



# New Deer School Newsletter

## Friday 19 August 2016

### Welcome back to the New Session.

We would especially like to welcome our new Primary 1 pupils,  
Miss Dow, Primary 4/5 teacher and  
Mrs Webster our new PSA.



#### Meet the Teachers - Wednesday 24 August

As in previous years we will hold a 'Back to School' evening meeting for all parents. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher. These meetings have proved very useful in the past and we would encourage you to come along if your child has a new teacher this year.

Pr 5/6 5.40pm (a separate note is coming from Miss Baker)

Pr 1/2 6pm

Pr 2/3 and Pr 7 6.20pm

Pr 4/5 6.40pm

#### Extra-Curricular Activities

**Details will follow soon of the clubs available to the children**

We are indebted to the many parent helpers who run all our after school clubs. This is a huge commitment of time and effort and it is much appreciated by the pupils and staff at the school. If you would be willing to help out at any of our existing clubs, or you have an idea for any other clubs, please get in touch. We have recently lost Sarah Cooper, one of our netball coaches and Kate Bloomfield who helped out at our Jogging Club. Please get in touch if you can help out. The children also enjoy lunchtime clubs if that would be a more suitable time for you.

#### Breakfast Club

Jodie Dawson has kindly agreed to run breakfast club on Wednesday mornings, again help would be appreciated. In order to let all the children see how Breakfast Club works – and how much fun it is, we are having weekly **class** breakfast clubs from 8.45 – 9.15am. A one pound donation is invited but not essential!

**Primary 6/7 24 August**

**Primary 5/6 31 August**

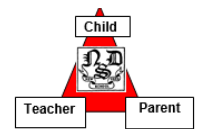
**Primary 4/5 7 September**

**Primary 2/3 14 September**

**Primary 1/2 21 September**

**Anyone from any class is welcome to come along  
on these dates too!**

## The Power of Three



A calendar of events where parents are involved or invited to visit the school is in schoolbags today. We see these events as opportunities for teachers, pupils and parents to liaise and are part of our 'reporting to parents' agenda. Each of these is a time when you can find out how your child is progressing socially and emotionally.

While we will try to adhere to these dates, changes may become necessary over the year.



## Bikeability

We are indebted to Gillian Lodge and Sandy Duncan for running Bikeability Training for our Primary 5 and 6 pupils. Training is available for anyone else who would be interested in helping with this most worthwhile project - again, get in touch with the school office if you can help out.

## School Grounds and Buildings

Aberdeenshire Council has a new Smoking Policy, in effect from 15 August 2016.

The policy means that smoking is not allowed anywhere or at any time in council premises – including outside grounds (including playgrounds).

These restrictions also apply to the use of electronic cigarettes.



## Communication for Parents

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.

*myaccount* is a simple, secure way of accessing a range of Scottish public services using just one username and password and 13,000 parents across Aberdeenshire are already enjoying the benefits of it.

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.

As a Rights Respecting School we welcome feedback from the children, parent and carers. Please send us any comments, compliments or dare I say it complaints!

