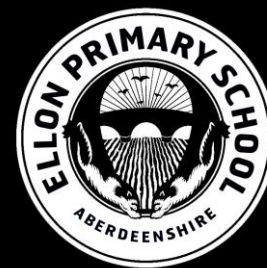


ELLON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

October 14



Survey of Reward System

Parents are being asked to give their views on our reward and sanction system. All parents have been e mailed and given the opportunity to complete an on line survey. This is your opportunity to express your views which will help to shape our future policy. All pupils are in the process of completing the survey this week.

Results will be sent out to parents and fed back to the children after the October holidays.

A revised system will then be devised on the basis of the feedback from the consultation with all members of the school community.

Thanks to everyone who has responded so far. Please take time to complete the survey before the **28th October**.

Primary 3J get the Respect Message Across

Miss Jack and her class have been learning about respectful behaviour and have shared their learning with others at a recent assembly.



Each term we are focusing on a school value and this term it has been respect. The following children have been nominated by their class teachers for being good role models & showing respectful behaviour towards others.

P1 Joe Ferguson, P1/2 Rhys Kelly, P2 Mia Sandison, P3J Eilidh Duncan, P3E/M Sarah McLellan, P4 Hayden Corbett, P4/5 Nadia Janeczko, P5 Taylor McKessick, P6 Calum Souter, P6/7 Ross Watson, P7 Robbie Urquhart.

Well done!

P4/5 Fair Trade Tea Party

This term our P4/5 class have been studying life in the Indian village of Chembakoli. As part of their studies they have been learning about Fair Trade and what it mean to the farmers and people of Chembakoli. Mrs Aspden from Fair Trade Ellon came into talk to the children about the difference buying Fair Trade can make.



The children also ran a tea party for parents serving tea from the tea growers in the village. They raised £83.00. The money raised will go to the charity Action Aid who work in Chembakoli. Great work P4/5.

Macmillian Coffee Morning

Many thanks to everyone who came along to support the Macmillian coffee morning held in the nursery last week and to all parents who generously donated baking for the event. The coffee morning and the dress as you please events raised a total of £456 for the charity.

S4L Groups

When we return after the October holidays children from P2-P7 will have the opportunity to join a skills for learning, life and work group (S4L for short). The groups are designed to promote and develop skills and attitudes that will be vital to the children throughout their lives. Some of the areas focused on will be: cooperation skills, communication skills, time & money management, taking responsibility, planning, organising and prioritising. Mr Craig is leading the initiative and is looking for parents & members of the community to become involved. Mr Craig has sent out information on S4L this week and we hope to see some volunteers along to help out with the groups.

Santa Fun Run

A group of very enthusiastic parents who run are, along with keen members of staff, planning a family 2K fun run on Saturday 29th November. We have some very keen runners in the school and we are hoping for a good turn out from Ellon Primary. Registration for the run is at 9.30am in the Gordon Park Pavilion. The run starts at 10.30am. Entry charges are £6 per adult and £4.00 per child including Santa suit and finishers medal.

Kids' Council

Thank you to all the pupils who presented a speech outlining why they would make a good representative. The voting has taken place and the representatives for each class have been chosen.

Norovirus (winter vomiting bug)

NHS Scotland have issued advice about the norovirus and there are a few simple things that you can do to avoid norovirus.

Keep your hands clean

Avoid raw, unwashed food

Avoid sharing towels, flannels or toothbrushes

Keep household surfaces clean

If your child catches the virus they can be infectious up to 48 hours after symptoms go. It is best to avoid people during that time. We advise **not to send your child to school until they have been clear of symptoms for 48 hours.**

For more information please go to www.nhsinform.co.uk/norovirus

Leaflets are available from the school office.

Happy Holiday

I hope that you all have a lovely October break with family and friends.

Festive Season Dates for your Diary

November	What's On
Saturday 29 th	Christmas Santa Fun Run/ Extravaganza Including P1, P1/2, P2 and P3J, P3E/M Enterprise Stalls
December	What's On
Tuesday 2 nd - 9 th	Travelling Books
Friday 5 th	P3J and P3E/M Party
Monday 8 th	Nursery Nativity P4, P4/5, P5 Rehearsal
Tuesday 9 th	P4, P4/5, P5 Christmas Concert
Wednesday 10 th	Pantomime Beauty & the Beast Performances at 9.15am and 10.35am
Thursday 11 th	P1, P1/2 & P2 Party
Friday 12 th	P4, P4/5 & P5 Party
Monday 15 th	P6, P6/7, P7 Rehearsal
Tuesday 16 th	P6, P6/7, P7 Christmas Show
Wednesday 17 th	P6 & P6/7, P7 Party
Thursday 18 th	Nursery Parties Christmas Assembly
School closed at end of day on Friday 19th December	
Return to School Monday 5th January	

We are awaiting confirmation of the Christmas lunch date and will let you know as soon as this has been decided.