



Newsletter – September 2020

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

Dates for the Diary					
Wednesday/Thursday	2 nd and 3 rd Sept	Meet the Teacher (virtual)	Friday	25th	P7 virtual Assembly
Wednesday	16th	Parent Council AGM 6:30pm via Microsoft Teams			

Dear Parents,

A few dates for your diary above, albeit very sparse at the moment, which makes us very sad. Although things remain different, we are delighted to have the children and staff back in school and we are very proud how quickly and seamlessly most children have managed the transition. The world is a strange place right now and we all have to live in ways that are not the norm and we certainly wouldn't choose. We remain hopeful that we will soon be given the go-ahead to relax some of our procedures but until then, we appreciate your co-operation. We also ask that you are kind and respectful to one another, avoiding standing by the school gates so that other parents and children can move around freely and easily.

Welcome

A warm welcome to our new P1 children and their families. The P1 pupils are all settling in well and have started full weeks with us. We also welcome our new pupils Devon, Nathan, Marley and Lexi to other stages within the school – we hope that they and your families enjoy being part of our Maud School family.

Meet the Teacher

This year, we are having to think outside the box in order to continue to deliver some of our routine events. 'Meet the Teacher' will be held via Seesaw due to restrictions regarding footfall of visitors in school. Class Teachers will be posting presentations on Wednesday 2nd September via their class page, please feel free to respond with any questions or seek clarification on any points by noon on Thursday 3rd September so that Teachers can respond by the end of the day.

Parent Council AGM

The Parent Council AGM will be held virtually, via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 16th September 2020 at 6:30pm. We are always delighted to welcome new members so we would love it if you could join us! If you would like to attend, please let the school know your email address so that you can be invited to join the meeting.

P7 Assembly

We still want to be able to share learning with our parents and assemblies are always a favourite way of doing this! It has been decided that classes will film and upload their assemblies via Seesaw for parents to enjoy. We would also continue to welcome feedback (2 stars and a wish) via the class Seesaw page. The P7 assembly will be available to view in the afternoon of Friday 25th September on their class page.

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>

Homework/Reading

To minimise the equipment travelling between home and school, homework will now be completed via Seesaw. Each class teacher will explain how homework and reading will be completed during their 'meet the teacher' presentation.

School Bus

All pupils travelling by bus must wear face masks as per Government guidelines. Please explain the need and procedures for this with your child as per the letter sent home.

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.

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 September is – **Responsibility**

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 24.8.20 - Charlie S, Devon, Ella, Ryan and Carlyle

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!

Elinor got a blue Peter badge for being eco friendly after doing her beach clean! Well done Elinor!

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

The committee are currently in the process of planning for our safe return to training. We will be starting back on Tuesday 8th September, 6:30 – 7:30pm at Maud Pleasure Park, details and instructions will be e-mailed out to all of our footballing parents before then. If any new P1s would like to come along and haven't already been in touch, then please e-mail maudschoolfootball@hotmail.co.uk

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Steel/Mrs McCue
Head Teachers

Comments/Compliments/Suggestions: