

## Session 19-20

We have had an excellent start to the new session. The children have returned to school refreshed and ready to learn. This time of year is always busy and we appreciate everyone's hard work to make this such a positive experience.

Our new Primary 1 pupils have settled very well and are coming to the end of their first full week of school.

### Staffing

Several new members of staff joined the team at the beginning of the session. They bring with them a variety of strengths and experience. We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Paterson and Mrs Andrew from maternity leave.

P1H – Mrs Paterson/ Mrs Hendry

P1M – Miss Morrison/Miss Hay

P2/1 – Miss Pollard

P2L – Mrs Lofthouse

P2M – Mrs Martin

P3G – Mrs Gibb/ Ms Shepherd

P3H – Miss Hammond

P4G – Mrs Moore/ Mrs Garden

P4M – Miss McDonald

P5/4 – Miss Crawford

P5C – Mrs Clark / Mrs Templeton

P5T – Miss Tocher

P6C – Ms Callander

P6L – Mrs Lovie

P7A – Miss Adair

P7D – Mrs Davies

## Inclusion and Diversity Project

We are keen to begin an inclusion project to celebrate the cultures and diversity of our school community. Topics may include careers, languages, culture, and traditions. Please get in touch if you would like to be involved. Thank you to those who have already expressed an interest.

### Uniform

Our pupils are looking very smart in their new uniforms. Please ensure everything is labelled as we continue to have a large volume of unnamed lost property.



We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and children that uniform is strongly encouraged including black shoes.

Jewellery should be kept to a minimum and long hair tied up wherever possible particularly for sporting activities.

### Seasons for Growth

Following the implementation of the Seasons for Growth Program, 2 groups of children have gone through the course to help them deal with bereavement, separation, change and loss. If you would like your child to take part in this, please email [joanna.pirie@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:joanna.pirie@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) or [katrina.keith@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:katrina.keith@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

Further information can be found in the email distributed to all parents this week.

## Helping in School - PVG

If you would like to help in your child's class, on a school trip or in any other capacity around the school you will require a PVG. Forms can be collected from the school office. If you think that you might be available to help at any point this session, please pick one up as soon as possible so that we can get the information processed.

## Lend a Hand

Many parents have expressed that they are unable to help around the school during the day but would like to contribute in some way. We are planning a 'Lend a Hand' evening on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 5-7pm. We have many tasks we require some help with, inside and out, to keep our school looking in the best condition for our learners.



A doodle poll will open on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September, please keep an eye out for more information.

## Homes wanted!

Do you live in the Badger Rise, Sett Road, Scotsmill or Brockwood area? We are looking for volunteers to store and place our new signs on Fintray Road at 8am and collect them after school drop off. We are looking to trial this 1 day a week initially to alert drivers to their speed as they approach the village. Please get in touch if you could help.



More information on how the money was raised to provide these signs, in our next newsletter.

## Donations

We are looking for 2 or 3 good quality balance bikes that require a new home. We have many children who benefit from using these in school and our currently supply are in high demand. If you have one sitting in your garage that your children are finished with, we'd be delighted to take it off your hands!

## Twitter

This session we will be continuing with Twitter Take over. Make sure you follow us to see our updates! Next week P6L will be sharing their learning.



## Aldi's Kit for Schools

We are taking part in Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion which gives 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy. Every school taking part will also receive an exclusive sports kit!

If you spend over £30 in store you will receive a Team GB sticker. Please bring these into school, there will be a box at the front door for children to post these into. Please ask friends and family to help collect these for us!



## Dates for Diary

- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept – Snapshot Jotters Home
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept – Meet the Teacher 6-7pm
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Lend a Hand Evening 5-7pm
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – P3G & P5/4 Learning café
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of term
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October – In-service Day
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Term 2 begins

A full calendar of events will be available on our website shortly.



## **Who to Contact?**

In the event that you have a question or concern, you should contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. They are the people who know your child best in school and will be able to resolve most issues which arise. If you feel that your concern has still not been resolved then you should contact the appropriate member of the management team:



Nursery Mrs Ruth Stannard

P1-3 Miss Morrison

P4-5 Mrs Farquhar

P6-7 Mrs Davies

If there's a significant ongoing matter, Class Teachers will include a member of the SMT in emails to ensure everyone is kept fully informed.

We work very closely as a management team and all issues which arise within school are shared with Mrs Farquhar, the Head Teacher. If you feel you require to meet with her, please make an appointment via the office.

As always if there is anything we can help you with, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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