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NEWSLETTER



Monday 30 October	Start of Term 2
Friday 3 November	Interim Reports Primary 1-7
Tuesday 7 November	Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday 8 November	Open Evening 6-7pm Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday 9 November	Parent Teacher interviews 3.30-4.30pm Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 10 November	School Disco
Monday 13 November	In Service Day
Tuesday 14 November	In Service Day
Friday 17 November	Children In Need
Friday 24 November	Christmas Fayre 6-9pm
Friday 1 December	Flu Immunisation
Monday 4 December	Arties Tartan Tales - Nursery
Tuesday 12 December	P1-P7 visit to HM Theatre, Aladdin
Tuesday 12 December	Nursery Nativity
Wednesday 13 December	Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 18 December	Nursery Christmas Party
Monday 18 December	P1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 19 December	P5-7 Christmas Party
Wednesday 20 December	P2-4 Christmas Party
Thursday 21 December	Christmas Sing-a-long
Friday 22 December	Church Service at Old Deer End of Term 2
Monday 8 January	Start of Term 3

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Coffee Morning on 29 September to the staff who donated the butteries and pancakes. We raised £708.50 for Macmillan Cancer Support a superb amount for a wonderful cause.

Arts at Haddo

On Thursday 12 October most of the P6/7 pupils are taking part in a very exciting project at Haddo House, Arts at Haddo. We are one of only six Aberdeenshire primary Schools taking part in this. It's called a Song for Haddo and features the songs of the famous composer Benjamin Britten. They will also be composing a song themselves. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to work alongside musicians from Scottish Opera. Thanks to Mrs McIntosh for all her rehearsal work, what wonderful singers we have.

Interim reports/Open Evening /Parents Evening

This year we are sending out Interim Reports to let you know how your child is progressing. On **8 November** we are having an Open Evening from **6-7pm**. We did this last session and it was very popular. On **9 November** from **3.30-4.30pm** there will be an opportunity to discuss the interim report with your child's teacher by appointment only. Appointment letters will be issued along with the reports. Mrs Seivwright ASL teacher will also be available for appointments if required.

The Book Fair will be in school from Tuesday 7th November until Thursday 9th November. Children will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair during school time and parents will have the opportunity to visit during our Open Evening and Parents Evening on **Wednesday 8 November from 6-7pm and also Thursday 9 November from 3-4.30pm**. On these days, there will also be a display from Rowlands Pharmacy in Mintlaw. A representative will be on hand to explain what services are available to the community.

Celebrating Success

If your child achieves success in activities out with School please remind them to let us know about their achievement so these can be shared and celebrated at the whole school assemblies on a Friday.

Aberdeenshire Libraries Summer reading Challenge

Many congratulations to Lucy Higgins Primary 7 who won a prize in this competition. She designed a super book cover. Well done Lucy.

Student Teachers

We will have two student teachers in school from the start of Term 2. Nicola Barron will be working with Primary 4/5 and Alex Hunter will be in Primary 2/3. We hope they will enjoy being part of our learning community.

Disco

The Parent Council are organising a Disco for the pupils on Friday 10 November. More information and tickets will be available after the holidays.

Taking the Hell out of Homework

This is a Family Learning Event hosted by Mintlaw cluster schools. It's on Tuesday 14 November 7-8.30pm at Mintlaw Academy and will be presented by Neil Mackay Action Dyslexia. A full information leaflet will be sent out nearer the time.

Breakfast Club

We have been delighted by the response to Breakfast Club, we started off with 8 and are now averaging 28 pupils per session. In view of the numbers attending we have decided to start at 8.15am next term. It will still only be three days, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

A questionnaire will be completed by our 'customers' to see how they are feeling about things and to see if there's anything else we could provide. The hot chocolate and marshmallows (a big favourite) will stay on the menu.

Special thanks to our Breakfast Club ladies, Heather Thomson, Karen Pollard and Gwyneth Stephen.