

Alva P.S. Newsletter - June 18'



Dear Parents/Carers

I cannot believe that we only have three weeks left of this school year! We have achieved a great deal this session and we look forward to sharing our Standards and Qualities report with you shortly. This will detail the progress the school has made this session and will also inform you of the priorities for 2018-19.

Staffing Update

The recruitment process for the new Headteacher of Alva Primary and Nursery Class continues and the final stage of the recruitment process takes place on Wednesday 13th June.

We are delighted to announce that Miss Victoria Daley will join our staff team in August 2018 as our new Principal Teacher.

We are also in the process of recruiting an Early Years Worker for our nursery and hope to have completed the recruitment process before the summer holidays.

PEF (Pupil Equity Funding) Questionnaire

We would like to thank all those who took the time to complete and return the PEF questionnaire that we sent out. Self-evaluation is very important to us and your ideas will help shape our plans for next session.

School Communication

We are concerned that some of our parents/carers are not receiving some school communications. Please ensure that we have up to date email addresses and phone numbers. This can be done at the office. It is important to us that we are able to communicate with you at all times.

Classes for next session

We are currently in the process of finalising classes for next session and we will send out communication regarding your child's class teacher for next session in due course. I can confirm that we will have 14 straight classes for next session in mainstream.

Parent Council and PTA

Thank you to those who attended our last Parent Council meeting. Your support to school is very much appreciated and it is lovely to see so many parents/carers at the meeting.

We are looking forward to our Summer Fayre on Wednesday 20th June which will be held after school from 3:15pm – 5pm.

MacTuff Kids

The PTA organised a very successful MacTuff Challenge for our pupils who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They certainly rose to the challenge! Thank you to the PTA for organising this event.

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Alva's Got Talent

Alva's got Talent will take place on Thursday 28th June at 1.30pm. Unfortunately due to hall capacity we cannot invite all of our parents/carers to the show (only those who are in the final) but rest assured, there will be plenty pictures on Twitter.

Nursery News

The nursery have raised a fantastic total of £1090 from their sponsored Bike-a-thon! Well done to all the boys and girls! Outdoor Classroom day was a success with the children having lots of fun experiences outside and developing different problem solving skills. Thank you to our parent helpers for your support at both of these events.

P1/2C and P2K

A huge thank you to all our parents in P1/2C and P2K for supporting us through our fundraising events and to the children for selling lots of fruit and climbing the Nebit hill. We managed to put the money to good use and used it for the school trip.

Primary 7

Miss Gray and Mrs Todd are happy to announce the huge success that Primary 7 recently had with their Enterprise themes. Between the 'Movie Experience' and the 'Nummy, Yummy Café' they raised £600, which means that the children can purchase their own leaver's hoodies. In addition to this, the PTA have generously donated money to allow the children an additional trip to M & D's prior to school finishing up. The children have worked extremely hard over the last month to achieve their goal and it has been lovely to see them rewarded.

Our pupils have returned from a very successful trip to Dalguise. All children participated fully in the activities and had a fantastic time. We are glad to have them back safe and sound. I am sure that they are all looking forward to their activity days at Alva Academy next week.

Casual Friday

The dress down "Casual Friday" day for this month will be 22nd of June. Pupils can come in casual clothes and pay £1. We would politely request that no football strips are worn on this day.

Refurb

Our refurbishment work will continue over the summer and we look forward to seeing more refurbished classrooms and learning spaces when we return in August.

School Crossing/Parking

The safety of pupils is of the highest priority for us. We ask that you continue to be vigilant with the safety of your children when crossing the road. Traffic continues to cause problems at the entrance to the school and at the back of our nursery. Please be mindful and considerate of our neighbours in the surrounding houses and streets. We also ask that you do not park your cars at the back entrance to the nursery as this area needs to be kept clear.

Medication

Can we ask that if you have medication for your child in school, please ensure this is picked up before the end of the school term. This allows us to start afresh for the new school session.

Sunny Weather

We hope that the better weather will continue for the rest of this term and into the summer holidays– please remember that named sun hats & named sun cream (that pupils can apply themselves) are recommended.

Breakfast Club

We would like to inform you that as of August 2018 breakfast club prices will increase to £1.20 per day.

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Chicken Pox

Please be aware that we now have several reported cases of chicken pox in school and nursery. Please be vigilant if you see any spots on your child and seek medical advice. I also draw your attention to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Countdown to Summer Diary Dates

Event	Date
<u>JUNE</u>	
P7 Bridging Days	Tuesday 12 th and Wednesday 13 th June
P1 Induction Day	Wednesday 13 th June, 1:30pm
Rotary Day Out (ASD Provision)	Wednesday 13 th June
All Singing, All Dancing Dress Rehearsal	Thursday 14 th June, 3:15pm-5:00pm
PTA AGM, 7pm	Tuesday 19 th June
Summer Fayre	Wednesday 20 th June, 3:15pm – 5:00pm
P7 Sports Activity Day at Alva Academy	Thursday 21 st June
All Singing, All Dancing (Alva Academy)	Thursday 21 st June, 5:30pm
Nursery Fun Day	Friday 22 nd June
Mary's Meals Back Pack Collection	Monday 25 th June
Reports out to parents/carers	Monday 25 th June
P7 Terminator (Parklands)	Wednesday 27 th June, 7pm – 9pm
Nursery End of Term Celebration	Wednesday 27 th June, 10:15am and 1:45pm
P7 Leavers' Assembly	Thursday 28 th June, 9:30am
Alva's got Talent	Thursday 28 th June, 1:30pm
End of Term Service and Parent Council Awards	Friday 29 th June, 10am School closes at 1pm. Nursery closes at 3:30pm

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Rice
Acting Head Teacher
Alva Primary School