

Auchenblae School Newsletter

26th August 2015



Welcome Back

Where did the summer holidays go? I hope you all had a happy and relaxing time and feel refreshed and ready for the new year. It is always exciting to see the new P1's come through the door. They are settling in very well and we look forward to them starting full time next week. We also say hello to the new boys and girls in Nursery. This year we are open full time with pre-school in the morning and ante pre-school and 2 year olds in the afternoon. Every time I visit I always see big smiles and many offers to come and play! We also welcome new boys and girls through the school who have been made to feel very welcome by their class mates.

Sponsored walk

Next Friday, 4th September, we are crossing our fingers for good weather to shine down on our Sponsored Walk. By now you will have received a sponsorship form and details about the day. Sue Barrie has worked incredibly hard organising the event for which we are greatly appreciative. If you would like to volunteer on one of the walks please contact Sue 07763212261 or School.

Volunteers

School would not be the place it is without parent /carer volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to help with clubs, school trips, cycling, football and other exciting events please contact the school office to collect a volunteer form or send a note in with your child. Remember if you volunteered last year you will need to re sign the form and I will pop one into your child's pack.

Nursery

Can I remind parents of the morning nursery that due to the very short window between nursery sessions we would appreciate your child being picked up as close to 12.00 as possible. You will still be able to speak to Mrs Hildebrand if needed but coming even 10 minutes later can make the entrance very crowded. I do fully understand that there will be occasions when you may be a few minutes late, but we would appreciate your understanding of this matter.

Could I also remind nursery parents to bring a pair wellies. As the ground gets wetter and muddier we won't be able to access the wildlife garden without suitable footwear.

Communication

After a successful parent engagement meeting at the end of last session it was suggested we try a school text service. This will be used to remind parents/carers about upcoming events and urgent news. Could you please ensure we have your up to date contact details in the school office.

Staffing

We welcome Mrs Stewart into Afternoon Nursery and Mrs McCall into Morning Nursery. We also welcome back Mrs Ralston from her Maternity leave.

Charity Art Show Friday 11th & Saturday 12th September

Auchenblae Children's Art Competition

PICTURE SUBJECT: In and Around the Den

2 age groups 5-8 years 8-12 years - 1 picture per artist

A4 size with Name, Age & Contact details to be written on back of picture.

Prize awarded to artist judged to be winner of each group

All entries wishing to be included in judging to be brought to the Hall on Thursday 10th September 6-7 pm

Prize Giving - 3pm Saturday

Any queries ask Alice Morgan 320081 email alicemorgan@btinternet.com

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Chess Club Volunteers

We are hoping to recruit 1 or 2 Chess Club leaders. The Chess Club will run for one lunchtime a week and will follow a chess programme designed by David Leslie, a grandparent of one of our pupils and the former Chess Development Worker for Aberdeen Council. David has also kindly offered to give us advice and support as we go along.

School Dinner Money

May I please remind you that starting this session School Dinners now cost £2.10 per meal or £21.00 for a book of ten tickets

Auchenblae Parent Council News

Auchenblae parent Council would like to say 'welcome back' and inform parents/carers about our up and coming events, clubs and groups.

The Parent Council AGM - Tuesday 15th September 7.00pm in the School Hall

Please come along to support our vibrant and enthusiastic Parent Council and find out how you can get involved.

Halloween Scare Festival - 31st October 1.30pm -3.30pm in the Village Hall

Volunteers are needed to help out at this event. Please contact garynpaula@btinternet.com

Winter Wonderland – 6th December in the Village Hall

Come and meet Santa, Mrs Clause and a couple of cheeky helpers. As always we need parent helpers and you can contact Paula at the above address.

Clubs

Football: P1-P3 Thursday 5.30pm – 6.30pm
P4 – P7 Thursday 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Cost per week £2.00

Football currently runs at the school and then moves to Mearns Academy for the colder months. Football runs once a week during term time and we have parent volunteers and a coach.

Netball: P4 –P 7 Friday 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Cost per week £2.00

Netball takes place at the Mearns Community campus Sports hall. We have a coach.

Swimming: Open to all ages and swimming abilities

Cost per session £2.50

From non-swimmers to lane swimmers, our session is run using Aberdeenshire lifeguards and fully trained swimming coaches. Each sessions lasts for 30 mins.

For further information please contact Paula Harris garynpaula@btinternet.com

Thank you,

Auchenblae Parent Council.

Dates Term 1 2015/16:

31 st August	P1 begin full time school
4 th September	Sponsored Walk
9 th September	Alec Caravan
11 th September	Alec Caravan
15 th September	Auchenblae Parent Council AGM
2 nd October	Harvest Assembly (date and venue to be confirmed)
7 th October	P5-7 First Aid training
9 th October	P5-7 First aid training
9 th October	Last day of term
31 st October	Halloween Scare Festival ad Disco



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