



## Newsletter – December 2021

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Happiness Friendship Respect Honesty Responsibility Keeping Healthy Being Safe

### Dates for your Diary

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Dec - School Christmas lunch

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas crafts sent home

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - P7 Christmas party

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Dec - P4/5 and P5/6 parties

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - P1-3 Christmas party. Virtual Christmas concert being sent to parents.

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Interim school reports sent out.

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Dec - End of term 2

### **Dear Parents,**

We are in the midst of a busy Christmas term with lots of things happening in school! Christmas crafts are being prepared, concert rehearsals are underway, parties are being planned and reports are being written! Glitter, glue and mayhem! Thank you with your patience regarding recent school closures due to the aftermath of Storm Arwen! Blanket school closures across the Authority are not decisions which are taken lightly and we aim to get the information out to you as soon as possible. The Authority have been working hard to ensure that our schools are safe to reopen as the safety of our children and staff is of the utmost importance. We hope that you all managed to stay safe during this time.

### Clothing

The weather is turning much colder and it is important that children come to school appropriately dressed. We still see some children wearing shorts and coming to school not wearing jackets and think that they must be feeling the cold! Please bear in mind that we have to keep classroom windows open to stop the spread of infection so classrooms can be colder than usual.

All children must bring jumpers and jackets daily. Additional items such as gloves etc must also be named. Thank you.

### Christmas

On party days, children are asked to come to school already dressed for parties or may go home to change at lunchtime but should not return until nearer 1:15pm. This year, we cannot allow children to change in school. It is unfortunate that we cannot have a visit from Santa in person but we know that he is working very hard at the North Pole but he may be able to free up an elf to pop in, restrictions allowing.

Christmas cards are welcome but to minimise the spreading of infection, the post box will not be in use this year and any cards should be handed to the class teacher to hand out.

### Children in Need

Miss McWilliam organised and ran our Children In Need day last week and all classes had lots of fun, raising £305.10. Well done to all and thank you Miss McWilliam for your hard work!

Winners of the Duck Race were:

1<sup>st</sup> Eden C P4/5, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sophia P5/6, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Olivia S P1/2

Colouring competition winner - Alix P1/2, Design a Duck - Ella D P4/5, Guess the Duck's Name - Ronie P5/6 (Mr Squeak)

### School gate/bikes

We kindly remind parents not to congregate at the school gate once children have been collected and to leave the area as quickly as possible to reduce the risk of infection. Please leave space at the gate for children to leave safely to avoid them having to go into the road. If you need to take your car, please park it at the Resource Centre and walk up to the school.

Children on bikes/scooters must not cycle them through the crowd of waiting parents and other children. They should only get on their bikes when it is safe to do so. Thank you.



As part of their work on Remembrance Day, P4/5 made poppy wreaths and visited the war memorial in Maud.



## Pupil Illness

A few points to remember regarding pupil illness:

### Sickness/diarrhoea

Please remember that children must remain at home if they have sickness/diarrhoea and should only return to school 48 hours after the last episode.

### Cold/sniffles

Children are able to attend school with a cold unless they are feeling very unwell within themselves or have Covid 19 symptoms. Tissues are available in all classrooms but we would always appreciate donations of more please. Thank you.

### Covid 19 symptoms

Children should remain at home and access a PCR test if they have any of the 3 main Covid 19 symptoms - a persistent cough, loss/change of sense of taste/smell or a temperature. All household members should remain at home until a negative test result has been received then they can return to school provided they are asymptomatic. If we have a positive Covid case in school, whole classes are no longer asked to isolate. Schools now send out 'Warn and Inform' letters with further guidance. Please be vigilant for the latest strain of Covid 19.

## Parking

We remind all parents to be considerate and not to park over neighbouring driveways. Please, where possible, park away from the school and walk the remainder of the way. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Adverse Weather

Please familiarise yourself with the Adverse weather information at the bottom of this newsletter. In the event of school closures due to increment weather, a message will be left on the school closure line as soon as possible in the morning and information will be available on the Aberdeenshire Council website. If a closure happens at short notice during the day, we will send out a text first. These are the only approved methods used by Aberdeenshire Council.

## Thank you

A massive thank you Mrs Sutton, Mrs Urquhart and their husbands for their hard work, clearing and tidying the willow tunnel and Eco garden during the October break! It's been a great help and much appreciated!

P4/5 also made Lego Mosques with Miss Lawson whilst learning about Other World Religions.



### Maud Kids Football

The Strathythan indoor league has begun at Mintlaw Academy with the A & B league running alternately every fortnight, this will run until March.

We are very much looking forward to our Christmas trip this year, we're going to cheer on Fraserburgh against Fort William at Bellslea Park on the 11th of December. We have a great number of children & parents coming along. Our biennial quiz night fundraiser couldn't go ahead this March for obvious reasons, so we are delighted to have set a date for this to go ahead on Saturday 26th March at Maud Social Club, please Save The Date!

### School Values

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

Our 'Values Tree' in the school hall promotes our school values and we focus on one per month.

Anyone can be nominated for any of the school values but certificates are issued monthly for the value that we are focussing on for the month.

Our value for December is '**Happiness**'.

A number of children applied for the roles of Value Ambassadors and we intend to start work on this in Term 3.

### Charter Champions

Well done to our Charter Champions for the month of November - Iona, Summer, Georgia, Ronie, Ellie, Miriam, Beth, Ameja, Owen R, Cameron B, Stanley, Amellia, Eden D, Jenson and Madi.

Keep up the good work!

### Good News!

Good news is celebrated at school with a focus on achievements, no matter how small! Wider achievements such as gaining medals, certificates etc are included in assemblies and newsletters.

- Reagan gained her Level 7 gymnastics award!
- Toby took part in a Judo Festival organised by Garioch Judo Club! He loved showing off his skills and earned a medal!!

**Adverse weather  
line/school closures:**

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