



NEWSLETTER

October 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Term Plans

My apologies for not sharing these with you last term – that was an oversight on my part.

We had a very successful visit to Absafe and the feedback from the pupils showed that they had learned so much as well as having fun. Thank you to the ASPC for funding the bus – the trip was so worthwhile.

Term 2

P1/2 class will continue to explore the past through Toys. They will be continuing to learn about staying safe and healthy, learning Ziggy's song about Road Safety, and the Hand Washing song that helps pupils remember the time it takes to wash hands properly. They will continue to learn new phonics and spelling, and read stories and non-fiction; in Maths P1 are learning their numbers to 10 while P2 are working on addition within 20 and numbers to 100.

P3-7 will be continuing to have a strong focus on Health and Safety with a shift to food safety, especially as we prepare to do quite a lot of cooking with our apples and other produce that we have available – look out for some tasty treats at the Christmas Fayre. We will continue to work on Number, Money and Measure, moving more onto Subtraction, incorporating Weight and Money when we prepare for our enterprise.

Both classes have K'next workshops coming up on November 3rd and parents are invited to come and observe the learning.

P5-7 have K'next Enterprise on November 16th and we join with Fisherford and Easterfield for these events.

As this is the Christmas Term we will of course also be preparing a performance and will be covering ourselves and the school in glitter!

Parent Consultations

Another apology – due to a number of after-school staff commitments this term, we have not managed to fit in parent interviews. We will be arranging consultation meetings with parents during or after school next term but please feel free to raise any concerns or comments with your child's class teacher at any time and an appointment can be made at a mutually convenient time.

Community Links

Data collected from our speed survey during the early part of October will be shared with ARA, and it will also feed into our school travel plan that is being drawn up by our Junior Road Safety Officers.

We have prepared decorations for the Turriff Lights competition, and are preparing a decorative board for the Turriff Winter Wonderland event.

We have been involved in preparation of the flyers and plan to bake for the November Cuppa. We hope to have a stand at the Sale of Work on November 4th.

Norma Cameron Photographer

Thank to those who have already returned their slips, please let us know as soon as possible if you would like a time slot as we will have to get these to you before the end of term. As some of you have noted the session is on the last day of the holidays but unfortunately this was the best available date Norma had so you could receive the photos before Christmas.

Eco Committee news and Formartine Beginning to Blossom Award Ceremony

The ceremony takes place on Tuesday 10th October at Meldrum Academy and will be attended by 3 representatives from the Eco Committee (and their parents) and Mrs Evans. We hope to be successful.

Eco-Committee are meeting again and hope to have a plan of action ready soon.

Student Placement

We welcome Kaylah Miller, a former pupil, in to school next week for work experience. Kaylah will be joining Mrs Drew in the P1-2 class.

Spooky Party

We must apologise but the times shown on the invitations sent home recently are incorrect. **THE PARTY WILL BE FROM 5.00PM TO 7.00PM.**

It was agreed at Pupil Council to swap this party for the Hallowe'en Party so for this year only there will be no party at the end of October

Holidays

Friday 13th October is the last day of Term 1, we return to school on Monday 30th October.

ASPC Fundraising

Parent Council have organised a Tractor Racing evening at the Royal Oak, Turriff from 7pm on Friday 17th November, all welcome.

Active Schools have offered us the following:

Table Tennis Taster

P3-7 pupils can also look forward to a free table tennis taster session on Friday 10th November before it is offered in Turriff.

Active School X-country events

P4-7 pupils can participate in as many or few runs as they wish. All the dates and venues, cost, times and organisational details are in the leaflets given to all P4-7s.

Colder Weather

Can we please ask that all children come to school with suitable clothes for outdoor play times and lunch times now that the weather is turning cooler? It would also be handy if they had tissues in their pockets for the inevitable runny noses, coughs and sneezes.

Please see below dates for your diary. Any new or altered dates have been added in red.

October	Monday 9th	Bikeability Test	
	Friday 13 th	Last day of Term 1 Spooky Party 5.00-7.00pm	
	Sunday 29 th Monday 30 th	School/group photographs Term 2 begins	
November	Friday 3 rd	K'next Generation Workshops	
	Saturday 4 th	Church Sale of Work - 2pm – 4pm	
	Monday 6 th	ASPC Meeting – 7pm	
	Friday 10th	Table Tennis Taster P3-7	
	Monday 13 th	Staff In-Service - no school for pupils	
	Tuesday 14 th Thursday 16 th Friday 17th	Staff In-Service - no school for pupils K'next Enterprise for P5-7 Tractor Racing, Royal Oak – 7pm	
December	Thursday 7 th Thursday 14 th	Pantomime Trip Christmas Show – with Auchterless Residents Association Christmas Lights Switch on	
	Friday 15 th Monday 18 th Friday 22 nd	Xmas Jumper Day Christmas Party Last Day of Term 2 and Elf Drive in pm	
	January 2018	Monday 8 th	Term 3 begins
	February	Monday 5 th Friday 9 th Monday 12 th Tuesday 13 th Wednesday 14 th	ASPC Meeting – 7pm Occasional day holiday Occasional day holiday Staff In-service – no school for pupils Staff In-Service - no school for pupils
		March	Thursday 29 th
April		Monday 16 th	Term 4 begins
May		Monday 7 th Thursday 17 th Monday 21 st - Friday 25 th	Occasional day holiday K'next Generation Workshop P7 Loch Insh week
		June	Monday 4 th
	July	Friday 6 th	Last Day of Term 4
	August	Monday 20 th Tuesday 21 st	In Service – no school for pupils Term 1 begins