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School*

## Newsletter

**Weather Warning/School Closures**

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**23rd February 2017**

**CIRCULATION: FAMILY**

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### **Staffing**

Welcome to Mr Dickson who has now joined us as our janitor. Twice a month he also carries out tasks for Logie Primary.

Due to a lack of supply teachers in Moray (this has been well publicised in local press), Mrs McIntosh, one of our Support for Learning teachers is currently teaching in Primary 2 on Mondays and Fridays.

### **Burns Supper**

Primary 6 and 7 worked very well as a team to finance and produce a Burns Supper for parents. This was an extremely successful and well attended event. You may have seen the report in the Forres Gazette.

### **Badminton Scotland**

We were very fortunate to have coaches come up from Glasgow and provide sessions for all classes in the basic skills of Badminton. We also got to meet 'Nettie' the mascot for the World Championships 2017 which was designed by Aidan Matthews P6/7M. There are lots of photos on the school website.

### **Ski Trip**

Some of our P6 & 7 pupils will be going to Abernethy Outdoor Centre next month as part of their skiing experience. This is later than we usually go, however the forecast looks like we might get more snow in March than there was in January. Many of our children will experience standing on skis for the first time as well as making their own packed lunches at the Centre.

### **PTA News**

Last week's discos were a great success. Future events include: Beetle Drive in the Mosset Tavern on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March; a "Colour Run", Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May and the Summer Fair and Duck Race on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. More details on these events will come directly from the PTA.

## **Parent Council News**

You will soon receive a Newsletter from the Parent Council via the school bag mail.

## **Building Update**

The builders are now working on the last five classrooms. This means we currently have no P4-7 library. Thank you to parents and grandparents who have helped to walk the children to Forres library this month. We have more dates booked for March. We also currently have no computer room. Now that some areas of the school have Wi-Fi, we are able to use our laptops and netbooks in some of the classrooms.

## **Parents' Evenings/Reports**

Teachers are currently working on writing the annual reports. These will be a collation of the information you received in the learning logs up to Christmas. Later on this month you will be sent a letter about Parents' Evening appointment times on 27th and 28th March.

## **Learning Logs**

As you will have seen in the children's homework, we are looking to make changes to the Learning Logs to give you more detail about the next steps your children will take in Literacy and Numeracy. As you can imagine this is a huge job. We want to make these as helpful as possible but we also have to consider workload. If teachers spend too long creating Learning Logs, they lose teaching time. To try to find a balance between all the possibilities of what these Learning Logs could look like and what you would find helpful, we would like to hold a meeting to gather your views. To try to meet the needs of as many parents as possible two meetings will be held, one during school time and one during the evening on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Further details will follow.

## **Dates**

2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book Day

27/28<sup>th</sup> March - Parents' Evenings

30<sup>th</sup> March - Church Service

31<sup>st</sup> March - Last day of term.

17<sup>th</sup> April – Term Starts

