



March Newsletter

Dates for the Diary					
Friday	3 rd March	World Book Day	Thursday	23 rd March	Open Afternoon
Friday	10 th March	P3/4 Class Assembly	Wednesday	29 th March	P7 Spring Concert, Mintlaw Academy
Wednesday	15 th March	P7 Science & Engineering event	Thursday	30 th March	Easter Egg Decorating Competition
Wednesday	15 th March	Rotary Quiz, 6.30pm	Friday	31 st March	Last day of term. Church Service, 11am
Wednesday	22 nd March	Parent Council Meeting – 6.30pm	Tuesday	18 th April	Term 4 begins

Dear Parents,

Parking

We kindly remind parents and friends not to park over neighbouring driveways or near them in a way that may cause an obstruction. 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. We still have quite a few hats, scarves and gloves that have lost their owners at the moment! All lost property will be available to view at the open afternoon in March.

Lunchtimes

Children in P1-3 who go home for lunch must be collected by a parent/responsible adult. Children in this age group should not walk home alone unless we have written permission from parents. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Water

Once again, we remind parents that children should only be drinking water in class. We have been advised by Education Scotland that where children cannot drink water for **medical reasons only which must be advised to the school**, sugar free diluting juice should not be used. Instead, a small amount of **fresh juice** should be used which should be heavily diluted with water. For those children without medical reasons, only plain water is permitted.

World Book Day 2017

World Book Day will be held in school on Friday 3rd March. We will mark the occasion by dressing up as our favourite book characters. Please do not go to any expense with this! Each child has already been issued with a World Book Day token, which is valid from 27th February until the 26th March and can be swapped for a FREE World Book Day book OR you can get £1 off any book. We look forward to seeing all of the super costumes this year!

P7 Science and Engineering Event

Our P7 pupils are invited to attend a science and engineering event run by Mintlaw Academy on Wednesday 15th March. Pupils will be collected from school at approximately 9.30am and will return at approximately 2.30pm. They will, therefore, need a packed lunch and snack to bring to the event.

Tuck Shop/ Fruity Friday

A small reminder that tuck shop purchases are limited to 1 piece of fruit/homebake and a drink per child. It would be helpful if children could bring small change for tuck instead of £1 coins. We also remind all parents that our Pupil Council is now promoting 'Fruity Friday' and we were so pleased with the response to the 1st 'Fruity Friday' of the year! All pupils who enjoyed their healthy tuck were rewarded with a house stamp from the Pupil Council 😊

First Aid

It has been brought to our attention that the PSA's are spending a vast amount of time dealing with minor injuries, eg, rag nails, injuries sustained outwith school etc. This is having a negative impact on the amount of time that they are able to spend in class supporting children's learning. Please be assured that any serious injuries, bumps, cuts/grazes occurring in school, that require medical attention, are dealt with by our trained PSA's, however, they will be taking a firmer approach when asked to look at minor ailments which do not require treatment. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Rotary Quiz

We are delighted to be entering a team into the local Rotary Quiz again this year. It will be held on Wednesday 15th March at Buchan Indoor Bowling Club. For those children involved, further information will be issued soon.

P7 Spring Concert

As part of the transition process, our P7 pupils have been invited to the Spring Concert at Mintlaw Academy on Wednesday 29th March. They will enjoy a concert with instrumental soloists, the Concert Orchestra, Groove Band and Concert Band. It will give the P7 pupils an opportunity to hear and see a live performance and perhaps get excited about the musical opportunities that they can be part of when they come to the academy. Further details will be issued to P7 pupils shortly.

P2/3 Trip

As part of their class topic on 'Castles', P2/3 will be going on a trip to Fyvie Castle on Tuesday 14th March. Further details will be issued to parents of children in this class.

Easter Egg Decorating Competition

We will be running our annual Easter egg decorating competition on Thursday 30th March. On this day, please send your child into school with a **hard boiled** egg with an egg cup, clearly marked with your child's name. These will be decorated in school and prizes awarded at our Easter Church Service on the last day of term.

Football

Don't forget folks, we have our fundraising Quiz Night at Maud Social Club on Friday the 17th of March. It starts at 8 o'clock and it's a £10 entry fee for a team of 4, we also have a raffle and an auction with some great items up for grabs. Please come along and support Maud School Football!

Adverse Weather

I'm hoping this is the last time we have to include this information but Scottish Spring time can be unpredictable!

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. (GLOW usernames and passwords can be found in the children's reading records).

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'!

Head Lice

Please ensure you are regularly checking your children for head lice – they are on the prowl!

Medication in school

If your child requires **any** type of medication, including over the counter remedies, please call in at the school office to complete the necessary form depending on whether the school is to administer or the pupil themselves.

School Uniform

Could we please remind all parents that jeans are not to be worn at school. Please ensure your child has either black/grey trousers/skirt. Thank you for your co-operation.

Charter Champions

Well done to our recent Charter Champions:

Wk beg 30/1/17- Cameron D, Kayden, Dylan, Duncan and Billy

Wk beg 20/2/17- Isla, Brodie, Summer, Ashley and Callum T

Good News

We are delighted to share the following successes with you:

As mentioned in the February newsletter, Isabelle (P3/4) had decided to undertake a step count challenge in aid of Cancer Research. We are pleased to report that Isabelle managed a whopping 30,062 steps and raised approximately £600! Well done, Isabelle!

Madison, P2/3 can now do a back walkover and also a backflip at gymnastics.

Angus and Jack, P3/4, have been working together to make a skate park for their finger skateboards! Their aim is for all of their classmates to enjoy their efforts too and the skate park is available to play with at Charter Choosing Time.

Isla and Angus went skateboarding and Isla tried out the climbing wall at Transition Extreme.

Alexia, P1/2, passed level 3 at her skiing lessons!

Justin, P6/7, recently got a signed Manchester United top. Lucky Justin.

Mrs G Steel and Mrs L McCue
Head Teachers

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN

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

Name of child(ren):

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

Signature of Parent:

Comments/Compliments/Suggestions Box: