

Cross Arthurlie Primary School

Newsletter – February 2017

School News

High quality learning experiences, meeting the needs of all pupils in a positive, nurturing community.

I hope you all managed to have a restful long weekend. I trust that the following update will be useful to you.

XA Factor

We are looking forward to our annual talent contest, the XA Factor, which will be held in school next Friday, 24th February. The audition process is now over and we're looking forward to seeing and hearing from our musicians, singers, dancers, comedians and magicians during the final. Good luck to everyone involved!

Dress as You Please Day

Since next Friday is our XA Factor Final, we would like to make this a Dress as You Please Day. Pupils can wear their own clothes for a donation, which will go towards school funds. These funds help towards subsidising after school clubs, class resources, PE equipment and many other good causes.

Open Afternoon

Please remember that our next Open Afternoon will be held on the afternoon of 28th February. A letter with specific details will be with you soon.

P5 Residential Trip

We're very grateful to all those parents and carers of our P5 pupils who took the time to be at the recent meeting about our residential visit to Belmont Outdoor Centre in Perthshire. Full payment for this trip needs to be made by 24th February. The pupils leave on Wednesday 1st March and return on Friday 3rd. I'm sure everyone will enjoy the experience and I'm particularly grateful to those staff members who have made arrangements to help staff the event. We'll keep our fingers crossed for good weather!

School Improvements

On Wednesday 1st to 3rd March the school lunch hall will be re-floored and painted. Due to these works pupil's lunch arrangements will be altered. On Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd March the lunch menu will consist of soup and sandwiches. All pupils receiving a school lunch and pupils in P1-3, who have a packed lunch, will be accommodated in the gym hall. P4 –P7 pupils will have their packed lunches in the classrooms.

After a Health and Safety audit the authority have informed me that a pedestrian path will be built at the front of the school to enable pupils/carers/ visitors safe access to the building. At the moment, as you are aware, pedestrians access the school by walking through the car park. This is a dangerous and busy entrance and I am pleased that this improvement is going to be made, making access safer.

Parents' Nights

Parents' Nights will take place on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd March. You will soon receive an information letter regarding this. We look forward to welcoming you to Parents' Night next month.

World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March we will be celebrating World Book Day by asking the pupils to dress up as a favourite character from a book. More details will follow shortly.

Traffic Around the School

Please continue to be aware of the traffic issues around the school, particularly during times of bad weather. We would prefer if you did not use the staff car park at any time, particularly when dropping your children off at MACS before school hours. This can often be a very busy time of day and our concern is that an accident involving a child might occur in the car park. Please remember not to park too close to junctions or across our neighbours' driveways before and after school. Please also remember that the bus bay is not a drop-off point. Your help with these issues is very much appreciated.

Parent Council News

Ladies Night

This event takes place on Saturday 18th March, at 7pm, at United Services Club. Tickets are priced at £15.00. Tickets for this event will be on sale on the Open Afternoon, on 28th February. The next meeting of the Parent Council will be on Tuesday the 7th of March at 7pm in the High School.

School Holidays

Term 2

Friday 10th February, Inservice Day
Monday 13th February, School Closed
Tuesday 14th February, School Closed
Wednesday 15th February, School Closed

Friday 31st March, last day of school
Easter Break – Monday 3rd April – Tuesday 18th April

Term 3

Tuesday 18th April, School Re-opens

Monday 1st May, School Closed

Friday 26th May, School Closed
Monday 29th May, School Closed
Tuesday 30th May, Inservice Day

Tuesday 27th June, School closes for Summer at 1pm.

Important Dates

Tuesday 28th February
Open Afternoon

Wednesday 22nd March
Parents' Night

Thursday 23rd March
Parents' Night

Tuesday 9th May
Sports Day

Thursday 22nd June
P7 Dance

Tuesday 27th June
Summer Service, 10.30am

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