

# Auchenblae School Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> December 2016



## Merry Christmas

### School Closure during Adverse Weather

With the cold weather arriving we need to be prepared for school closures due to adverse weather. The children will be issued with a snowpack before the Christmas break which the children can use during school closures.

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

#### School Answer Machine

If possible I will leave a message on the school answer machine as soon as possible. This is likely to get clogged up so it may be quicker to use the next two forms of communication.

#### School Information Line:

Tel: 0870 054 4999 then **021230**. If you cannot get through first time, please do not put this number on redial. This will only lead to the line being busier.

#### Aberdeenshire Website:

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

#### Radio stations

Your local radio station is a good place to find out information on school closures. The following radio stations receive updated information every 15 minutes from Aberdeenshire website:

##### Northsound 1

FM 96.9 Tel: 01224 337000

##### Northsound 2

MW 1035 kHz

##### BBC Radio Scotland

FM 92.4 - 94.7 MW 810 kHz

### Show Times

It appears there has been an error on some of the letters regarding the School show. The show times are:

Tuesday: 6.30pm – please phone if this is an issue.

Thursday: 1.30pm and 6.30pm

Could children please be at school for 6.00pm

The show should last about 1hr – 1.15 minutes

We apologise for any confusion and inconvenience caused.

### Poppy Appeal

Thank you for supporting our Poppy appeal this year we raised £105.75

We also laid a wreath during the remembrance service and thank you to the three children who volunteered to represent the school.

### P1 visit to the Airport Fire station

P1 had a very exciting visit to Aberdeen Airport to look at different forms of transport. As well as watching the aeroplanes land they had a look at the massive fire truck, sit in the driver's seat and wear their uniform! Wow!



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## Eco Schools

Today the children will be taking part in an Eco Christmas activity making Christmas Baubles out of reused materials. Thank you to all those who donated items and making our event a success.

After Christmas we will be collecting old cards to reuse for next year. We will have a box set up outside the office for you to drop them in.

A parent has been in touch concerned about the fumes from cars being left on while parked outside the school. Obviously children have to walk up the hill and the car fumes are not very nice to breathe in. To help promote our environmental ethos can we kindly ask drivers to turn off their cars while parked.

## Nursery News

Nursery have been very busy with their theme of Trains. They have had fun building the Auchenblae Express which has proved very popular with the children. If you would like to see more, make sure you have a look in our big book in the cloakroom.

## Stickers

Children are really enjoying playing with stickers, which are great for developing fine motor control and hand eye coordination. If anyone has any old stickers they no longer need, please pass them into nursery.

## Nativity Performance

Nativity Performances 16<sup>th</sup> December:

Nursery 2 – 11.15am start

Nursery 1 - 2.45pm start

Parents are invited to stay for coffee afterwards

## Christmas Party

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December during the Nursery session

## Requests for Second Hand items

We are currently on the look out for second hand trousers age 5-9 and second hand waterproof trousers for children to use in the wild life area.

## Children in Need

Thank you for supporting our Children in Need appeal we raised a fantastic £185.87

The children had fun creating spots to add to our 'Spotacular' Tree. I think you'll agree it looks pretty amazing – Well done to P2/3 for organising the event and hosting a fabulous assembly.



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## Parent Council

The magic of Christmas was brought to Auchenblae Village Hall on the 3rd December. Thank you to all who came along and met Santa and his merry helpers. This was a donation only entry fee, tea and coffee was available along with magic dust and fun. A huge thank you to all those who once again offered their time, bakes and donations to help make our events extra special. Food organiser's were Claire Mckenzie, Lorna Eastaugh and Christine Thow. Thank you ladies.

Money raised from the Santa event will go towards funding a present for every child in Auchenblae Primary. Thank you to Sofia Sives and Leanne Sutherland for taking the time out to source gifts. Sally Stott is organising the party food :) thank you Sally.

The Halloween Scare Fest this year saw a load of mini beasts invade the Village Hall helping raise £400. Thank you Dawn, Lisa, Fran, Lynne and Dini for pulling this event together.

As always events are open to all parents/carers & friends to help organise & run, anyone who would like to get involved is always welcome.

It has been highlighted that the minutes from our Parent Council meeting should be emailed home to all, please look out for a flyer in your child's packs asking for email contacts, this flyer should be returned if you would like to be added to our minutes email list.

With Christmas just around the corner, we would like to take this time to remind everyone we are part of Easyfundraiser.org.uk by shopping through this site and supporting our cause Auchenblae Primary School Parent Council. Every purchase made via this site raises money for our school. Thank you Zoe Archer for your offer to help promote this site.

Thank you

## Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Play – 'Stable Manners' – doors open 6.00pm

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December: School Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Nursery, P1 and P2/3 performing for the Friendship Group

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Play -Stable Manners- 1.30pm and 6.30pm

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Nursery Nativity - Nursery 2 at 11.15am and Nursery 1 at 2.45pm

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>: December: P1-4 Christmas Party

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Nursery Christmas party

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: P5-7 Christmas Party

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December: Last day of term

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January: Term 3 starts



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