



New Machar School Newsletter

May 2018



Our School Values

Commitment and Cooperation

Respect and Responsibility

Achievement and Ambition

Friendship and Fairness

Teamwork and Trust

Dear Parent/Carer,

Here we are in the final term of this session, I can't quite believe there are less than 9 weeks left of this term. What a busy few weeks we have ahead, with lots of opportunities for our young learners to share their successes at New Machar School with you all.

Mr B Carle, Acting Head Teacher

Our School Motto:

#aimtobeawesome

School Phone Number

Please be advised that our school number has changed to: **01651 267420**

Social Media

Following recent comments, please be advised that the school management team only monitors the official New Machar School Facebook page. We are not affiliated with any other Facebook pages. Official school messages will appear on both our Facebook/Twitter page as well as through Xpressions if necessary. Our Facebook page is "***New Machar School***"/***@MacharNew*** - we are verified and have a tick after our name.

Please note, staff members should not be contacted through their personal social media accounts. Any queries regarding school, should be made via the school office or via the school email if your enquiry is out of school hours.

Library

Please see attached our first ever library newsletter.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council continue to support the school and are currently busy organising the annual Summer Fair. We can't wait to see what will be on offer this year, I'm sure it will be as successful as last year. If you would like to join our Parent Council, our next meeting is on Tuesday 19th June at 6.30pm in the P6 classroom.

ASDA Green Tokens

Please continue to support our cause in Asda - we hope to be successful in order to raise up to £500 for books for our library.

P1 Transition

Activities for pre-school children moving to Primary one are underway. All new P1s are invited to take home an "Aim to be Awesome" pack weekly. These contain a variety of activities to support the development of key skills required in P1. We have a range of opportunities for P1 parents/carers and children ahead of starting school in August. We are looking forward to meeting everyone.

Bikeability

Our P6 pupils have begun the Bikeability programme, with all bike and cycle checks completed last week. Thank you to all of our parent helpers who have committed to helping run the programme. Pupils who are cycling to school should ensure they are wearing an appropriate helmet.

Play leaders

All of our P6 pupils will start and complete their Young Play Leaders programme this term. Mr Carle has already started the training with some of the P6's from P5/6. The aim of the course is to encourage leadership skills through play, which will allow the P6's to take up their role of Play Leaders during P7.

Traffic/Parking

We have had a number of concerns reported to the school regarding parking during drop off and pick up times. No cars should be parking on the footpaths beside the school car park, this is highly dangerous given the number of children walking to/from school via this route.

P6/P7 Football - Lunchtimes

Following a number of ongoing incidents related to football at lunchtimes within our P6 and P7 cohort, I have taken the decision to have a "football free" Thursday/Friday for this week only. Following numerous attempts to resolve issues in the playground, staff are still dealing with a high number of incidents relating to football. I hope that this decision will be supported and that a fresh start on Monday will be welcomed by all.

Staffing

After almost 27 years at New Machar School, we will be saying farewell to Mrs Maureen MacInnes who will retire at the end of this term. Mrs MacInnes will be greatly missed by the nursery pupils and her colleagues. We are currently recruiting for a part time Early Years Practitioner and I would hope to have this post filled before the start of next session.

Fire Alarm

We recently had an issue where the fire alarm went off just before the school bell went at 9am. In the interest of health and safety, it is vital that parents/carers stay with their child, especially infants and walk them safely round to the playing field. Parents/Carers should wait with their child until the bell has gone.

Dates for the diary:

Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th May: Kate Leiper, author visit.
Tuesday 15th May: Nursery Parent Forum Meeting
Wednesday 16th May: P7 Half day visit to Dyce Academy
Friday 18th May: P4/5 Assembly
Week commencing 21st May: P7 Cullen trips start
Friday 25th May: Dress down day - donations for raffles for Summer Fair (Parent Council)
Thursday 31st May: Library Open Afternoon: P3/4-P7- 2pm-2.30pm and P1-3- 2.15pm-2.45pm
Friday 1st June: P3 Assembly
Saturday 2nd June: Summer Fair
Monday 4th June: Holiday
Friday 8th June: Starting P1 induction talk: 9.15-10.30
Friday 8th June: P3/4 Assembly
Tuesday 12th June: Nursery Sports Day
Wednesday 13th June: P1-P7 Sports Day
Friday 15th June: Team Sports Day
Friday 15th June: Starting Nursery induction talk: 2pm
Tuesday 19th June: Parent Council meeting 6.30pm
Friday 22nd June: P2 Assembly
Friday 29th June: P7 full day visit to Dyce Academy
Wednesday 4th July: P7 Leavers Assembly (Family)
Friday 6th July: End of Term

Kind regards,

Brian Carle

Mr B Carle
Acting Head Teacher



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