



# New Machar School Newsletter

## December 2018



Dear Parent/Carer,

### Our School Values

**C**ommitment and Cooperation

**R**espect and Responsibility

**A**chievement and Ambition

**F**riendship and Fairness

**T**eamwork and Trust

### Our School Motto:

*#aimtobeawesome*

What can I say except from what a fantastic term this has been. I am now over a year into my headship at New Machar and still I am blown away by the talents of our pupils. From the success of our Nursery Christmas show and Primary 1 nativity to our whole school show and our Sing Song morning at the Axis, I am extremely proud of every single pupil and member of staff 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.

*Brian Carle*

Mr B Carle Head Teacher (Acting)

### Adverse Weather Arrangements

Due to the recent stormy

weather 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](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/closures)

Aberdeenshire Information Line: 0370 054 4999

New Machar Pin number: 022330

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

### Lost Property

I would like to remind all parents/carers that whilst we make every effort to return lost items to their owners, at times this is not always the case. In order to return any lost items found within school, please ensure that your child's items/clothing are labelled so we can identify the correct owner if loose items are found.

### Lunchtime Clubs

In order to support pupils who have been finding the playground challenging or would benefit from a smaller social setting during lunchtimes, Ms Doyle and some of our PSAs will be running lunchtime clubs in our Nurture Room, Monday-Friday from 1pm-1.30pm for P4-P7 pupils. More information will follow in Term 3 for those attending the lunch clubs.

### Wet Weather Information for P4+ P4/5

As many of you will know our playground can be a very busy place in the mornings. We kindly ask all parents/carers to leave appropriate space outside our P4 and P4/5 classrooms to allow the children to line up accordingly. ***In the event of bad weather, pupils in P4 and P4/5 should enter the main building via the P3/P5 door and line up in the hall where they can wait until the bell rings. Class teachers will pick them up from the hall and escort them over to their classes.***

### Christmas Concerts

Our Christmas Concert donations this year raised over £600. This money will be used to support future school performances and allow us to invest in shows/scripts/licences and props. Thank you for your generosity!

### 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/update your contact details, please inform the school office.***

In order to download the app, 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.



**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. Links will be shared with Nursery/P1 parents/carers which will take you to a secure website "Vimeo" where you can watch the Nativity performances over and over again. We hope to share the links before the end of term.

#### Parent Council

I would like to say a HUGE thanks to our Parent Council for the support they have given the school so far this year. From serving teas/coffees, to paying for our Vimeo subscription, our Parent Council actively support the school in many different areas. Thank you to you all!

**From all of us at New Machar School, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.**



*Brian Carle*

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