



New Machar School Newsletter

December 2017



Our School Values

Commitment and Cooperation

Respect and Responsibility

Achievement and Ambition

Friendship and Fairness

Teamwork and Trust

Our School Motto:

#aimtobeawesome

Dear Parent/Carer,

What can I say except from what a fantastic term this has been. On a personal note, thank you all for your continued support and kind wishes during my first term as Acting Head Teacher. From the success of our Nursery and Primary 1 nativities, P7 Pantomime and our Sing Song morning at the Axis I am extremely proud of every single pupil at New Machar School. In amongst the performances to our friends and family our pupils have enjoyed their Christmas parties as well as making the odd Christmas craft. This has truly been a wonderful term. Let's aim to have an even better 2018. From all at New Machar School we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Mr B Carle (Acting Head Teacher)

Staff News

As many of you will already be aware, we were successful in appointing a full time permanent teacher to our P1/2 class. I would like to welcome Miss Newton to the New Machar Team.

Miss Newton has been in post for a few weeks now and is thoroughly enjoying working with P1/2.

Adverse Weather Arrangements

Due to the recent snow and ice it is important that you keep up to date with the procedures of Adverse Weather. In the event of adverse weather, information regarding school closure/partial closure/changes to school transport arrangements can be found on the website below or by dialling the Aberdeenshire Information Line (number noted below).

Please note: You will need to enter the New Machar Pin Number to hear information on the Aberdeenshire Information Line. We will also update parents on both our Facebook and Twitter social media pages as soon as we possibly can. Please note that if school transport is not operating in the morning, this status will remain the same for the entire day. It is then parental choice if you would like to drop/pick up your child if transport is not running. Please only do this if it is safe to do so.

Aberdeenshire Council Website: www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/closures

Aberdeenshire Information Line: 0370 054 4999

New Machar Pin number: 022030

Please note we will also use the Xpressions app via Groupcall to update parents/carers of any school closures.

Xpressions App

Thank you to all our parents/carers who have downloaded the Xpressions app. As you will already be aware, we send messages via the app to provide a variety of information. If you have not already downloaded the app, I would strongly advise you to do so as this will keep you updated with important messages. If you would like to change your contact details, please inform the school office.

In order to download the app, if you search for Xpressions in your app store and download this to your device. Once you have the app you can also message the school directly. This is cost effective and we would encourage all parents/carers to download the app if possible.

Alternatively, you can now text the school on **07860 029125** where you can leave a text message to advise of your child's absence 24 hours a day.



School Uniform

We now have a limited stock of school jumpers, cardigans and polo shirts in school. If you would like to place an order please contact Mrs Forsyth via the school office.

Social Media

A huge thank you to all parents/carers who have signed and returned permission slips for your child to be included in our social media pages. Our Facebook page has grown in population and we are now able to communicate and share success with our parents/carers on a regular basis. We hope you enjoy following our pages as much as we do updating them!

Christmas Performances/Links to performances

I would like to extend my gratitude to all pupils and staff who were involved in all of our Christmas performances this year. From Nursery through to P7, pupils have excelled in showcasing their performance skills. During each performance, I was extremely proud of each and every single pupil. As promised, links will be shared with parents/carers which will take you to a secure website "Vimeo" where you can watch the performances over and over again. We hope to share the links before the end of term.

Library

As you will be aware, Miss McPherson recently sent a link for parents/carers to take part in a survey regarding our school library. We were overwhelmed with the response and Miss McPherson will be in touch during Term 3 regarding a Library Working Group.

Parent Council

Thank you to our Parent Council for all their support during this term. From Halloween Discos to support with the Christmas events their help has been very much appreciated. I very much look forward to working with our Parent Council throughout 2018 on a number of school developments.

From all of us at New Machar School, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Have a restful break, see you all in 2018.



Brian Carle

Mr B Carle

Acting Head Teacher