



January Newsletter

Dates for the Diary					
Friday	8 January	Swimming starts P4	Tuesday	26 January	Dental Inspections for P1 and P7 only
Monday	11 January	Enrolment Week	Thursday	28 January	Mintlaw Academy open evening for P7
Wednesday	13 January	Parent Council 6.30pm	Friday	29 January	Ceilidh (more details to follow from Parent Council)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! We hope that you all enjoyed your Christmas holidays.

Reminder

We kindly remind parents not to park in front of or across neighbouring driveways and to respect the wishes of our neighbours. Thank you for your support with this.

Staffing

Welcome to Mrs Linda Davidson, our new catering assistant who has now started work at Maud School. We hope that you will be very happy in your new post and are delighted to have you as part of our team.

Thank you

Thank you very much for all the lovely cards and Christmas gifts our staff received at the end of term. It was very kind of you and very much appreciated by us all.

Christmas

Our Christmas concert was a huge success – we hope that you enjoyed it! Well done to all the boys and girls who were absolute stars! Thank you for respecting our school policy by not filming or taking photos of the event.

Special thanks must go to Mr Westmacott, for all his help and advice with sound and filming and Mr Greig for his help with the lighting, Mr Park our music teacher, Mrs PV our drama teacher, the Playgroup and hall keepers for being so accommodating and the staff of Maud School for their hard work in preparing the concert for you. Thank you also to the parents and friends who helped tidy up chairs etc after the event and for the many kind comments received

Well done to Mrs Buckman who was the winner of the £100 theatre voucher raffle organised by the Parent Council and drawn at the concert! Thank you to the Parent Council members for their hard work in organising this. An amazing £618 was made from the sale of lucky squares!

Recorder Group

Our recorder group played publicly for the first time at the recent Conversation Café at Maud Resource Centre and then later on they played at our Christmas church service. Well done Merryn, Marie, Lucy,

Isla C, Phoebe, Erin and Natasha. They were fantastic! Thank you for the many lovely comments received after both performances.

Recorder children are reminded that lessons continue to be on Thursdays at lunchtimes.

Charter Champions

Congratulations to our Charter Champions since the last newsletter:

Week beginning 30.11.15 – Scott, Ryan C, Phoebe, Chelsiey-Marie, Caitlin

Week beginning 7.12.15 – Jayden, Fergus, Brooke, Lucy, Scott

Celebrating Success

Well done to the following children who have shared their recent successes with us:

Madison P1 – Received her first gymnastics medal.

Caitlin P3 – Took part in a gymnastics show and received a medal.

Lewis P3 – Has moved up to level 5 in swimming lessons. Has also passed his recent karate grading and is now a green belt.

Aiden P3 – Was the mascot for Fraserburgh FC at the recent football outing. He also passed his recent karate grading and is now green belt and also achieved the highest score in his category.

Natasha and Erin P4 – Both came first place in their groups in a judo festival.

Cameron P3 – Has passed his recent karate grading and has gained his green tips.

Amy P4 and James P6 – Have both moved up to level 4 in swimming lessons.

We are proud of you all! Don't forget to let us know of your child's achievements, no matter how small!

Adverse Weather

As we are in the season of horrible weather, please be reminded of the procedures to be taken in the event that the school may have to close:

Phone number 0870 054 4999, Pin number: 02 2190

Information will also be relayed via the Aberdeenshire Council website:

<http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/closures>

Please note that these are the **only** authorised systems that will be used. If the school has to close before the start of the school day, information will be updated as early as possible and after discussion with school transport providers.

Welcome back

Welcome back to Miss Lardenois, our student teacher from the University of Aberdeen who is based in P6/7 until the end of January. Miss Lardenois will continue to plan and teach lessons under the supervision of Mrs McCue.

New term

As it is the start of a new term, please remember to send your child to school with the equipment that they need – water bottles, PE kit, micropore tape for earrings, pencil case etc. Please ensure that all items are named. PE kit should be taken home on a Friday to be washed and returned on a Monday.

Please also send in your child with a box of tissues as I'm sure you can imagine we go through a lot of them in classes, especially at this time of year.

P1 Enrolment – Session 2016/17

Registration Week for Primary 1 is 11th January to 15th January 2016.

All children who reach their fifth birthday by 28th February 2017 are invited to register for Primary 1 for admissions in August 2016.

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 2016. To register for Primary 1 the child's birth certificate is requires 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".

Please bring this to the attention of anyone who would like to enrol at Maud School.

Homework

Please remember that all homework (including reading) must be signed by an adult. This applies to all classes.

Class Topics

Topics this term are:

P1- Farming

P1/2 – People Who Help Us

P3/4 – Romans

P4/5 – Romans

P6/7 - Victorians

Visiting Specialists

This term, we have:

PE – Mr Walker

Music – Mr Park

Art – Mr Harris

Facebook

Our new Facebook page is up and running! Please look for our new page and ask to join! This is a closed page, only open to current parents and staff of Maud School.

Football

A message from Maud School Football:

Just a reminder about the change to the training sessions in the New Year:-

Tuesday 12th January -> Tuesday 9th February 2016

P1s -> P2s – Maud Village Hall 6:15 – 7:00pm

P3s -> Maud Village Hall 7:15 – 8:00pm

P4s -> P7s – New Deer All Weather Pitch 6:00 – 7:00pm

Children training at the New Deer All Weather Pitch, can you please ensure you wear weather appropriate clothing and either moulded studs or astro trainers. And as always children should wear shin pads for all training sessions and games.

Well done to all the children who attended the recent football outing to Fraserburgh FC! Their behaviour as super! The older children got to be ball boys/girls for the 1st half of the game. Austin & William were chosen as the Mascots, they were chosen by Fraserburgh FC coaches for how well they did at the training/football game they played before the big game of the afternoon.

A link to some photos of the day is available on our Facebook page!

Swimming

This week our P4 children start a 10 week block of swimming lessons at Turriff pool. Thank you to Maud School Football committee for kindly funding the transport to allow this to take place.

School Meals

When paying for school meals by cheque, please write your child's name on the back of the cheque, this is to make it easier to match payment to the child – thank you.

Finally

Please make it your New Year's resolution to acknowledge receipt of our newsletters. Email confirmation is fine. You will also see a new section for comments/compliments/suggestions and as part of our Quality Assurance procedures, we would be pleased if you could provide us with your feedback.

As always, please feel free to contact any one of us if you have any questions or queries.

Kind regards,

Gaynor Steel and Lynne McCue
Head Teachers

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN – by Monday 11th January

I have received the school's newsletter for January 2016 and noted its contents.

Name of child(ren):

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

Signature of Parent:

Comments/Compliments/Suggestions Box:

Empty box for comments, compliments, or suggestions.