



October Newsletter

Dates for the Diary					
Wednesday	7 October	Last Breakfast Club	Monday	26 October	Term 2 begins
Thursday	8 October	Open Afternoon 2pm	Monday	26 October	Netball Club starts
Friday	9 October	Last day of term			

Dear Parent/Carer,

Who can believe we're into October already? What a quick term it has been!

P1 parents

Our new P1 children are enjoying school and everyone has settled in well. Thank you to both Mrs McManus and Miss White for ensuring that this is the case.

Parents of P1 children are kindly asked to make sure that children are able to dress/undress themselves on PE days – please take some time to teach your children this over the October holidays.

Please also ensure that names are on **all** items of clothing, thank you.

Parent Council

After fundraising over the past two sessions, the school were delighted to receive a cheque from the Parent Council for £2500. Some of this has been used to buy new furniture and resources for our P1 and P1/2 classrooms which badly needed updating. Some of this is now in place and we are just waiting for the rest to arrive. We are also looking at new toys for active, free and purposeful play as well as new reading books. Thank you to our Parent Council! We couldn't do it without you!

Parent Council Minutes

Should anyone wish to read a copy of the latest Parent Council meeting minutes, they are available on request from our school office.

Parent Appointments

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Parent Appointments last week. We hope that you found them useful and informative. Please remember that our open afternoon is on Thursday 8th October – this will be an opportunity for you to see your child's work and join in with their learning. We look forward to welcoming you then.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

We were delighted with how well our MacMillan Coffee morning went at the end of September! We raised a fantastic £675 for this worthwhile cause and we couldn't have done it without the support of our parents and friends.

Thank you to the parents, staff and friends who donated home bakes and who helped out in many ways on the day and of course a huge thank you and well done to P6/7 and Mrs McCue for their hard work in organising and running the event!

Mrs Brown

Mrs Brown, our catering supervisor, will be leaving our school at the end of this term (October 9th) after 10 years of service to our school. We thank her for her hard work during this time and for the delicious meals that she has served children over the years. We will all miss her but wish her well for the future. Arrangements are currently in place to fill her position.

Charter Champions

Every week, class teachers nominate a child from their class to be their 'Charter Champion'. Charter champions are chosen for consistently following class charters (agreement of rules and responsibilities). Charter champions are allowed 'special' choosing time at Golden Time with a friend of their choice and also receive five Head Teacher stamps on their chart as well as a certificate to take home.

Well done to our champions over the past three weeks:

Week 1 – Madison O'Neil, Cameron Begg, Dylan Pirie, Alanna Gray & Laura Gray.

Week 2 – Isla Mackie, Alana Fordyce, Lisa Robertson, Natasha Wilson, Hallie Crighton & Jimmy Cartmel.

Week 3 – Liam McDonald, Carlyle Porteous, Isabelle Curno, Isla Catto, Taylor Dalgarno & Tianie Sturdy.

Celebrating Success

Well done to Rebecca (P7) who recently passed her karate grading and is now a blue belt, Barkley (P4) who beat a record at go karting and Beth (P5) and Ella (P3) who moved up a level in swimming! We are proud of you all!

Please remember to let us know about your children's successes out of school so that we can celebrate them at assemblies and on our 'Flying High' Wall.

Book Fair/Breakfast club

Many thanks to the parents who helped out at our recent book fair. We raised £219.21 in commission for our school. We will use this to fund books to support our curriculum and library as needed. Thank you also to Alison Greig for helping out at breakfast club over the course of this term. The last breakfast club will be held on Wednesday 7th October.

House Points/Behaviour policy

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend our recent meeting regarding our new house point and behaviour system. Information has also been sent home for those who were not able to attend. Our system is now up and running and the children are responding well to it. This will continue to be monitored and reviewed over the session.

P4/5 visit – Tolquhon Castle

The P4/5 pupils and Mrs Moir enjoyed a visit to Tolquhon Castle last week as part of their learning about Scotland. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their day and behaviour was impeccable. Well done P4/5!

"At Tolquhon Castle you see wonderful views" by Abby

"We all had a great day" by Lucy.

Reminders

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the following:

Bus – if your child goes home on the bus and is not, for any reason, please let the school office know as well as the bus driver. This saves us waiting unnecessarily and looking for children at the end of the day.

Emails – any emails sent to school for the attention of school staff should be sent to the school mail box – maud.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk and these will be forwarded on as required. On no account should parents be emailing class teachers directly.

Sickness – A reminder that if children have any sickness or diarrhoea, please ensure that they do **not** return to school until 48 hours after the last incident.

Sending money to school – If you are sending money into school, can you ensure that it is in a sealed envelope with your child's name on it and also detail what it is for. This is a great help in the school office.

Lost property – We continue to encounter a lot of lost property in the school. It would be most helpful if you could ensure that all of your child's property is labelled. This will make reuniting children with their belongings a lot easier!

Homework/Reading – As agreed with our parents and staff, all homework including the red reading record must be signed by parents. Please remember to do so. Thank you.

Recorder Group

Recorder pupils continue to meet on a Thursday lunchtime. Thank you to the parents who ensure that their children practise what we have been working on during the week. All children are asked to practise regularly in order to make progress.

School Committees

Our school committees are now up and running and will hold their first meeting on Friday 9th October. Thank you to the P4-7 pupils who applied for the various posts and who handed in their application forms on time. Interviewing and selecting pupils was a difficult job! Congratulations to all who were successful – we are sorry that we weren't able to take you all!

If any parent would like to join any of our committees, please let us know. We have a Pupil Council, Rights Respecting Schools Group, Eco Committee and JRSO (Junior Road Safety Officer group).

Netball

Our Netball club will start again on Monday 26th October. Both boys and girls are welcome to attend every Monday from 3.15 – 4.15pm and will need their PE kit, gym shoes and a water bottle. Training will be run under the supervision of Nicola McCouaig, who has very kindly offered to support our team.

Finally

Please remember that we have an open door policy. Should you have any query or concern, please do let us know about it so that we can help resolve it at an early stage.

Have a lovely October holiday!

Kind regards,

Gaynor Steel/Lynne McCue
Head Teachers

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN – by 9 October

I have received the school's newsletter for October 2015 and noted its contents.

Name of child(ren):

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P1: P1-2: P3-4: P4-5: P6-7:

Signature of Parent:

Netball Club - Mondays

My child Is interested in joining the Netball Club



My child will make their own way home



My child will be collected from school at 4.15pm



Comments/Compliments/Suggestions Box: