



New Deer School Newsletter

Thursday 28 September 2017

Staffing

Sadly we have to say goodbye to a much valued member of staff. Miss Walker, currently our Primary 1/2 teacher is leaving us at the end of next week, to take up a new post at Crimond Primary. We would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication to the school over her years here, and wish her well in the future. We are currently advertising her post, and will let her class know, as soon as possible, who will be teaching the class.

Communication

Glow Blogs

The children and staff are working hard on the blogs, but are somewhat despondent at the lack of feedback from parents – please encourage everyone to keep posting by engaging with our blogs.

Facebook

We also now have a New Deer School page – I will post little bits of information on there – but remember emails, newsletters and homework diaries are still the main communication methods



Netball, Jogging and Gymnastics

The above clubs are all clubs that run right after school. If your child has signed up for any of these clubs, we expect them to make a commitment to the club and to go along regularly. If your child is not attending the club for any reason, it is essential that a parent or carer lets us know. A lot of club time is being wasted while we track down missing children, or make phone calls to check with parents that the child isn't going to a club.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Christmas Shows

We are being ambitious and planning to have three small shows this year (although staffing may have an impact on this) but I see that I omitted to say on the Reporting Calendar that the senior show will be on the 19th December.

Eco News!

Can I again say a huge thank you to Karen Osterberg and Mrs Baxter, who do a huge amount of work to ensure that children are taught about eco issues.

Indeed we have an exciting announcement to make soon!

However, our eco garden is in need of a good pre winter tidy up and Karen and the children are not able to do this work without help. We would plan to have a garden tidy up day soon after the October break– and would like as many parents or community members to help us out! Please give the office a call if you can help out!



Scrap Store

<https://youtu.be/nqi1KyJJeKg>

Our scrap store could be doing with a refresh – follow this YouTube link and see if you can help us out with some play materials. We find the loose part play really engages the children, and prompts positive play so please try to help us out!

Parking

Please can I remind everyone that we cannot use the school car park for parent pick-ups and drop offs – EL&C parents and carers too!
To keep the children safe I ask that you walk to school if possible, or even 'park and stride' – parking away from the area around the school and walk up to school.

Breakfast Week

The Pupil Council wish to support the STV Big Breakfast Appeal and World Porridge Day and the Mustard Seed Café have kindly invited us to have breakfast over there!

We would be delighted if parents, carers and members of the community joined us for breakfast, for a small donation.

Monday 9 October 9am – Primary 6/7
Tuesday 10 October 9am - Primary 5/6
Wednesday 11 October 9am - Primary 3/4
Thursday 12 October 9am - Primary 2/3
Friday 13 October 9am - Primary 1/2

We would ask that everyone who comes along makes a donation towards the above charities.



Internet Safety

Many parents and pupils have been talking to me about games/apps and movies that children have been using and watching even though they are, sometimes, well under the minimum age. We would like to take the opportunity to remind parents that the age recommendations are there for a reason and that while internet safety matters are discussed in school, it is best if you work in partnership with us on this matter. We want to be working together to ensure the safety and positive emotional health for our young people. <https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Internet-matters-Parent-Age-Guides-6-10.pdf>

Thank you PTA!

We are so grateful to our hard working PTA for the support they give us! Every child in the school benefits hugely from their fundraising. They pay for all the buses for class day trips, the swimming bus for Primary 4, Accelerated Reading (almost £1000), Christmas Parties and Gifts and leavers gifts. This year already they have purchased a full class set of iPads for Primary 3/4 (another £1250!) This means that in the upper school we now have an iPad for each cooperative group, or a full set for a whole class. Without the PTA this would not have been possible!



Thank
You!



**News of our Spooky PTA event
was in the schoolbags yesterday!!
Thursday 2 November
Please support this fun event!**



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!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 13 October
Monday 30 October
Thursday 2 November
Monday 13 & Tuesday 14 November
Thursday 16 November
Monday 4 December

Last Day of Term 1
Start of Term 2
PTA Halloween Skeleton Drive
In-Service Days
Tempest Photographer (Individual)
Flu Vaccinations