

# New Deer School Newsletter

## 9 January 2017

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR



### Positive Referrals

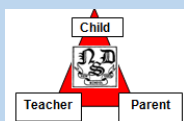
Positive Referrals for Term 2 are in the post!  
They are indicative of your child having worked exceptionally well over the term.



### Target Week

Next week is target week and your children will be bringing home their target books for you to see.  
Please encourage your children by talking about their targets and making a comment in the box provided.

(Remember when you see this symbol the school is giving you an opportunity to find out about an aspect of your child's learning.)

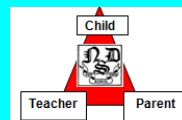


### Robert Burns

All children are expected to learn a Scottish poem as part of their homework assignment.  
The poetry will be judged on Wednesday 25 January.

## PTA Burns Supper

The PTA will be holding a Family Burns Supper in the Public Hall  
on the evening of  
**Wednesday 1 February at 6.30pm**  
(different from reporting calendar dates)



There will be the traditional meal and entertainment of poetry, singing and dancing will be provided by pupils. Tickets for this event will be on sale in the school from Wednesday 11 January. Tickets for children will cost £4 but all children must be accompanied by an adult. Adult tickets are £6. Parents may initially buy tickets for their children and two adults.

Extra tickets will be on sale from the school office on a first come, first served basis from Monday 23 January and ticket sales will close on Friday 27 January.  
The PTA would appreciate help to serve food, and tidy up on the night

### Another Change of Date

Primary 5/6 Assembly will now happen on Thursday 20 April (time TBC)

## Chats with Teachers

Please can we respectfully remind you that if you want a chat with a teacher you should always come in through the office and Mrs Cumming will check for a convenient time with the teacher. The doors downstairs are for the use of the children and nursery parents. We are always happy to discuss your children but sometimes right before class, or immediately at the end of the day is a time when a teacher may be busy.

## After School Clubs

We are so grateful to the parents who run our after school clubs – jogging, netball, football and gymnastics. However our clubs are mainly aimed at our senior pupils and we would love to run clubs for the younger pupils. Active Schools are offering the opportunity for volunteers to be trained in delivering Stay and Play Sessions and Dodgeball. Attached are flyers from Active Sports. Please get in touch if you are interested

## Adverse Weather

If you are unsure if the school is going to open, or buses are running on a stormy day please telephone the school helpline number **0870 054 4999** pin **022320** on which there will be a recorded message. School closures will also be announced on the local radio stations and are on the Council Website – **[www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/closures](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/closures)**. Please do not expect a message to be on the system very early, as the decision to close the school is complex and often depends on whether school staff can safely make the journey to work. I would also remind parents that if school transport is not running and you decide to bring your children to school then you are also responsible for the homeward journey and must be contactable during the day in case of an early closure.

Please be aware that it is not possible for our caretaker or janitor to clear paths from all entrances to the school. A path will be cleared from the school car park to the main entrance and in very inclement weather all children should enter the school by this door.

You can now sign up for online alerts about school closures and changes to school transport through *myaccount* on the Aberdeenshire Council website by clicking on the red button in the top right-hand corner.

## Admission to Primary 1 and Nursery

In accordance with the admissions policy of Aberdeenshire Council, all children who reach the age of 5 years by 28 February 2017 are invited to register for primary one for admission in August 2017. Enrolment will take place at the school office during the week beginning **9 January 2017**. Please bring your child's birth certificate if your child does not attend our nursery.

Nursery enrolment will take place from **23 January until 3 February 2017**.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Wednesday 1 February	Burns Supper
Friday 10 February 2017	Occasional Holiday
Monday 13 February 2017	Authority Holiday
Tuesday 14 February 2017	In-Service Day
Wednesday 15 February 2017	In-Service Day
Friday 31 March 2017	End of Term
Tuesday 18 April 2017	Start of Term 4

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**PTA BURNS SUPPER**

Name of Pupil \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I require the following tickets:

Adult Ticket (£6) \_\_\_\_\_ Tickets

Child Ticket (£4) \_\_\_\_\_ Tickets

And enclose the sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_