

Auchenblae School Newsletter

29th August 2017



Welcome to the New School Year

Welcome back to the 2017/18 school year. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break and feel refreshed and recharged for the new challenges ahead. It is great to see everyone back and we welcome the new boys and girls who have also joined us. It is always exciting to see the new P1's start. They have had a great week in their new classroom and the buddies have done an exceptional job at making them feel welcome and supported.

We welcome the new children into nursery. We have quite a number starting this year and it was a joy to walk into nursery at the end of last week to see the children playing happily, making new friends and feeling at home with our wonderful nursery staff.

Staffing

We welcome Miss Riley our new probationer teacher in P6. As a probationer she is entitled to one day out of class, and this day is being taught by Mrs Ralston.

Mr Colbenson has joined our teaching team full time and will be in P3/4.

Nursery - Mrs Massie, Mrs McCall and Mrs Stewart

P1- Mrs Hildebrand (Mon/Tues/Wed) Mrs Masson (Thurs/Fri)

P2/3 - Mrs Craik (Mon/Tues/Wed) Ms Thomson (Thurs/Fri)

P3/4 Mr Colbenson

P5 Mrs Stevenson (Monday and Tuesday) Mrs Fish (Wed, Thurs, Friday)

P6 Miss Riley

P7 Mrs Ralston (Mon/Tues) and Mrs Jamieson (Wed/Thurs/Fri)

Support for Learning – Mrs Beattie and Mrs Hamilton

McCrone Cover – Mrs Casasola. (This role will be covered by Mrs Baird while Mrs Casasola is on sick leave)

Reporting and Parental Contributions

Parents and families are vital to the success of every child's education, and how and when you support school makes all the difference.

A big shift across Aberdeenshire is how we report to parents. Instead of a big paper report at the end of the school year, we are being encouraged to find other ways of reporting regularly throughout the year. To find the right solution for Auchenblae, I would like to consult parents, both through questionnaires and meetings/workshops. I would appreciate you taking time to provide us with your feedback and ideas and if possible attend our meetings. I will provide dates as soon as possible.

We will continue this year with 'Sharing the Learning' books which will come home every other week and a Learning Journey which will come home at the end of every term.

Class Teachers will provide a clear outline of homework expectations for the coming year. I would encourage you to get in touch if you have any queries.

We are always on the lookout for volunteers to help in a variety of activities. You will need to be PVG checked. If you are interested, please pop into the office.



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Golden Rules

This year we have introduced a new behaviour framework called Golden Rules. The rules will be displayed in every classroom and playground with the expectation that they will be followed all of the time. Throughout the year, children will have the opportunity to talk about the rules in Circle Time. At the end of the week, the children who have kept the Golden Rules will be rewarded with Golden Time. Golden Time will be 30 minutes of fun, curriculum based activities. This term we will focus on PE and we would like parent volunteers to support our range of activities. Please contact school if you think you can help between 2.00pm and 3.00pm on Friday.

The Golden Rules are:

We are gentle

We are kind and helpful

We are honest

We listen

We work hard

We look after property

Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a part time cleaner. Please go to myjobscotland website if you would like to apply:

<https://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/aberdeenshire-council/jobs>

Reminders

- **Nut Free School:** Can I remind all Parent/and Carers that we have children in school who have severe nut allergies. Could I urge you not to send snacks or packed lunches that contain nuts. Thank you for your understanding.
- Please remember to log on to I-payment to pay for school dinners. If you have lost your detail please contact the school office.
- Please return your data capture form as soon as possible.
- Please ensure we have the correct contact details for you. It is vitally important in an emergency we can get hold of you as soon as possible.



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Dates for the diary

Monday 4 th September	P1 start full days
Friday 8 st September	Whole school sponsored walk
Thursday/Friday 14 th /15 th September	P5, P6 and P7 First Aid course
Monday 18 th September 7pm	Parent Council AGM
Tuesday 3 rd and Thursday 5 th October	Parent interviews
Friday 6 th October	Alec Visit
Monday 9 th October	Alec Visit
Friday 13 th October	Last day of term 1
Monday 30 th October	First day of term 2
Monday/Tuesday 13 th /14 th November	In service days – school closed

Dates for Session 2017/18

Term 1: Tuesday 22 August - Friday 13 October inclusive

Term 2 Monday 30 October - Friday 22 December inclusive

- Monday 13 November - In Service
- Tuesday 14 November - In Service

Term 3 Monday 8 January – Thursday 29 March inclusive

- Thursday 8 February - Occasional Day
- Friday 9 February - Occasional Day
- Monday 12 February – Mid term
- Tuesday 13 February - In Service
- Wednesday 14 February - In Service

Term 4 Monday 16 April - Friday 6 July inclusive

- Monday 7 May - Bank Holiday



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