

Auchenblae School Newsletter

26th August 2016



Welcome to the New School Year

Welcome back to 2016/17 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 a joy to see the P1's start. They have come into school bursting with confidence and enthusiasm and ready to start full days next week.

Staffing

We welcome Mrs Tyeson our new Probationer teacher in P3/4. As a Probationer she is entitled to 1 day out of class and this day is being taught by Mrs Paterson. Mrs Paterson is new to our school but brings years of experience

We welcome Mrs Casasola into P4/5. She brings a wealth of experience having begun her teaching career in Australia!

Mrs Fish is our new Depute she will be in school from Monday to Thursday. She is teaching in P7 and will be out of class Wednesday pm and Thursday all day.

Welcome back Miss Thomson who will work for two days in P7

Well done to Mrs Massie for being promoted to our Early Years Lead Practitioner post. This means she will take a lead on the day to day running of the Nursery.

Nursery - Mrs Massie, Mrs McCall and Mrs Stewart

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

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

P3/4 Miss Tyeson and Mrs Paterson (Thurs)

P4/5 Mrs Casasola

P5/6 Mr Forrester (Mon/Tues) Mrs Edwards (Wed, Thurs, Fri)

P7 Mrs Fish (Mon/Tues/Wed) and Miss Thomson (Thurs/Fri)

Den Fridays

To promote outdoor learning we are hoping to take the whole school down to the Den on Friday afternoons until the October break. To enable us to do this we need parent volunteers. Ideally you will be PVG checked or willing to be PVG checked. If you could volunteer on a Friday afternoon between 1.30pm – 3.00pm please come into the school office. If you can only volunteer for one week we would still appreciate your help.

Sometimes the Den is muddy... Your child will be allowed to change into 'Den' clothes at lunchtime if you want to send them with appropriate clothing.

A Message from Aberdeenshire Council

Aberdeenshire council has changed the way parents receive online alerts about school closures and changes to school transport. You can now sign up for these notifications through *myaccount* on the Aberdeenshire Council website – if you currently pay for school meals online, you will already be registered.

As well as being able to sign up for alerts, your home page will automatically give you handy information such as your bin collection days, where your nearest recycling centre is and the names of your local councillors.

So, if you want to be kept up-to-date and take advantage of the other *myaccount* benefits, sign up to the new system by going to the Aberdeenshire Council website and clicking on the red **register** button in the top right-hand corner.



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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.

Dates for the diary

Monday 29 th August	P1 start full days
Thursday 1 st September	P5/6 and P7 visit to Satrosphere
Thursday/Friday 8 th /9 th September	P5, P6 and P7 First Aid course
Thursday 8 th September	Parent Council AGM 7.00pm start
Tuesday 13 th September	Roald Dahl Day (We will be dressing up as a Roald Dahl character)
Thursday 15 th September	Sport for Champions Day – A visit from a GB athlete
Wednesday 5 th October	Parent Interviews 6.00pm – 8.30pm
Thursday 6 th October	Parent Interviews 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Friday 7 th October	Last day of Term 1
Monday 24 th October	First Day of Term 2
Sunday 30 th October	Halloween 'Scare Fest' Disco
Monday/Tuesday 14 th /15 th November	In service days – school closed

Dates for Session 2016/17

- **October** - Monday 10th October to Friday 21st October 2016
- **Christmas** - Thursday 22nd December 2016 to Wednesday 4th January 2017
- **Mid Term** - Monday 13th February 2017
- **Spring** - Monday 3rd April to Monday 17th April 2017
- **May Day** - Monday 1st May 2017
- **Summer** holidays start Monday 3rd July 2017

In-Service Closure Dates for 2016/17

- Monday 14th November 2016
- Tuesday 15th November 2016
- Occasional days school closed Thursday 9th February
- Occasional days school closed Friday 10th February
- Midterm school closed Monday 13th February
- Tuesday 14th February 2017 Wednesday 15th February 2017