff In-Service training on the Tuesday and Wednesday.

### **Norsk Klub**

Pupils in P4-7 will be able to take part in Norsk Klub during this term. Permission slips will be sent out nearer the time. Mrs Stewart will do a four week block of Norwegian in a lunchtime club from Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February until Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

### **First Golf**

Our First Golf trained parents, Mrs Innes and Mrs Findlater will run an after school First Golf club for P4-7 pupils at the end of Term 3. Sessions will be on Wednesdays from 21<sup>st</sup> February until the 28<sup>th</sup> March from 3 to 4 pm. Permission slips will follow soon. Please note this is **ONLY** for P4-7 pupils.

### **Dates for your diary:**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018

School closed for Occasional Day Holidays

Mid Term Holiday

In-Service Day

In-Service Day

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Christmas Party 2017