



*Applegrove  
is a  
"can-do"  
School*

## Newsletter

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**CIRCULATION: FAMILY**

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### Disco

Last week's PTA discos saw 196 children, having a great time thanks to the Mosset who donated their function room while we have no Hall.

Your support for the PTA is much appreciated.

Money raised at this time of year is used to pay for Christmas party food and prizes.

You should have received a letter about the PTA Christmas Fair which will be held at St Leonard's Church Hall on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December.



### School handbook

We are currently working on this handbook which is updated each year in December, ready for new enrolments for P1 in January.

There are new email addresses and phone numbers provided by the Council.

We are also updating policies and will inform you when these are complete.

If there is information you feel is missing from our School handbook, which would benefit new parents, please let us know so they can be included next month.

### In-Service

The recent In-Service days took a focus on how school can go about tracking pupil progress in Literacy and Numeracy. You may have seen in the Scottish news that there are plans to reintroduce national testing which was stopped when the 5 – 14 curriculum changed to Curriculum for Excellence. Latest information is that tests will be piloted next year and in place in all schools from 2017.

### Open Afternoon-New P1 Visit

We plan to hold an open afternoon on Wednesday 16th December for parents of children who will start school in August. This will run from 2.00 - 4.30pm as a drop in session. If you would like to be shown round the school at this time you are very welcome. Posters will be sent to all the pre-school centres. Enrolment week will take place in January, during the week 11 - 15th. Times will be advertised in the next newsletter and in the pre-schools.

## **Office Hours**

A reminder that the school office is staffed between 8.30am and 3.30pm. If you are unable to call during these times, please phone the pin line (the 0870 number noted at the top of this newsletter) and leave a message. Due to staffing allowances, we do not have two administrators at all times. This means we may only have one member of staff in the office when you phone. If they are on the other phone, they cannot get to you too.

Please remember that it is Parents' responsibility to contact school and inform if their child will be absent.

Moray Council have asked us to advise you that calls to this number will be charged a 2p per minute service charge plus your call provider's access charge. If you phone the pin line and leave a message, it is received by school in the form of an email which can be read outwith office hours. You may find this helpful.

## **Building Update**

Thanks to the Parent Council, hot meals are now back on the menu while our Hall is out of action. Due to the ongoing building work, please note that there will be a need to change venues for the Christmas Parties:

P1/2 Christmas Party – Town Hall

P3/4 Christmas Party – Town Hall

P5/6 Christmas Party – Town Hall

P7 Christmas Party – Mosset

All of these dates are as notified on the annual calendar, except for the P7 party which we have had to bring forward a week. Each class will bring home a letter specific to their own party.

Due to our stage also being out of action, the P3 Nativity, supported by the P6/7 choir will also take place in the Town Hall. Again, letters will be sent home to the relevant parents.

## **Dates**

30<sup>th</sup> November – Dress in Something Tartan Day

5<sup>th</sup> December - 10am PTA Christmas Fair – St Leonards Church Hall

14<sup>th</sup> December - P3 Nativity for P3 and choir parents – Town Hall

P7 Christmas Party - Mosset

15<sup>th</sup> December - P5/6 Christmas Party – Town Hall

16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas lunch in school

17<sup>th</sup> December - P3/4 Christmas Party – Town Hall

18<sup>th</sup> December - P1/2 Party – Town Hall

21<sup>st</sup> December – 10am Church

22<sup>nd</sup> December - End of Term

5<sup>th</sup> January 2016 - Start of Term

