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Newsletter

September 2016

CIRCULATION: FAMILY

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/my/Applegrove/>

Belarus

We were delighted to welcome 19 children from Belarus who are staying with families in Moray as part of the 'Friends of Chernobyl' charity. Pupils greeted and sang to them in Russian and then they spent some time sharing outdoor learning experiences with P6W.

PTA/Parent Council AGM

This was held on Monday and new members have joined both committees. If you are able to help the PTA but cannot attend meetings, please let us know and we can pass on your name.

If your child is absent from school

You should have received a letter in schoolbag mail to remind you that it is parents' responsibility to inform school if a child will be absent. There have been some high profile cases, some in Moray, of children going missing. Please either phone school or use the pin line to leave a message. It is very important we have an emergency contact for you as well, as the letter explained that Moray policy is to contact the police if we cannot establish why a child is missing from school.

Water Bottles

It is good to see so many children bringing water bottles to school. These can be refilled from a water cooler. Unfortunately many are not bringing clear bottles and so they are not allowed in class. Please also name the bottle to help us keep hygiene standards!

Building Update

When the refurbishment was due to start, a meeting was held to share with parents at that time the plans for the various phases. There is now a plan to follow this up and provide information on the next phase. We also have many new parents since then. This meeting will be held in school at 5pm on Wednesday 28th September. Children can attend.

Re-zoning Questionnaire

There was a public meeting about re-zoning Forres schools starting from August 2017. You may not have been able to attend but you can still have your say. There is a quick questionnaire in the school office or you can see the information on line at www.moray.gov.uk following the link to the on-line consultation form.

(http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_98109.html)

Flu Immunisations

Message from the School Health Team (at Forres Health Centre)
Flu vaccine will be offered to every primary school-aged child in Scotland this year. The vaccine will help protect your child against flu this winter and also prevent the spread of flu virus in the immediate family and community. Information leaflets and consent forms were issued. Immunisations will take place in Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th October for those children who returned their forms.

Parents' Evenings

These will take place on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th October. Thank you to everyone who has returned their letter. You will receive your appointments next week along with your child's profile to show how he/she is settling in their new class. Please return this so we can prepare for the appointments.



Dress as a Farmer Day

This will take place on the last day of term. P4 are organising this and hope to raise funds for Farm Africa. This money will be used to provide education and tools to help farmers to develop techniques to improve harvests and reduce poverty in East Africa.

They would like children (and staff!) to dress up as a farmer and bring 50p.

Teas

When we hold Class Assemblies, parent helpers provide tea and coffee for visitors afterwards.

Unfortunately we are struggling to find enough parents to do this and are looking to see if we can extend our list of helpers. If you are able to help on any of the days noted in the school calendar (Assemblies are always on Wednesdays) please let the school office know. We would be grateful for any help, even if you can only manage one of the dates.

Outdoor Kit

Most P3-7 children have now provided an outdoor kit for PE lessons. Please also include a pair of socks so that we can ensure the children have dry feet after PE or other outdoor lessons.

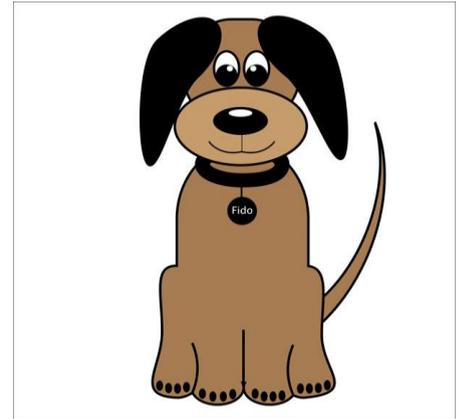
Outdoor learning

The weather has been lovely recently and many of you will have seen and indeed helped classes involved in outdoor learning. We would ask that children now to start bring in jackets to school for those “just in case” days so these important lessons can still continue.

We also welcome you to join Daily Mile; 15 minutes of physical activity to get your heart rate up slightly. Teachers will mark on homework when it would be possible for you to join. Thank you to those who have already come along and encouraged the children to be active.

Dogs

We have concerns about dogs being in our playground. If you have a dog, please stay outside the school wall. We did have up signs about this but they have been removed while building work has been carried out.



ASN

There is a survey for parents/carers with children who have additional support needs in Moray

This will help to inform a strategy which is being prepared to improve ASN provision in Moray within existing budgets. Electronic and paper copies of the survey are available and translated versions will be made available for families for whom English is not their first language.

This survey is available on the Moray Council website (see the link below) and the deadline for responses is September 28, following which discussion groups will be held in each of Moray's eight associated school groups later in the year.

Those people who have already expressed an interest in taking part in the discussion groups will be contacted nearer the time with details.
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/V23Y868>