



New Deer School Newsletter

Welcome to Term 2
October 2016



Positive Referrals

Congratulations to these pupils who received positive referrals last term. Receiving one of these is high praise from your teachers and you should be feeling proud!



2016 2017 School Improvement Plan

A summary of our school improvement plan is attached to this newsletter. A full version is available for you to view in the school office. Different members of staff are responsible for different areas of the plan and may get in touch with you for input. If there are any areas you would wish to get involved in please get in touch.



School Car Park

In the school bags this week there is a copy of the School Travel Plan. Please read this document and take note of how you can help to keep our children safe around the school. Can I especially remind nursery parents that the school car park is not a drop off and pick up area?



Poppies

This week and next, the Pupil Council will be coming around the classes selling poppies. We would invite the children to donate but only one poppy per child. Thank you.

Dogs in Playground

Please can I remind everyone that our playground is a 'no dog area'. One of our ex pupils is busy making some signs to remind us of this, but until they come, please bear this in mind. Thank you

Breakfast Club

Thanks to Jodie Dawson, breakfast club in school will continue on Wednesdays. This was a very successful initiative last session and we hope that as many pupils will come along again this term. It will start next week, Wednesday 2 November from 8.45am.

Lunch Hours

In order to speed up the process in the canteen, we are trying the infants having lunch at 12.30pm and the upper stages having their lunch at 12.15pm. So far so good! We only had one parent willing to be on our wee forum to discuss school lunch issues – please get in touch if you would like to join us.

Parent Interviews

This year parent interviews will take place on Wednesday 30th November, after school and in the evening. Look out for the slips in the school bags later in the term. As usual we would encourage the children to come along to the appointment with you to discuss their learning. You will receive an interim report prior to the appointment

The school book fayre will be in school that week, should you wish to buy books for your children. The profit from the book fayre helps to restock our library.



X Country

As a keen running school we would encourage you to bring the children along to the North Aberdeenshire Cross Country Events – you have had the timetable already. Last year we had some very successful individuals but we could be in the running for more overall prizes if more children came along – lots of pupils taking part earns the school more points than winners.....

We need to know who is in school!

Please can I remind everyone, especially those with children in the downstairs classes, that you need to come into school via the school office in the mornings or after school. We try to encourage the children to be independent and to manage their routine on their own, so they shouldn't need parents in to help out! We would always encourage dialogue between school and staff, but teachers have various commitments before and after school, so it is best to check with the office if you need to chat with a member of staff.

Achievements

As ever we are so proud of all the children's achievements in and out of school! Do send us photos of what your children are up to out of school to be included in their learning journals and on our achievement board in school.



Flu Vaccines

These will be carried out by the school nurse on Tuesday 29 November. If there are any changes in your child's health before that date and you no longer wish your child to be vaccinated please contact the school office.

After School Clubs

We are greatly indebted to the parents and members of the community who run our after school clubs. Netball, Football, Jogging, and Gymnastics are all run by parents but all could benefit from extra support.

We would like to say a big thank you to Sandra Sanders who has been a great asset to our netball club over the years. Sandra no longer has children in the school, and has decided to stop coaching at New Deer. In order for the club to continue, Linda requires some extra help. Linda is a trained coach, and anyone joining her team would benefit from her expertise and experience in coaching. Please get in touch with the school office if you are interested in helping out at any of the clubs, or know of anyone in the community who would be interested in getting involved.

Remember the 3cs – they are always welcome!



Dates to Remember

Monday 14 November

Tuesday 15 November

Tuesday 29 November

Wednesday 30 November

Thursday 15 December

Wednesday 21 December

In-Service Day

In-Service Day

Flu Vaccinations

Parent Interviews

Christmas Show

End of Term 2