



Newsletter – December 2020

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Dates for the Diary					
Monday	7 th Dec	Party for P1/2, pm	Monday	14 th	Party for P6, pm
Tuesday	8 th	Party for P3/4, pm	Tuesday	15 th	Party for P7, pm
Wednesday	9 th	Christmas Lunch	Mon-Fri	14 th -18 th	Online panto event for all classes
Thursday	10 th	Interim reports out	Friday	18 th	Last day of term 2
Friday	11 th	Party for P4/5, pm	Tuesday	5 th Jan 2021	Term 3 begins

Dear Parents,

The festive period is in full swing, may glitter and tinsel be upon us! It may be unlike previous Christmas celebrations but please be assured that whilst there are some traditions that are unable to take place, we are trying to maintain the seasonal joy and excitement in any way that we can. Please note the dates for parties etc in the table above.

Children in Need Event

A huge thank you to P1/2 and Miss McWilliam, who ran a successful 'Children in Need' event in November! Thanks to all of your support, the class were delighted to raise £310!

Christmas Craft Orders

Classes have been busy working away to fulfil all their orders for Christmas craft this year! All crafts will be completed, packed and quarantined before being sent home in the last week of Term 2.

Interim Reports

Individual interim reports will be issued on Thursday 10th December. Your copy will be e-mailed out on this date to save the need for quarantining. Please acknowledge receipt by **Wednesday 16th December** and send any feedback via e-mail, which will be copied into the report we have on file.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will take place on the 9th December this year. Thank you for the quick responses to the menu choice. A reminder that if you have not ordered a Christmas lunch for your child, then a packed lunch must be provided. This year, each class will enjoy their lunch in their classroom where their PSA and class teacher will eat with them. The Teachers will put some festive music on and try to recreate the fun of our normal whole school lunch.

Christmas Parties

Christmas Parties will start on Monday 7th December for P1/2 and the final party will take place on Tuesday 15th for P7. Please see all dates in the table above. All parties will take place in the afternoon

and will be an individual class party. Party games, dancing and a small snack will still feature and the elves will hand out Christmas presents. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, Santa will be unable to attend this year.

Panto Online Event

We are delighted to announce that we have purchased an online panto for all classes to enjoy in the last week of term. All classes can tune in and watch a live action broadcast of 'Robin Hood' from the comfort of their classroom. This was funded from the Parent Council's generous donation and we hope it adds to the in-school festivities in the run up to Christmas.

Christmas Cards

In line with guidance from the local authority, we will not be allowing the exchange of Christmas Cards in school this year. This is to further reduce the risk of cross contamination between households.

Indoor Shoes

As the weather changes, children may require to wear something more substantial and waterproof on their feet to school. Where possible, we encourage children to come to school wearing sturdy school shoes or boots that will keep their feet warm and dry throughout the day. Where this is not possible, children may bring a pair of small trainers or plimsolls to keep in their tray to change into at school. These should remain in school and be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Please be aware that the cloakrooms are still not available and wet outdoor shoes if changed, will be stored in children's own classrooms. For younger pupils, please be aware that the class teacher will not be able to assist with the tying of laces or buckles, so please provide footwear that your child can change into independently.

Crossing Patroller

We are delighted that after a long wait, a new crossing patroller has been appointed subject to checks etc! We will provide further details in due course.

Pupil Illness

We are now in 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.

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.

Well done to Demi who was nominated by Miss Buchan for 'Responsibility and Respect.' She helped younger children by making sure that they were included and felt welcomed in her group.

Our value for December is – Keeping Safe

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 2.11.20 - Chloe, Michael, Maisie, Scott and Carlyle

Week beginning 9.11.20 - Callie, Callan, Emily, Olivia and Ethan

Week beginning 23.11.20 – Marley, Logan B, Demi, Brodie 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!

Well done to Brogan in P4, who has been named as 'Star Gymnast' 2 weeks in a row at her gymnastics club.

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

We continue to train on alternate Tuesdays for our 2 age groups, the last training sessions of the year are the 8th of December for the P1-3s and the 15th of December for the P4-7s. A new training schedule for the New Year will be issued nearer the time and we will continue to follow guidance from both the SFA and the government. Maud School Football would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Steel/Mrs McCue
Head Teachers

Comments/Compliments/Suggestions: