



May Newsletter

Dates for the Diary					
Monday	1st	Holiday	Friday	19 th	P7s Aden Transition
Saturday	6 th	Rotary Quiz, Area Final	Wednesday	17 th	P6 bike checks
Wk Beg	8 th	Mental Health Awareness	Monday	22 nd	P6 Bikeability week See dates below
Wednesday	10 th	P5/6 Aden Dig	Tuesday	23 rd	P7s to Compass Centre
Thursday	11 th	Coffee Evening 5-7pm			

Dear Parents,

Another busy month ahead for the month of May – please note any important dates for your child from the table above.

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 all uniforms, PE kits, gym shoes etc that are 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. All lost property will be available to view at the school office and all unclaimed items will be recycled at the end of term.

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.

School Communications

Our paperless communication is now underway. Many thanks to those of you have confirmed contact details so that the system runs smoothly. We are still in the process of learning how to use the system ourselves but can already see the many benefits to both the school and our parents.

Homework

We kindly remind parents that all homework, including reading, must be signed by a parent.

End of the School Day

At the end of the school day, all children should leave the playground to go home. We have a number of children who are remaining on the school grounds, climbing trees, walls and kicking footballs against

school walls when staff are still working. As is our rule during the school day, we ask that people do not play ball games at the front of the school near the staff car park when staff cars are still there.

You will be aware that we have had a number of items vandalised in our playground lately and are working with our local community to keep our school and grounds safe. Out of school hours, please report anything untoward to the police. Thank you.

Water

Please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle, especially now the weather is trying to get better! 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.

Rotary Quiz

The area final of the Rotary Quiz will be held at the Hallmark Hotel, Farburn Terrace, Dyce, Aberdeen on Saturday 6 May 2017 at 10:30 am for 11:00 am. Parents of those taking part should ensure the necessary permissions have been returned to school. These were issued via the Groupcall system on Friday 28th April. Good luck to Team Maud!!

Mental Health Awareness Week

Our annual event, run in conjunction with the Maud Resource Centre, will run from Monday 8th – Friday 12th May. During the week, pupils will enjoy taking part in the Step Count Challenge and P1/2 and P2/3 will enjoy participating in the Daily Mile Challenge. All classes will also take part in Yoga sessions and P3-P6 pupils will have some netball taster sessions. P6 and P7 will also have a workshop on Deaf Awareness. We look forward to a busy and interesting week!

P5/6 Aden Dig

P5/6 will be attending the Aden Dig on the morning of Wednesday 10th May. All children will require a packed lunch and a snack for the trip.

Coffee Evening

Our annual Coffee Evening will take place on Thursday 11th May from 5-7pm. We look forward to another busy event – look out around the village for posters designed by our pupils. This year, our Parent Council have decided they will not be selling tickets prior to the event, simply pay at the door when you come along. Entry costs £1 for children and £3 per adult. We look forward to seeing many of you there! Any raffle donations can be handed into the school office.

P7 Transition Day

Our P7 pupils are invited to attend a transition day at Aden Park on Friday 19th May. Pupils will be collected from school at approximately 9.30am and will be returning at approximately 3pm. They will, therefore, need a packed lunch and snack to bring to the event.

Bikeability for P6 Pupils

Bikeability for our P6 children will begin on Wednesday 17th May. All participating children should bring their bikes on that date so that our PSAs and parent helpers can begin the essential bike checks. The training will then begin on Monday 22nd May and run until Friday 26th May. The final tests will take place on Wednesday 31st May and children should bring their bikes on ALL of these days. Bikeability permissions will be sent out shortly.

P7 Compass Trip

Our P7 pupils head off to the Compass Centre on Tuesday 23rd May. Updates from staff will come via the school Facebook page and the school Information Line throughout the week. Children return in the afternoon of Friday 26th May.

Buchan Athletics

Buchan Athletics is scheduled to go ahead on Wednesday 31st May. We have sent a Groupcall message out to ask for the names of children who would be interested/available but so far we have very little uptake. Please be aware that if the response is poor, we will be unable to enter a team for Maud School. We will confirm to those who have shown interest in due course.

Step Count Challenge

Apologies to any parents who, for some reason, did not receive the Groupcall information regarding the Step Count challenge. It was all sent successfully from this end and the deadline for creating the teams was Friday 28th April.

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'.

Facebook

Please note that the school Facebook page is for current parents and associated adults of Maud School pupils only. If your surname is different to your child's, it would most helpful if you could send a message and let us know who your child is! If we don't recognise the name then you won't be added!

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 out with 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.

Football

Just a reminder for all our footballing parents that our next committee meeting is next Monday (8th May) at Maud Social Club at 7:30pm. And also, if you haven't already done so can you please reply to the e-mail that was sent out regarding availability for Gala's. Now let's just keep our fingers crossed we are over that bad spell of weather so we don't have to cancel any more training sessions!

Glow Blogs

Please continue to access the class blogs using your child's Glow username and password, which can be found in the children's reading records. Class Teachers are asked to update their blogs regularly so you should see photos and learning updates!

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.

Mobile Phones

Please remember that pupil mobile phones are not allowed at school. If your child needs to carry a phone for contact purposes, this must be left in the school office and collected at the end of the day.

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 17.4.17 – Charlie C, Austin, Caitlyn, Taylor and Harvey W

Wk beg 24.4.17 – Hannah, Madison, Lucy N, Brooke and Dawid

Good News

We are delighted to share the following good news with you:

Beth, P6 passed level 6 in swimming at Turriff pool.

Emily, P6 performed in front of an audience on Easter Sunday. She is also going to Uganda in October with her family! How exciting.

Natasha, P5 went to Judo camp where she came 1st in a drawing competition and won an Easter egg.

Scott, P2 climbed Bennachie in the Easter holidays!

Alexia, P1 was delighted to share that she now has a new baby brother called Theo. Congratulations to the whole family!

Mrs G Steel and Mrs L McCue
Head Teachers

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN

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

Name of child(ren):

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

Signature of Parent:

Comments/Compliments/Suggestions Box: