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Newsletter

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CIRCULATION: FAMILY

Church

The Service at the end of term raised £78.47 which has been given to Marie Curie. P6 & P7 received a talk before Easter about this. The cheque was presented on the last day of term. The thank you letter we received can be seen on the website.

Staffing

Mrs Finlayson retired at the end of term. Mrs Finlayson taught at Applegrove for 39 years and has worked to support many pupils across the school during this time. At her request no collection was taken nor special assembly organised. I am sure you will join me in wishing her a very long and stress-free retirement. Mrs Finlayson has been replaced by Miss Cattanach.

Building Work

In the last newsletter, it was reported that building work in the main hall was due to be completed by the end of term. We were pleased to hold our assembly there on Monday and to have the lunches back there too. With having more space directly next to the kitchen, both hot and cold menus are on offer. This allows us to have more access to the PE Hall. Curtains are due to be put on the stage and all new blinds are in place. It is lovely to have so much more space again. The next phase will be to work on the office area which will result in the Main Office being sited in Room 8 until the end of term. This means the main entrance will be at the ramp at the P6/7 door. Once the security system is wired up, the change will be made.

PTA News

There will be a separate letter coming soon from the PTA but in the meantime, here are some dates they are working towards:

Friday 27 May – Quiz Night

Thursday 9 June – Discos

Saturday 11 June – Summer Fair and Duck Race.

Rights Respecting School Award

Applegrove Primary School has been working hard to set up a committee to register for a Unicef Rights Respecting School award. Over the next few weeks, the committee would like to collect parent and carer views of children's rights.

Daily Mile

As you will have seen from a letter last week, there will be an attempt across all of Moray for every school to take part in the Daily Mile. This is already part of Applegrove's timetable of Health and Wellbeing. We would like to extend this to include parents and carers to walk/jog/run the route with us. This takes place on Tuesday 26th April at the times on the letter.

Mrs Sircus our Visiting PE specialist has conducted a variety of activities which show that stamina has increased significantly. She has noticed that when children ran as far as they could in 15 minutes their results were significantly better than last year. She has developed an appropriate "bleep test" in which they showed huge resilience – more children completing more stages. This was shown from P3- P7.

Potted Sports

Our Potted Sports will take place on Tuesday 17th May. For families who have not seen this before this is a whole school sports event which lasts all morning until 12 pm. We are looking for helpers for some of the events to count scores for the teams. Please let us know if you can help so we know if this event can go ahead.

Contexts for Learning for the term

These are the contexts for this term. In some classes there is more than one context in order to meet the Curriculum for Excellence and outcomes. If you have a particular interest in any of these and feel you can help us in any way, either by talking to the children or letting us borrow any resources you may have, please contact the office or send a note in your child's schoolbag.

1K,1T	Grow Well Choices
2E,2F	Enterprise and Hugh Falconer
3C, 3/4H	Water and Vikings
4F/L, 4/5N, 5N	Fabulous Forres and Electricity
P6	John Muir Award and Outdoor Exploration
P7	Preparation for Forres Academy

Diary Dates

School Closed - 29 April & 2 May.

Potted Sports - 17th May 9.15 am (if we get enough helpers)

In-service days - 19th & 20th May. **School closed for pupils**

P1 - 3 Sports - 13th June (back up day Wednesday 15th)

P4 - 7 Sports - 14th June (back up day Monday 20th)

Last day of term - 30th June at 2.30pm