



December Newsletter

Dates for the Diary					
Thursday	1 st	Compass trip meeting for P7 parents, 6.30pm	Tuesday	13 th	P4-7 Christmas Party
Friday	2 nd	Art day	Wednesday	14 th	P1-3 Christmas Party
Monday	5 th	P3/4 class trip to Satosphere	Friday	16 th	School Christmas lunch
Thursday	8 th	Open afternoon for parents/carers	Monday	19 th	Christmas Concert
Friday	9 th	School report issued	Wednesday	21 st	Christmas Service in Church, 11am
Friday	9 th	Cash for Kids, Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday	5 th January	School starts, 9am

Dear Parents,

Who can believe it's December already?! What a quick year this has been.

Parking

We kindly remind parents and friends not to park over neighbouring driveways. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Reminders

Please make sure that winter woollies sent in to school are labelled with your child's name! We know that it's easy to forget, but it makes it much easier to reunite lost items with their owners.

Adverse Weather

Just by way of a reminder, the telephone number for the School Information Service is 0870 054 4999 and the PIN code for Maud School is 022190. This service is updated as soon as possible by either Mrs Steel or Mrs McCue at the earliest opportunity once a decision has been made. You can also log onto the Aberdeenshire Council website for the latest information. There is also a facility for registering to be advised by email when a school is closed. All children should already have logged into GLOW to check their password is working. Work will always be put on GLOW during snow closure days.

Please note that on snowy/icy days, the janitors will de-ice a path from the school gate to the door first thing in the morning. As fun as it might be, please discourage your children from making 'slides'!

Diabetes Day

P3/4 recently ran a fundraising day in aid of Diabetes Day and they raised £163.07! Well done P3/4 for all of your efforts and a big thank you to all of our pupils who donated money on the day!

Class Assembly

Thank you to the parents and friends who recently attended the P6/7 class assembly which showcased their learning about World War II. Well done to P6/7 and Miss Ovens who did a great job organising their assembly and presenting to an audience. We also thank the parents and friends who took the time to leave comments and feedback after the performance.

Compass Trip Meeting

A meeting will be held at Maud School on Thursday 1st December for the parents/carers of our P7 pupils. This is an information evening about the Compass trip, a perfect opportunity to ask any questions and a chance to find out a little more about the trip. The meeting will be at 6.30pm.

P3/4 Class Trip

P3/4 will enjoy a class trip to Satrosphere, Aberdeen on Monday 5th December. This links into their topic on Electricity and the children will enjoy some educational workshops.

Open Afternoon

As part of our reporting calendar, you are invited to attend our open afternoon on Thursday 8th December. The open afternoon will run from 2pm – 3pm and your children will be able to showcase some of their learning.

A bell will signal the beginning and end of the session.

Library Van

A reminder that the mobile library van is now situated outside the Resource Centre every second Wednesday at the end of the school day. They are next scheduled to be there on Wednesday 7th December. It would be great to hear of lots of families using this service in order to keep it viable within the community!

School Report

Earlier this session, our parental focus group helped us to create a new reporting format. We are excited to issue these new reports on Friday 9th December and hope that they give you a clear picture of your child's next steps as they progress through this academic year.

Quality Improvement Visit

We recently had our Quality Improvement Visit where a number of areas in the school were evaluated. We are delighted to have received a positive report following this with a number of strengths being highlighted, including reference to our eager and motivated learners, with the majority of learners making good progress. A summarised copy of our report will be available to parents in due course.

Cash for Kids, Christmas Jumper Day

P1/2 and P5/6 will be working together to organise a Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Cash for Kids. This will be held on Friday 9th December. Children and staff can wear their favourite festive jumpers to raise money for a local cause and there will also be a small bake sale. A donation of £1 for Christmas Jumpers and home bakes will cost no more than 20p.

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will be held on Tuesday 13th December, for P4-7, and Wednesday 14th December, for P1-3. Parents are welcome to come in to the party from 2.45pm to see their child receive their Santa present. You will be allowed to take photos of your own child at the parties.

Please note the slight date change from the original yearly calendar issues in August but we can now confirm that Santa and his elves can now make the new party dates!!

School Christmas Lunch

The children and staff will be having their Christmas Lunch on Friday 16th December. The menu will be Roast Turkey, Stuffing and Chipolata Sausage and a selection of vegetables, followed by peaches, jelly and ice-cream. This will be the only choice available on the day so if your child does not want the Christmas Lunch, please ensure they have a packed lunch with them.

Christmas Concert

There will be two performances of the Christmas Concert in Maud Village Hall on Monday 19th December. The first performance will start at 10.30am and the evening performance will start at 6.30pm. Tickets are now on sale from the school office, priced at £4 for adults and £1 for children, please complete the tear off slip below to order. There will be an initial limit of 4 tickets per family for the evening performance. Once all families have had the chance to buy tickets, the rest of the tickets for the performance will go on sale.

This year, the show will be performed by our P4-7 pupils – ‘Stable Manners’.

Our P1-3 pupils will entertain you beforehand with a selection of Christmas carols.

We kindly ask that parents remain in the hall for the entire performance (both P1-3 and P4-7) and remind you all that **no photography or filming is allowed at our show.**

We will sell DVD’s of the performance and details of this will follow at a later date.

Charter Champions

Well done to our recent Charter Champions:

Week beg 3/10/16 – Demi, Cameron B, Lisa, Leo and Lucy C

Week beg 24/10/16 - Morgan, Elinor, Isla P, Joe and Callum T

Week beg 31/10/16 – Hannah, Bethany, Joshua Miguel, Charli E, Declan

Week beg 7/11/16 – Paige, Joshua Miguel, Cameron M, Erin and Chelsiey Marie

Good News

We are delighted to share the following successes with you:

Brooke and Phoebe were models at a fashion show.

Erin and Natasha got a certificate for scuba diving.

Erin and Natasha took part in a judo competition – Erin won a bronze medal and Natasha won a gold medal!

The Brownies raised £1125 for days out/trips by hosting An Audience with Maureen Smith.

Angus did some fantastic graffiti art.

The netball team took part in their first league against Tarves and won 23-nil!

Alana was player of the match at the netball league.

Brodie was awarded a medal at ‘Link Up’ football in Fraserburgh.

The football team went to a football prize giving and were awarded medals!

Church Service

Our Christmas Church service will be held on Wednesday 21st December at 11am at Maud Church.

Donations will be taken at the door in aid of The Cogwheel Trust – our Pupil Council’s chosen charity.

Our recorder group will also be playing a selection of their Christmas songs. We look forward to seeing you there!

Note from the Parent Council

The Evening Express CommunitEE Chest competition is well under way now, hopefully you’ve all managed to collect lots of tokens for us. They will be printing the tokens right up until this Saturday (the 3rd of December) so please remember to deposit your tokens into one of our collection boxes the

following week so we can get them counted and submitted. Then after that just keep your fingers crossed for us!

We are also still taking orders for “Organised Mums”, the last day you can place your order is the 8th of December, we’ll have some products on display at the Open Afternoon for a final look. We’ll be putting away the order that night so it’ll be your last chance. Remember the school gets 40% commission on everything you buy so it’s a great fundraiser!

Maud School Football

Thanks to everyone who has replied about the Christmas Outing, if you’ve said you are going but haven’t paid your money yet then please do so ASAP. An e-mail will be sent out shortly regarding bus times etc. once we’ve confirmed details with Pittodrie and the bus company. Training is going well with our 3 separate sessions, please just remember to always wear shin pads, have a soft drink with you and for those training outside to wear weather appropriate clothing. The last training session before Christmas will be Tuesday the 20th of December, and training will start up again on Tuesday the 10th of January. One date for your 2017 diary, we are having a fundraising Quiz Night at Maud Social Club on Friday 17th March. At the end of the evening we have an auction, if you can donate any items for the auction or have any ideas then please get in touch with a committee member. Hope you all have a great Christmas and New Year!

Tissues

With the weather turning colder we will soon be into the season of coughs and sneezes, would it be possible for each family to donate a box of tissues to school please? Thank you.

Mrs G Steel and Mrs L McCue
Head Teachers

Please sign and return the slip on the next page.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN

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

Name of child(ren):

P1: P2: P3: P4: P5: P6: P7:

Signature of Parent:

Name.....

I would like to buy tickets for the Christmas Concert and enclose full payment (cheques payable to Maud School):

Adult Tickets at £4.00 each _____

Child Tickets at £1.00 each _____

Morning / Evening (please delete as appropriate)

If ordering more than 4 evening tickets, please note that you will receive an initial allocation of 4 tickets with others to follow if available.

Comments/Compliments/Suggestions Box: