

New Deer School Newsletter

6 February 2018



Please, Please!

Can I remind parents not to pop in to see teachers before and after the school day. This is happening more and more, especially in the younger classes.

- Our concerns are partly health and safety – we need to know who is in the school and when – only nursery parents are free to come in to drop off and pick up.
- Also consideration for the staff – teachers are not obliged to be in school before 9am – but they all are – but this is their preparation time, and it is increasingly being taken up by a few parents – admittedly each only requiring a few minutes, but this adds up.
- We also want our children to become independent, so lost gloves etc should be their problem – they can look for them, pass simple messages on to teachers etc.

If you need into school before, after or during the school day, please do so through the school office.

Please remember also, that those children who come to school on a bus do not have parents in school daily, and they cope. Can I also say that it is not appropriate to contact teachers through their personal social media accounts?

We hope you will not consider this request in a negative way, but be understanding - we love parents to be involved in the learning, delighted when you attend our many events, we will arrange meetings when needed, EL&C and Primary 1/2 staff communicate through Seesaw, all classes have glow blogs and the office are always willing to pass messages on, and check if teachers are available.

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I am also available to chat any issues through, when I can.



We love parents in school – but it must be manageable!

Robert Burns Celebrations

Well done to everyone who learned poems for our Burns Competition. Our judges, Mr Ritchie and Mrs Swanson, say the standard gets higher every year, so well done to everyone involved! Congratulations too, to our children who entered the singing competition and thank you to Mrs Parley and Mrs Davidson for the judging.



We did 'signpost' the learning that takes place, through the children learning poems and presenting in front of an audience and this was on show at the PTA Burns Supper. If anyone would like to see this, do please get in touch.

Here are some of the winners this year – sorry if you aren't in my photograph!



Facebook



Feedback about the school Facebook page has been positive, but I am interested to know how many parents are not seeing the posts. Would you be able to drop us an e mail if you do not use Facebook?

Several parents have asked why we do not put photographs of the children on the Facebook page, but it is not set up as a closed group, and we have several children whose parents do not wish their photos on the internet. Teachers post photos on seesaw (early level) and on the glow blogs, which are secure sites.

School Transport

Safety is a constant concern around the school at pick up and drop off times. The high volume of traffic, and lack of parking spaces in New Deer, makes it especially difficult. The parent council wanted me to highlight some school transport information –

- The council provides free transport to all children who live over two miles walking distance from school.
- Pupils who live within two miles of primary school may be able to travel on school transport at a charge, £107 per place or £267.50 per family - families in receipt of a school clothing grant are entitled to a 50 percent discount.

More information can be found by following this link -

<http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel//school-transport/school-transport/>

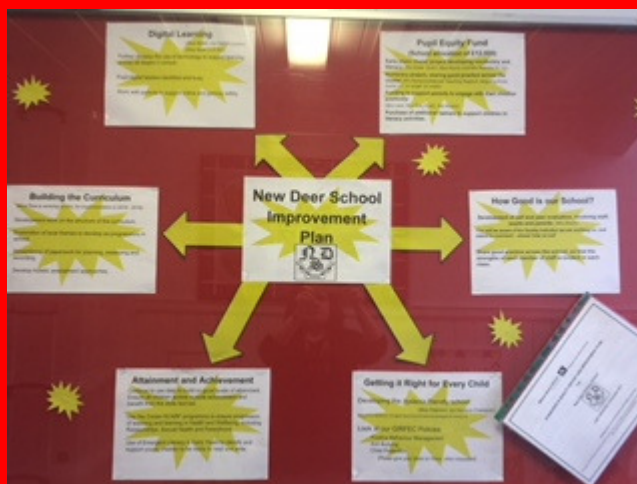
School Improvement Plan

Please zoom in to the photo of our wall display to see what is on our School Improvement Plan.

This document is constantly changing as needs arise in school.

Any suggestions you may have for our School Improvement Plan is very welcome.

Staff will be working on aspects of the plan on the upcoming In-Service days.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 9 February
Monday 12 February
Tuesday 13 February
Wednesday 14 February
Tuesday 27 February
Thursday 29 March
Monday 16 April

Occasional Holiday
Authority Holiday
In-Service Day
In-Service Day
Tempest Photographer – Class Photos
End of Term
Start of Term 4

Remember the 3cs – they are always welcome!