

Auchenblae School Newsletter

30th June 2017



As we break for Summer, on behalf of all the staff, I would like to say a huge thank you to every parent, carer and family for all your support over this academic year. Whether it was organising costumes, supporting homework or helping out on trips we really do appreciate the support and generosity you give. It takes us all pulling in the same direction for a busy school to thrive.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer break and we all get a well-earned rest after what has been a very busy year. This term alone has been non-stop including Health Week, Goblin Car, School Trips to castles, Montrose, Auchenblae Golf Course, Camperdown to name but a few. Everywhere we go, the children always show the school values and represent the school and community in the most positive light.

We wish P7's all the very best as they move onto Mearns Academy. They have been an unforgettable year and we look forward to hearing about their exploits and adventures in the next chapter of their schooling life. I have no doubt they will all go on to be a huge success in whatever direction they choose to travel.

We also say goodbye and good luck to a number of children moving to new schools over the summer. Our loss is their gain and you are always welcome to come back for a visit.

We also say a tearful goodbye to our wonderful probation teacher, Miss Tyeson. She has been a fabulous teacher to P3/4 and a really positive member of our staff team. Ayrshire are very lucky to have you in their schools and I am sure you will come back to let us know how you get on.

Nursery News

We have had a very busy time in our Nursery this term. Our topic has been The Very Hungry Caterpillar (Minibeasts). We managed to release four butterflies that we watched grow from caterpillars to cocoons then change to butterflies. This really captured the imagination of all our children and it helped to generate a lot of excited discussion.

We had a visit from the ranger for a minibeast hunt. We had a trip to the Montrose Basin Wildlife Centre and then to Cheeky Monkeys. It was a lot of fun and a great way to celebrate the end of year. We joined the school for a trip to Camperdown Park. It was great to see all the animals including some very playful bears. Unfortunately we didn't get to play in the park as it began to rain...a lot!

We have been really busy getting our pre school children ready to go to P1. They have been out to play with their buddy and joined the school for lunch. We have visited Playgroup and welcomed the new nursery boys and girls for a visit.

John Burleigh visited us to do Rescue School. The children loved this hands on experiences and we would like to thank John for all his hard work and enthusiasm in setting up the event.

We took part in the school's sports day alongside the playgroup. We enjoyed a sack race, egg and spoon and running.

Overall we have had a great year and the children have all been fantastic. They are now ready to move on to the new experiences that school have to offer but they leave with wonderful memories of Nursery.

Happy Holidays to from all of the Nursery Staff.



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School dinners 2017/18

School Dinners will now cost £2.20 a day.

The new dates for 2017/18 are attached to the bottom of this newsletter

See you all on Tuesday 22nd August 2017

Parent Council

As school term draws to a close, we look back on another successful year for the Parent Council team.

All the activities organised by the Parent Council whether it be organising our annual summer fair, to helping out with school trips or pinning posters to lampposts. All of this could not happen without all your dedication and willingness to help in your own free time. So thank you everyone who has contributed in any way to making us a successful team it is really appreciated.

As the P7's leave for high school we welcome our new nursery and P1 classes. We also say goodbye to some parents who have been instrumental in the running of our Parent council.

Next term we will see some new faces on the committee and hopefully as parent representatives. As Bob Dylan once sang "The times they are a changing" Parent Council will be looking for a parent / carer to take over the role of Football organiser.

To end the year with a well organised BBQ thank you to the Dads, you really did produce some good food on the oversized BBQs! Not sure who had the best. There was a mummy cracking the whip (Lorna) and let's not forget Sophia's "it's a knock out" it was truly special. Thank you all.

And there it is the Summer Holidays.....have a fantastic break and enjoy the sun

Mark and Paula

Extra Message from Paula: As this is the final term for 2017, for me it's time to move on. I'd like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and thank you for a fun four year journey. The best things in life are the people you meet, the costumes you've worn, the fun you've had and the smiles you bring. Thank you to each and every person who has contributed to the success of the PC, your help and support has been amazing. Parent Council exists because we have the best things in life in common.....our children. I would like to wish the next group of Parent Council members all the fun and laughs that we achieved - it's been a blast. To my fellow Committee you have been the most supportive, fun loving, hands on group of people I've had the pleasure of being part of. John Forrester our school is so lucky to have such a respected head teacher with a great team.....team teachers. I'll miss each and every one of you.

Thank you Mark for supporting and running this your time is really appreciated. Good luck with your future plans you have brought in some nice ideas you have been a rock.



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Dates for Session 2017/18

School Starts on Tuesday 22 August 2017

- Term 1** **Monday 21 August – In Service**
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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