



NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2017

A warm welcome to all pupils, parents and staff for the new session. I hope everyone had a fantastic summer and that the pleasant weather might make a return at some point this term. On behalf of all the staff, thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts received at the end of last term.

We have one new Primary 1 pupil this year - Isaac Collins, two new P2s - Lola Blackaby and Emily Steven and also one Primary 5, Georgiana Bailey. We are delighted to welcome those pupils and their families to our school and look forward to working with everyone in the coming session.

Classes

We have two classes again this session;

P1-3 - 15 pupils (1 P1, 9 P2s, 5 P3s) – Miss K Smith

P4-7 – 14 pupils (2 P4s, 4 P5s, 4 P6s, 4 P7s) – Miss J Chamberlain/Miss N McDonald

Pupil Support Assistants

Mrs J Smith and Mrs G Carroll

Additional Support for Learning

This session, we welcome Mrs S Middleton on a Wednesday morning for support for learning.

Visiting Specialists

Music – Thurs am – Miss C Murray

Drama – Thurs pm – Mrs R Charlton

Recorder Tuition

Recorder Tuition will be on Tuesday afternoons this year. Please remind your children to take their recorders and music.

Administration

Mrs Gauld will be in school during the following times;

Mon: 8.30am-3.00pm

Tue: 8.30am-2.00pm

Wed: 8.30am – 2.00pm

Thurs & Fri 8.30am-12.30pm

Please note that there is no one in the office out with these times and all teachers are in class, so we would ask that phone calls to the school during these times are only made in matters of urgency.

PE Kit

Our PE kit consists of T-Shirt, shorts, socks and trainers (preferably easy fastening for younger pupils) all kept in a gym bag. We will have PE outdoors throughout the year so pupils may wish to have tracksuit bottoms and a jumper when the weather gets colder. Please ensure names are on all kit. PE lessons will be flexible so PE kits should be in school all week.

Chapel Cheetahs

Running club will start again on Wednesday the 30th August for P2-P7. A separate letter and permission slip will be home in due course. I hope that lots of children will continue to access this excellent opportunity which promotes health and wellbeing.

Parent Council AGM

Our Parent Council AGM will take place on Wednesday 6th September at 7pm. Everyone is part of our Parent Forum and is welcome to attend this meeting.

Parent Helpers

Over the last year or so we have trialled lots of different ways of making the best use of parent volunteers in school. Having parent volunteers in school is of great value to staff and pupils, however we want to make this as worthwhile as possible for all, so this term we are going to try one set day for parents to come in to help and the most suitable day at the moment is a Wednesday, so if anyone can spare a few hours at any time on a Wednesday, please contact the school office.

Reporting Calendar

Please find attached the reporting calendar for this session.

Home/School

All children now have a green, red or blue reading packet and home/school diary. All homework, reading books and notes should be kept in here and brought back and forward to school every day.

Snack

Please note there is no toast available at break times at the moment, we will let you know when Mary gets a new toaster! Also as we are a Health Promoting school, we would encourage everyone to bring a healthy snack to school each day to earn points for their houses, a treat on a Friday is always nice.

School Meals

If your child has school meals, please ensure you have topped up their online school meal account with sufficient funds. Parents and carers of school pupils in Aberdeenshire can pay for school meals via the Aberdeenshire Council website (www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk). Simply click PAY and then School Meal Payments. Once registered, you can pay securely and access a range of services including notifications of school closures and school transport changes, using a single name and password via your myAberdeenshire account.

Regards

Miss N McDonald
Head Teacher

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday, 6 September	PC AGM 7.00pm
Tuesday, 19 September	Individual School Photographs
Tuesday, 3 October	P1-3 Open Afternoon
Friday, 13 October	Term 1 Ends
Monday, 30 October	Term 2 begins