

Auchenblae School Newsletter

25th January 2017



Happy New Year

Happy New Year, I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable festive break and feel ready for the new challenges ahead. We have had a very busy start to the new term, learning Scots and Scots Poetry which will culminate in our poetry recital competition. It was great to see some children using props and costumes to bring the poems alive.

You will also find dates for this term which will hopefully give you enough time to book them into your diary.

School Closure during Adverse Weather

With the cold weather arriving we need to be prepared for school closures due to adverse weather.

To find out if school has been closed we have four lines of communication:

School Answer Machine

If possible, I will leave a message on the school answer machine as soon as possible.

School Information Line:

Tel: 0870 054 4999 then
021230.

Aberdeenshire Website:

<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/schools-closures/>

Radio stations

Northsound 1

FM 96.9 Tel: 01224 337000

BBC Radio Scotland

FM 92.4 - 94.7 MW 810
kHz

Parent Communication

This term we will be making a number of changes to how we communicate children's progress with parents. In order to get this right we need to gather as much feedback as possible and I am hoping to arrange a series of consultation events named:

Getting the most from our Learning Journeys and School Reports

While I will make this an item on the agenda at the Parent Council meeting on Monday 30th January, I was hoping to have another meeting on **Wednesday 1st February at 1.30pm in school**

I will also arrange an **evening meeting** later on in February if I have enough interest.

Could you please let school know if you are able to attend the 1.30 meeting or if you would be interested in an evening meeting later on.

Nursery News

A huge thank you for the contributions to our reverse Advent calendar. We collected two huge hampers (over 120 items) and donated them to Aberdeen Cyrenians for the homeless. The minister kindly delivered our hampers alongside the church's own collection.

We had a wonderful time singing for the Fellowship Group in the church hall. It is great when we get out in to the community.

Thank you to the parents and families who came to watch our Nativity. The children really enjoyed performing on the stage.

We have received a number of questionnaires back and really appreciate the feedback. It helps us to continually improve and give the best service we can.

This term we are exploring Winter. From science experiments with ice, to painting snowy pictures to playing in the snow outside we already have had lots of fun learning about this exciting season.

Return Slips

Oddly, we are getting a lot of return slips without the child's name written on them. Could we please ensure slips have your child's name on them and they get in to school on time. Thank you.

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Parent Council updates are now available on the school website, this information includes minutes from our meetings, our constitution and policies and information about the fun things we do. Thank you Mark Strickland for organising this. Please do follow the school website, it holds a lot of great information. Should any parent require an email copy of our minutes please drop your email address into the PC box located in the school office.

Sally Stott will be stepping down from swimming at the start of the Easter break, Sally's role is putting the register together and a parent supervisor. For our lessons to continue after the Easter break we will need a volunteer(s) to come forward. This role could be split between parents/carers. If you have a child that attends our swimming lessons please give some serious thought around volunteering. A huge thank you to Sally and her family for the weekly support over the past two years, you have done a fantastic job.

I have also stepped down from organising the Netball register and invoices. This is a role I've done for two years and I have fully enjoyed playing the game. The coach for our Netball is Anna with support from her mum Fiona Donaldson. Taking over the register and invoices is Gillian Milne, Thank you for volunteering. Netball is run at Mearns Community Campus and we are always looking for new members. It is for any P4 to P7 on Friday between 5pm - 6pm during term time.

Without our volunteers we wouldn't achieve half of what we do.

Can we give a friendly reminder for parents/carers to please stop parking on the Zig Zags outside school. The Zig Zags are on a bend and in place for safety.

Our next Parent Council meeting is 30th Jan 3:30pm in the school hall.

Dates for the Diary Term 3

Wednesday 25 th January	Mearns Academy Science department visiting P6 pupils
Wednesday 25 th January	Burns Supper in school
Friday 27 th January	Final of the Scots Poetry competition
Monday 30 th January	Parent Council Meeting 3.30 pm in school.
Wednesday 1 st February	Parent consultation – getting the most from our learning journeys and school reports - 1.30pm in school.
Thursday 9 th – Wednesday 15 th February	Mid Term break
Friday 3 rd March	World Book Day – Parent open afternoon (Literacy and Language)- 2.00pm -3.00pm
Thursday 16 th March	The 'Travelling Gallery' visits our school.
Friday 24 th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 28 th March	Parents Evening - 6.00pm – 8.30pm
Thursday 30 th March	Parents Evening - 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Friday 31 st March	Last day of term



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