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Session 2017-2018

Monday 21 August	-	In Service Day
Tuesday 22 August	-	Start of term 1 for pupils
Wednesday 23 August	-	Nursery Starts Second P1 Intake
Monday 4 September	-	P1s start full time
Tuesday 5 September	-	Parent Council AGM at 6.30 pm
Tuesday 12 September	-	Individual School Photos
Tuesday 12 September	-	Meet the Teacher
Monday 18-Wednesday 27 September	-	P6 Bikeability
Friday 29 September	-	MacMillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning
Friday 13 October	-	End of Term 1
Monday 30 October	-	Start of Term 2
Tuesday 7 November	-	Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday 8 November	-	Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday 9 November	-	Scholastic Book Fair
Monday 13 November	-	In Service Day
Tuesday 14 November	-	In Service Day
Friday 24 November	-	P6/7 Assembly
Friday 24 November	-	Christmas Craft Fayre 6-9pm
Monday 4 December	-	Arties Tartan Tales - Nursery
Tuesday 12 December	-	Panto at HM Theatre, Aberdeen P1-P7
Tuesday 12 December	-	Nursery Nativity
Monday 18 December	-	Nursery and 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

Breakfast Club

We will be running a breakfast club on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings starting on Wednesday 6 September. Breakfast will be on offer between 8.25 am and 8.50am. If pupils arrive later they will not have enough time to eat before the bell rings for the start of the day. The menu at the moment will be a choice of cereal, toast, hot chocolate, milk or diluting juice. Other items may be added after the initial trial period if required. It's a widely recognised fact that a good breakfast helps to give a positive start to the day. This will be free of charge and funded from the Government's allocation to the school to help raise attainment and "close the gap".

Parent Council

The Parent Council AGM will take place on Tuesday 5 September at 6.30pm. This is a chance for all parents/carers to be involved in organising various events which raise money for the school. If you have any fundraising ideas please come along and share them. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

Big Conversation - Meet the teacher

Aberdeenshire Council are developing a Parents Charter the aim of which is to inform parents/carers about the service and its expectations. On Tuesday 12 September from 3.30pm to 4.30pm you are invited along to meet the teacher. It may be that your child has a new teacher this year and is in a different classroom. Please come along, chat to the teacher, discuss any concerns and see what's been going on in the classroom (it's early days so there won't be a great deal of children's work on the walls) We will also ask you to complete a short anonymous questionnaire about your views on the school or there is an online survey that can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CQ8B78Y>

School Photographer

Please note that the School Photographer is coming to school on **Tuesday 12 September 2017** to take individual and family photos. Please see attached note.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are again taking part in this very worthwhile venture. A well-attended success in the past, this year it will be on Friday 29 September and will run from 10.15am to 11.30am. More details will follow.

Helping your child to settle into the new school session

To ensure your child settles quickly into the school routine there are many practical ways you can help achieve this. It is vital that they attend regularly and if they are absent you need to let the school know before 9.15am. Please make sure we have the most up to date telephone number where we can contact you should there be a need. They should arrive on time every day and with the equipment they need schoolbag, homework pack and PE kit. This helps to give them a good start to the day. Please check the bag at night to see if there are any permission forms to be filled in and return them on time.

Shoe Bags

Can we remind you that Primary 4-7 children must bring a shoe bag to school to hold their indoor / outdoor shoes when not in use. Shoe Bags are sold in school for a cost of £3.00 or children can bring their own from home.

School Dinners

The cost of a meal has increased to **£2.20** per day. Water is available but they can buy juice/milk/flavoured milk for 20p. A healthy tuck shop is also available to buy from the kitchen each day which are itemised below:

Cheese & Rich Tea	20p	Fresh Fruit – Prepared or Whole	25p
Homebake of the Day	20p	Apple or Orange Cuplet	15p
Bags of Sultanas	15p	Milk/Aqua juice carton	25p

Homework Bags

It is the parent's responsibility that their child takes homework bags to school every day. If these bags are lost it is the parent's responsibility to replace the bags. Homework bags with the Pitfour logo can be bought from the school office at a cost of £4.00 each

No Smoking Policy

We follow Aberdeenshire Council guidelines. Smoking is not allowed anywhere or at any time on school premises, including the outside grounds. The restrictions apply to everyone and include the use of electronic cigarettes. We all

have a role to play in influencing the attitudes of our pupils towards smoking and we are committed to improving the health of all. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parent Helpers

We are looking for more parent helpers to help out at various school trips/activities/general resource preparations/golden time. If you are willing to help please can you return the tear off slip. A PVG disclosure form will be required to be completed. These forms are available at the school office.

Scholastic Book Fair

This year the annual book fair will be on Tuesday 7 November, Wednesday 8 November and Thursday 9 November, yours support is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Fayre

A date for your diary – This year we are holding our Christmas Fayre in the evening of Friday 24 November from 6pm-9pm. There will be craft stalls, refreshments, a Chocolate Fountain and a Santa’s Grotto. More details will follow.

Christmas Activities

Arties Tartan Tales are coming to the Nursery on Monday 4 December.

The children will again be going to the pantomime at HM Theatre in Aberdeen on Tuesday 12 December. Thanks to the parent council for providing the tickets.

The Nursery will be presenting their Nativity Play on the morning of Tuesday 12 December.

The whole school Sing-a-Long is on Thursday 21 December, further details to follow.

We will finish the term with a Christmas Service at Old Deer Church on Friday 22 December.

Bike Racks

Whilst we are pleased to see that pupils are taking their bikes to school we would like to remind parents that pupils bikes are left at the owners risk and we would advise that they are chained securely to the racks.

Parent Helpers

Parent Name

Pupil Name..... Class.....