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NEWSLETTER 1 Part 1

Welcome: Session 2019 - 2020

The summer holidays are passed and we hope that everyone had a great summer. We are looking forward to another busy school year and welcome all of our new pupils who have joined us.

Staffing:

We start the session with six classes in the primary and a new class in the library. Over the summer we had a number of new enrolments which means we start the session with more pupils than we had last session.

We would also like to welcome Miss Parry to the school. Miss Parry is our new Early Years Practitioner and joins our Early Years Team.

Nursery Developments

We were delighted with the recent inspection report produced by The Care inspectorate just before the summer holiday. This was the result of hard work by the Nursery team and the school and we welcome the positive recognition they highlighted. The report can be found at by clicking on the link below.

<https://bit.ly/2lPSeNH>

The Nursery has had a major refurbishment over the summer period and the outdoor area has been enlarged and redeveloped. We are delighted with the results and a huge amount of work was done over the six-week holiday. We look forward to developing the nursery area over the rest of the session.

Sharing the Learning

A timetable will be sent home soon with a range of opportunities all families will have to come in and visit the school over the year. This term however we will have an '**Open Afternoon**' and '**Parent interviews**' later in the term.

The **Open Afternoon** will take place on the afternoon of **Monday 7th October** and **Parent Interviews** will take place on **Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th October**. These interviews will give you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress over the term. More information will be sent home nearer the time regarding booking appointments online. However, please feel free to contact the school at any time if you have any issues you would like to discuss regarding your child.

The timetable will give information about planned class visits and assembly dates.

Home / School Communication

Links between home and school are very important. We want to ensure that parents get all the information that will allow us to work together over the year.

SEE SAW APP

The **See Saw** app is used by the class teachers to help share the learning taking place in the classroom so that you have a good idea about what your child is doing at school. It also allows for easy ways of sharing information between home and school.

GROUPCALL: XPRESSIONS

The **XPRESSIONS** app is similar to the **See Saw** app except that it is used to share whole school information and important news in a quick and **FREE** manner. We are trying to reduce the amount of paper we send home and by using **Xpressions** we can send newsletter and other information home easily and **FREE**. We now have over HALF the families signed up and we really want everyone else to download and use the app on your Smartphone, tablet or PC.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE SCHOOL BY DOWNLOADING THE APP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



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Absence from School

Aberdeenshire Council's Education, Learning and Leisure Department have issued advice on monitoring pupil absence. To help ensure pupil safety we will check all pupil absences if we do not know why they are not in school. Class teachers will take the register each morning and afternoon as usual and any unexplained absences will be noted. The office will then contact the parent to confirm that the pupil is absent from school and is safe.

House Championship

Our annual House Championship will continue to be in place this session. This is popular with the children and some new systems will be introduced this session to make it more interesting for everyone.

Head Lice

From time to time outbreaks of head lice do appear. It would be very helpful if you could let us know if your child has head lice so that we are able to inform the rest of the class if more than 25% of the pupils in a class have it.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Our NEW House Captains were elected last week by the pupils in each house. The new House Captains are:

BROWN

Margarita Cojocaruc & Riley Davidson

COUTTS

Rhya Weaver & Sienna Marwick

GORDON

Kady Gordon & Laura Fowlie

YOUNG

Shaylyn Watt & Rocco Elmslie

We want to wish our new Captains good luck with their new role.

Strichen Library / School Library

We continue to have good links with the village library and the timetable has already been sent out to all parents. Many of you may have received this via the **Xpressions App** already?

Pupils are registered in their own name and their account is linked to your home account. We would like to stress the importance of looking after the books and returning them within the time scale for when they are borrowed. Fines will be levied for later returns or charges will be made for lost books or books that are not returned. The classes visit the library every three to four weeks and so if they return the book on their next visit there should not be any issues. If you have books that need to be returned you can drop them into the library or post them through the letterbox on the library door.

IS YOUR CHILD GOING TO BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL TODAY?

TEXT 07542 854546

Please give the following info:
Child's Name, Class, Date of Absence
& Reason for Absence!

OR

PHONE:

NEW SKYPE NUMBER

01771 676640

Please **DO NOT** call the
TEXT LINE number!



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We need to ensure that our new Primary 1 pupils and any new pupils to the school have a membership and we will send home membership forms to those that require them.

SCHOOL GROUNDS DAY

We would like to ask for volunteers to help us with a 'School Grounds Day' tidy up before the winter. Along with the P7 class volunteers would help tidy the playground and Secret Garden.

If you were free, for even PART of the day, come along with a trowel, small fork or a hoe or rake and gloves to help us out. Your help would be very much appreciated.

We are looking to do this on the date below WEATHER PERMITTING. A back up date is also listed in case the first day is unsuitable.

**SCHOOL GROUNDS DAY:
TUESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 9.30AM**

**OR IF BAD WEATHER ON THURSDAY
19th SEPTEMBER 9.30AM**



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Term 1

Wed 21st August – Thurs 10th October

Please Note: FRIDAY 11th October is an INSERVICE day for staff.

Term 2

Mon 28th October – Fri 20th December

In-Service: Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th November

Term 1:

School Grounds Day: Tues 17th Sept
(Or Thurs 19th)

Mon 7th Oct: Open Afternoon 1.30 – 3.00pm

Tues 8th Oct: Parent Interviews
3.30 – 5.30p

Wed 9th Oct: Parent Interviews
4.00 – 6.30pm

Thurs 10th Oct: Last day of term.

Term 2

Mon 28th Oct: Term 2 begins

Mon 18th Nov: In-Service Day (Pupils off)

Tues 19th Nov: In-Service Day (Pupils off)

Fri 22nd Nov: Interim Reports Out

Tues 10th Dec: HMT Panto Trip

Thurs 12th Dec: Christmas Lunch

Wed 18th Dec: Senior Citizens Coffee Morning

Thur 19th Dec: Christmas Party Pr 1-3

Fri 20th Dec: Church Service 10.30am
Christmas Party Pr 4-7

Fri 20th Dec: **Last day of the erm**

Some of these dates may change and there will obviously be additions to this list as the term goes on and you will be notified of these in due course.