



Newsletter – October 2020

Vision - 'A Place Where We All Work Together To Be The Best We Can Be.'

Dates for the Diary					
Wednesday	7 th Oct	Macmillan virtual coffee morning	Friday	9 th	Last day of term 1
Thursday	8 th	Flu spray programme	Monday	26 th	1 st day of term 2

Dear Parents,

The end of term 1 is fast approaching! We thank you all for your continued patience and support in these strange times, although the new procedures are quickly becoming very normal for pupils and staff.

We remind you all to be kind and respectful to one another, avoiding standing by the school gates so that other parents and children can move around freely and easily.

Macmillan

This year, we can't run our Macmillan Coffee Morning in a standard fashion, however, nothing stops a coffee morning! This year, P7 and Miss Simpson are encouraging you to help us support Macmillan from home. You can place an order for some homemade fine pieces to enjoy in the comfort of your own home. We look forward to raising some community spirit this year so please spread the word. All orders are welcomed so please find 'Maud Primary School's Macmillan Fundraiser' page on Facebook and start sharing with friends and family. There are also some colouring competitions and a dress as you please day for the children to engage with too. Teachers have uploaded information onto Seesaw so please check there in the 1st instance for details.

Flu Spray Programme

We are delighted to be able to offer flu sprays again this year and these will take place on Thursday 8th October during the school day. Mrs McCarthy has already issued all of the necessary paperwork and we thank you for the swift responses.

October Holidays

Our last day of term will be Friday 9th October. We hope that you all enjoy the holidays and we will be back together for term 2 on Monday 26th October.

Pupil Illness

We are rapidly entering the season where colds, sniffles and the sickness bug will be making an unwelcome return! A few points to remember;

Sickness/diarrhoea Bug

Please remember the 48 hour rule associated with the sickness/diarrhoea bug. This will help stop/slow the spread in school. Your child should only return to school 48 hours after the last episode.

Cold/sniffles

Unless your child is feeling very unwell within themselves, please don't feel that they must stay home with a cold. All staff continue to attend with a cold and children can too. Tissues will be available in classrooms. If we asked children to stay away with every sneeze or runny nose, they would never be here!

Covid-19 symptoms

Children and staff **should not come to school** if they or a member of their household develop **any of the symptoms** (increased temperature, a new, persistent cough or a change/loss to sense of smell or taste). If you are unsure if a test is necessary, we suggest you seek an assessment through your GP or 111, who will advise appropriately. If a test is advised, this should be arranged by the family and school informed. NHS will then give further advice on next steps, depending on the result of the test and who in the household is affected. Once again, please inform the school of the results.

Further advice can be found on the Test and Protect website:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/campaigns/test-and-protect>

Adverse Weather

In the case of adverse weather, please remind yourself of the school closures telephone number and PIN numbers - **0370 054 4999 PIN 022190**.

A message will be left on the school closure line as soon as possible in the morning and information will also be available on the Aberdeenshire Council website. These are the only approved methods used by Aberdeenshire Council so other methods of communication will not be updated until later.

Tissues

As the weather is now turning colder and we are in the season of coughs and colds, we kindly ask that each family donate a box of tissues to school please. We seem to get through these really quickly! Many thanks in advance.

Apple Trees

We are saddened that all of the apples from our tree in the playground have been collected and removed once again. P7 and Miss Simpson had hoped to use some of them to create sweet treats for Macmillan.

Behaviour on the Bus

If your child comes to school on the bus, please can you reinforce the importance of being kind to others and being responsible for their own behaviour. It has been brought to our attention that some boys are being unkind to their peers. Behaviour on the bus is parental responsibility and continued misdemeanours may result in a child losing their bus pass. We will be discussing this with the bus company to try and improve this situation.

School Values

Our shared school values are: **Happiness, Respect, Responsibility, Keeping Healthy, Being Safe, Friendship and Honesty.**

We continue to use our 'Values Tree', in our hall, where we are promoting our school values, focusing on one per month. Children can look at any of the values and write on a leaf if they think that they are demonstrating them, eg, I asked xxxxx to join in my game (Friendship). They will also focus on the specific value of the month in classes.

Our value for October is – **Respect**

A reminder that anyone can be **nominated for the value of the month** but these should be for children who consistently demonstrate that value, as opposed to one off events.

Clothing

We can't stress how important it is at this time of year that children are sent to school appropriately dressed for the colder weather. All children **must** now bring a coat and additional items such as hats, gloves etc must be named. We will be outside in all weathers, whenever possible.

Children should also wear a jumper/cardigan as inside the building, it can be quite cold, especially as there is currently a requirement to leave all windows and doors open to encourage air circulation. Please contact the Head Teachers if you are having any difficulty with this, we may be able to help.

Parking

We remind all parents and visitors to be considerate and not to park over neighbouring driveways. We encourage families, where possible, to park away from the school and walk the remainder of the way. Traffic is becoming very congested around the bus pick-up points on the Avenue so try to avoid this route, if possible. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Charter Champions

Well done to our recent Charter Champions:

Week beginning 31.8.20 - Logan B, Robbie C, Taylor, Alana and Lisa

Week beginning 7.9.20 - Iona, Eden D, Brogan, Isla and Isabelle

Week beginning 14.9.20 - Isla, Eden C, Cameron S, Ellie and Fergus

Week beginning 21.9.20 - Evelina, Elijah, Cameron D, Hannah and Lucy

Good News!

Well done to our pupils who have celebrated their achievement with us since the last newsletter! It's great to hear about your outside achievements!

Jake in P4/5 has started running and recently managed to run a 5K! Well done, Jake.

Please remember to let us know of any good news so we can share it in school! A good news slip needs to be completed and handed in to your child's class teacher.

A Message from Maud School Football

Hi folks,

Training is going well at Maud Pleasure Park, but the dark nights are becoming a bit of a problem. Next Tuesday (6th October) is our last training session before the holidays and will be at the earlier time of 6pm to 7pm. We'd also like to welcome all our new footballers, it's great to see so many of you!

We've scheduled our AGM for next Monday night (5th October), 8pm via Zoom. Everyone is welcome, if you'd like to join please send an e-mail to maudschoolfootball@hotmail.co.uk and we'll forward you the Zoom meeting details. It'd be great to get some new members on the committee, we are also looking for a new secretary. If you'd be interested in the role but would like more information you can contact Louise Cran at the above e-mail address.

We will also be discussing training after the October holidays at the AGM. Once plans are in place information will be e-mailed out to our footballing parents.

If you have any questions or queries about the content of the newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Steel/Mrs McCue
Head Teachers

Comments/Compliments/Suggestions: