



*Applegrove
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School*

Newsletter

Weather Warning/School Closures
24th November 2016

CIRCULATION: FAMILY

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Parents' Evenings

We were delighted to have a 97% turnout on Parents' Evenings. These are always helpful as it is important to us to build up relationships with families. This is the best way to help children achieve their potential.

Dress as a Farmer Day

This event was organised by 4F/L and they were delighted with the support other classes gave. £123.71 was raised for Farm Africa.

Disco

The recent PTA discos saw over 200 children having a great time. Costumes were dramatic and the children were delighted to see staff volunteers had dressed up too.

Money raised at this time of year is used to pay for Christmas party food and prizes. Photographs are on the school website.



In-Service

The recent In-Service days took a focus on how school can go about tracking pupil progress across all areas of the curriculum in a way that is helpful for the children to be able to talk about their learning.

Joint training was held with other Forres ASG schools to develop High Order Reading skills for all children.

Thirteen PSA's (Personal Support Assistants) were trained in emergency paediatric first aid. This will be extremely helpful in supporting children in the playground. We are very grateful to the Parent Council which has picked up the training bill of £700. Look out for a letter from the Parent Council soon.

Morayvia Visit

Congratulations to P6 & P7 for being so positive during their sponsored walk to Kinloss this week. The volunteers at Morayvia remarked on their wonderful attitude considering the weather was so damp.

Thank you to those volunteers for providing such a fantastic learning opportunity at the planetarium. The children recommend a visit.

School handbook

We are currently working on the 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 it can be included next month.

Open Afternoon-New P1 Visit

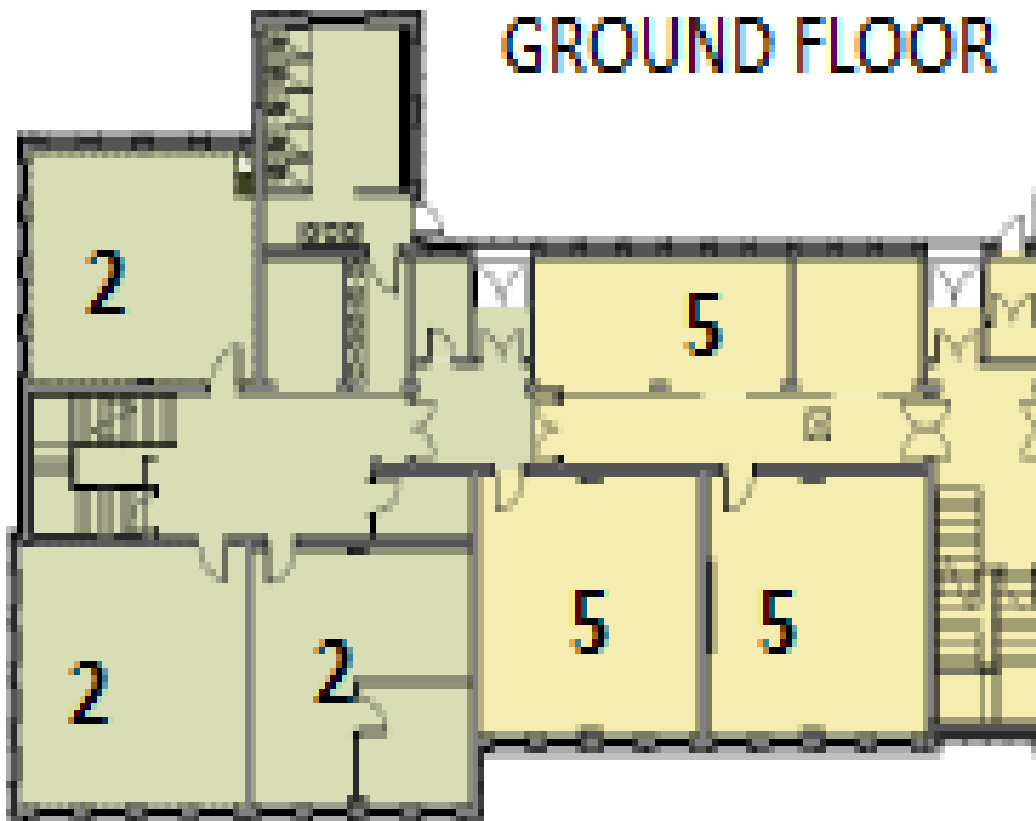
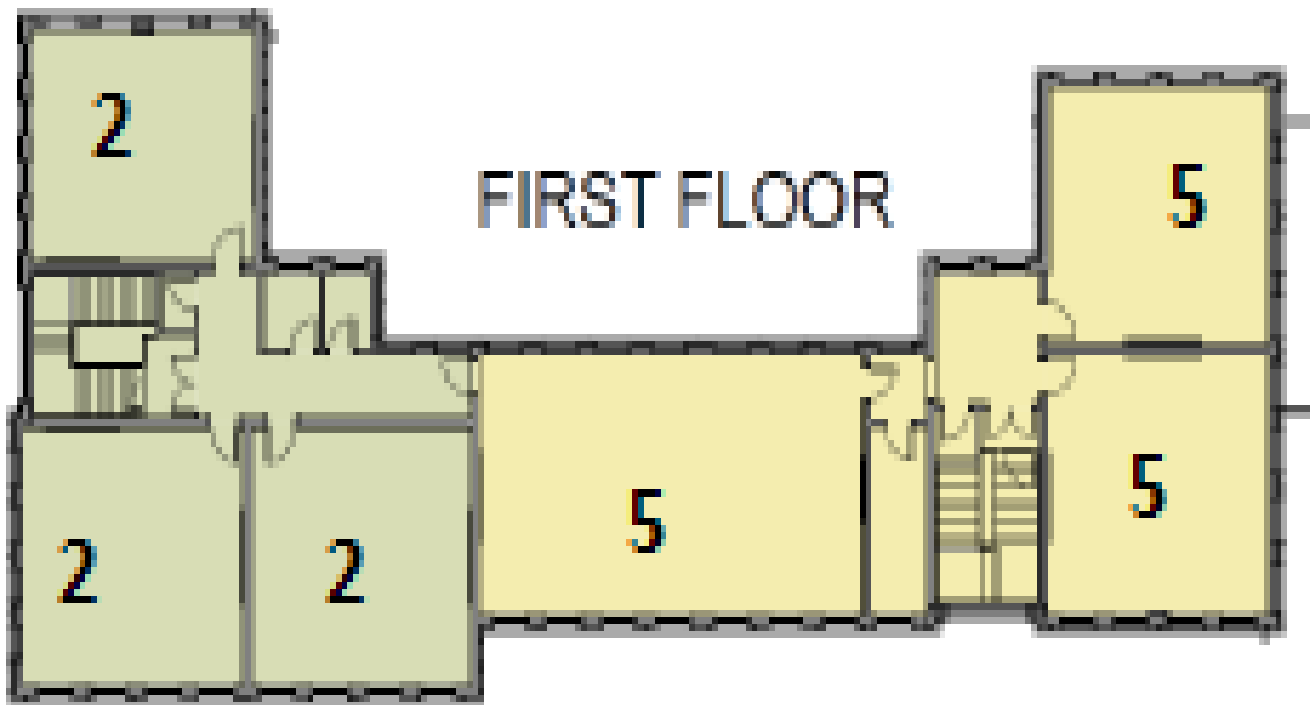
We plan to hold an open afternoon on Wednesday 14th December for parents of children who will start school in August 2017. This will run from 2.00 - 4.30pm as a drop in session. If you would like to be shown round the school at this time you are very welcome. Posters will be sent to all the pre-school centres. The date of Enrolment Week has not yet been set as the re-zoning of Forres schools is still in the consultation process.

Building Update

We now have a total of 6 completed classrooms, along with the P1-3 library and PE Hall. Many of you have had the opportunity to see round during Parents' Evenings. Thank you for your continued understanding when we have to move classes to different entrance doors.

Message from the Building Team

We are currently working on Zone 5 within school. It is necessary to completely close off one of the corridors within school to keep everyone segregated from the works that are going on including the demolition of walls. This has meant that for a short period of time there are a reduced number of toilets for 2C, 4F/L and 4/5C Morrison Construction kindly partitioned off the toilets in this area to allow all classes using that space to be able to use these toilets rather than have to go out of the building during class times. These toilets are only used during class time so are accessed by very few children and whilst we appreciate this isn't an ideal situation it is a temporary solution during this period of work which we understand will be completed in January. We will then move onto the final zone, 2, which is due for completion by the 31st March 2017.



Sports Award

Applegrove has been successful in achieving a Silver Award from Sport Scotland. This is especially pleasing considering we have had times when the PE Hall has not been available due to building work.

Dates

30th November - Dress in Something Tartan/Bring Chocolate Day

10th December - 10am PTA Christmas Fair

16th December - P5/6 Christmas Party 1.30pm

19th December - *P3 Nativity for P3 and choir parents*
P7 Christmas Party 5.30pm

20th December - *P3/4 Christmas Party 1.30pm*

21st December - *P1/2 Party 1.30pm*

21st December - 10am Church

22nd December - *End of Term*

9th January 2017 - Start of Term

