



New Machar School Newsletter December 2019



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

Dear Parent/Carer,

I can't quite believe that we are at the end of what has been a very busy term for all pupils and staff.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped make Christmas at New Machar School a truly special time of year. From our Nursery and P1 nativities to our whole school show "Christmas Through the Ages", I hope you have enjoyed celebrating this very special time of year with us. Whilst the performances are over, our pupils are looking forward to their class parties and Community Sing-Song this week!

From all of us at New Machar School, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all in 2020!

Mr Carle (Head Teacher)

Staffing

At the end of this Term, we will be saying good luck and farewell to Mrs Wright. Mrs Wright has been with us for over 6 years and has mainly taught our infant classes. Mrs Wright will be missed by both staff and pupils, however we wish her all the very best as she moves on to Keig Primary School.

Following recent interviews, I am pleased to say that we have appointed Miss Ashley Ross-Breen and she will be taking over from Mrs Wright in P1/2. Miss Ross joins us from Fife Council, however she knows our school very well, having completed her time as a teaching student with us last session. It is hoped that Miss Ross will be in post by the end of January - until such time, Mrs Duncan will take P1/2 full time after the Christmas holidays.

Depute Head

We welcome Miss Laura MacFadyen, who will be joining the Senior Leadership Team as Depute Head after the Christmas break. Miss MacFadyen joins us from Hazelhead Primary and hopes to be in post by Monday 13th January. Miss MacFadyen will be covering for Mrs Ramage whilst she is off on maternity leave.

Nursery Staffing

We would like to wish Mrs Taylor all the very best as she will commence her maternity leave from Friday. Mrs Lesley Daniel has been appointed as Early Years Lead Practitioner and will take up her post after the Christmas holidays. We will also be welcoming Ms Anne Cowie to our nursery team. Ms Cowie was appointed as an Early Years Practitioner on a fixed term basis and will mainly work 3 afternoons and 2 mornings.

Adverse Weather Arrangements

As we approach the winter months, 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 well as through Groupcall messaging 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: 022330

Parking

Our new signage funded by our Parent Council has now been on display for over a week now. We have noticed a decrease of cars parking on the kerb just beside the visitors car park. However, we still remain concerned with cars parking in a dangerous manner in the Axis Centre car park. We will place our signage at the front of the school during Term 3.

Vision/Values/School Motto survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the vision/values and school motto survey - I have collated the results and hope to share these with pupils, staff and parents during Term 3. Watch this space!

School Website

Please continue to check our school website for important information and helpful documents.

<http://newmachar.aberdeenshire.sch.uk>

Parent Council

I would like to thank our Parent Council who are always so kind and generous towards helping and supporting our school events. This year they have funded class party prizes, party snacks and Christmas party presents. They have also been at all our events making sure everyone had a nice hot cup of tea/coffee. I am aware this is a busy time of year for everyone, so a huge thanks once again!

Our next parent council meeting is Tuesday 21st January 6.30pm if you would like to pop along.

Open Afternoon

Just a reminder that we will be holding an open afternoon on Friday 24th January 2020. More information regarding the event will be shared after the New Year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Brian Carle