



New Machar School Newsletter

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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,

I can't quite believe that we are almost nearing the end of Term 3 already. This has been an incredibly busy, fun-filled packed term - however

I am sure you will all agree that our pupils continue to experience some fantastic learning opportunities.

As with all holidays, I hope everyone has a relaxing, safe break.

School will resume on Monday 15th April at 9am.

Brian Carle

Mr B Carle Head Teacher

Staffing

As many of you know, I was appointed permanent Head Teacher last month. I have been truly overwhelmed by the support from staff, pupils and parents since my appointment - thank you to everyone for their kind wishes.

I am also pleased to announce that following recent interview, Miss Hendry (P3H) has been successfully appointment to a permanent post within Aberdeenshire Council on completion of her probationary year. Miss Hendry will be staying at New Machar next session and we are just delighted. Congratulations Miss Hendry!

School Uniform

I would like to remind all parents/carers that pupils should come to school in the correct uniform. *Hoodies/Jumpers with large print/logos as well as jeans should not be worn to school* as part of the everyday school uniform. We have a limited stock of school uniform available at the school office should you wish to purchase.

Tesco/My Clothing

As you may know, Tesco Embroidery Service has been the primary source to buy school uniform for a number of years now. This service has now closed and has been replaced with a

company called My Clothing. The service is exactly the same as Tesco and there should be little/no disruption when ordering school uniform.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council AGM will be held on Tuesday 16th April at 6.30pm in the school hall. We are always looking for new faces to join the team, so please come along if you are interested in getting involved.

P7 Edinburgh Trip

Our P7 Edinburgh trip is now fully organised with parents/pupils aware of the different activities on offer. We will be visiting a number of attractions such as Dynamic Earth, taking an open top bus tour of the city, visiting the theatre to see the musical of Matilda plus much more! All staff and pupils (and perhaps the parents!) are very much looking forward to the trip - which will take place on Tuesday 23rd April - Friday 26th April.

Car Parking

It has come to my attention that parents are still parking on the pavements/dangerously during drop off/pick up times. This is an ongoing issue that concerns me as pupil safety is being compromised. **It is simply not acceptable to park on the pavements.** I intend to look into this matter further and take appropriate action where necessary.

Book Fair

We had a successful book fair which was in school a few weeks ago. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped ensure the book fair ran smoothly. It is very much appreciated!

Kingseat Bus

It has recently been brought to my attention that children waiting for the Kingseat bus in the morning before school are playing in the woods by the bus stop and are going in quite far. We have also been advised that often children are climbing up on top of an electricity substation. I must stress that this is not responsible behaviour and would not be however it is parental responsibility to ensure children are safe before getting on the bus.

Bikeability Helpers

We have now secured enough helpers for the P6 Bikeability programme. As always, we would welcome any parent who would like to help out in the future. Your child does not have to be in P6 for you to take part. If your child is currently in P5 and you would be interested in helping next year, why not come along for a taster session this year to see what is involved in volunteering? Contact the school office if you are interested.

Mobile Phones/Make-Up

A gentle reminder that mobile phones should not be taken to school unless they are for medical use and that make-up should not be worn in school. Children who bring mobile phones

to school without the permission from parents/staff will be asked to hand them into the office for an adult to pick up after school.

School Meals

Following a decision by full council, the cost of Primary School meals in Aberdeenshire will increase by 20p. This will mean a 2 course standard meal will now cost £2.50. This will take effect after the Easter Holidays.

Tuck Shop

Following a decision taken by the school kitchen, due to very low numbers, there will be no tuck shop available after the Easter Holidays. We will review this during Term 4 and if we feel there is a need to reinstate tuck shop this would be considered.

Please continue to provide your child with an appropriate snack to school - fizzy drinks, large bags of sweets and family size bags of crisps are not appropriate and should be avoided.

Parent Council Bunny Drive

A reminder that the Parent Council "Bunny Drive" will take place on Thursday 28th March at 6pm. Tickets are still available, or alternatively you can pay on the evening.

Lost Property

We have a number of school jumpers, hats, gloves and coats in our lost property that has been lying for quite some time. If your child has misplaced any of the listed items, please encourage them to have a look in the lost property before the end of this term. During Term 4, Mrs McPherson will be working with a number of pupils on an Eco-Project that will involve using the unclaimed lost property.

Term 3 House Reward

Well done to team CHARLIE - our Term 3 winners. All pupils in Charlie will receive a special reward tomorrow (Thursday 28th March) - it's an Easter themed surprise.... all will be revealed!

Kind regards,

Brian Carle

Head Teacher



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