



Hythehill Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to October's newsletter and Term 2. A warm welcome to the new families joining the Hythehill community. Already the staff are busy preparing lessons, experiences and Christmas for the children, which due to Covid-19 restrictions will look different this year. Further detail will be outlined in this letter.

STAFFING

On Friday 9th October, we said a farewell to Mrs Shiobhan Evans as she undertakes a fulltime teaching position at Kinloss Primary School. I am sure you will join with me in wishing her all the best. Mrs Margaret Burns will be teaching the class on Thursday and Friday.

ENTERING AND EXITING SCHOOL



These guidelines will remain in place until further notice.

I would also like to remind you that entrance into school is only through the two gates on the far side of the school playground and is for pupils

only. The path next to the driveway is a **No Entry** but is only for exiting the school grounds. Please follow these systems as it is supporting the social distancing measures for adults as laid out by the Scottish Government. Thank you.

KEEPING SAFE DURING COVID-19



We will maintain vigilance at all times for the symptoms of COVID-19 at Hythehill. We will follow the guidance from

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/>

Do not send your child to school if they have:

- a continuous cough
- fever/high temperature
- loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

If your child displays any of these symptoms in school or informs a staff member that they feel unwell with symptoms of Covid-19, you will be contacted immediately to collect them. Please ensure that the school has the correct contact details for you at all times.

It would be preferable that any adult from their household picks them up and not a grandparent.

UNIFORM

There are no further changes to uniform expectations at this time - a white polo shirt, school sweatshirt/cardigan with dark joggers/leggings and trainers this term. Please place a pair of indoor gym shoes in their bag. These can be worn for indoor PE and/or if trainers become too muddy from Outdoor Learning.

Your child's class teacher will communicate with you via **class dojo** regarding days that the children will be outdoors and if/or when they need other items e.g. art t-shirt. This will help you when deciding what to put in bags. Please sign up to this as it is a great communication tool, especially when access to the school is restricted at this time

- **Children should only bring a water bottle, snack, packed lunch (if not having a school lunch), gym**

shoes, art t-shirt and coat (which can be stored in their bag)

- Inhalers and hand gel will be kept in their individual trays
- Children do not require pencil cases, mobile phones or any other items

Please note that all adults are wearing face coverings in communal areas of the school.

QUESTIONNAIRE

At the end of last term, we wrote a back to school questionnaire. Please click on the link below to give us your feedback. All returns must be received by Friday 6th November. Responses are used to support developments in the school.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeL0o4Yi5tllO_SRpv7Y8TpuYrtMGdMhsQrkhie7dXOAtaAA/viewform?usp=sf_ljnk

HOMEWORK AND REPORTING TO FAMILIES



Homework is underway. Please remember it is your responsibility as a parent/carer to encourage and support your child in completing the homework tasks set. These tasks do reinforce learning and teaching that takes place in the classroom.

RED – for odd weeks (1, 3, 5, 7) – these weeks will be spelling and comprehension activities

BLUE - for even weeks (2, 4, 6 & 8) – these weeks will be spelling and numeracy activities

Homework will be issued on a Monday to be returned by Thursday. It is your responsibility and that of your child to return the jotter on time to ensure that the education of your child is progressed and that Covid-19 Hygiene regulations are adhered to.

Reporting to Families informs you of the weekly-intended learning and gives you, your child and the class teacher an opportunity to comment. In light of the current situation, we have amended this. Your child will continue to receive a comment every four weeks. The week your child receives a written comment their Reporting to Families folder will be sent home and you will have an opportunity to read the intended learning, teacher comment, pupil comments and then comment yourself before returning it to school. The intended learning for each week will be posted on Class Dojo, as well.

CAR PARK



priority parking at all times.

Please **DO NOT** use the staff and visitors' car park for picking up or dropping off children. This is applicable to school and nursery parents and carers. Staff have

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



Thank you to the Hythehill staff who participated in the social distancing Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September. We raised £166.00.



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COME AS YOU PLEASE

Also on Friday 9th October we held a 'Come as You Please Day' and raised £277.70 for outdoor play equipment. Thank you for your donations.

VIRTUAL MOVIE NIGHT



The Parent Council organised virtual movie night treat bags, selling them for £2.00 each. After deductions for the treats, we collectively raised £237 profit. Enjoy your movie night this weekend and do not forget to post your movie pics on the Parent Council Facebook page. Thank you to Mrs Maren Clark for putting together all 210 treat bags and to those families for participating in this event.

FUTURE EVENTS

POPPIES



Poppies will be on sale from Monday 2nd November. The Poppies will be divided across the classes. The class teacher will collect money and your child will take a poppy from their class allocation.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to hold our annual assembly, but we will be observing a 2-minute silence on the **Wednesday 11th November** and recording a virtual assembly to share in class.

CHILDREN IN NEED



There will be a 'Spots and Stripes' Day on Friday 13th November in aid of Children In Need. Children are asked to come dressed in Spots and/or Stripes for a suggested donation of £1.

IN-SERVICE DAY

Please remember that there is only 1 in-service day on **Monday 16th November**, rather than 2. The school will be closed to all nursery and primary pupils.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS



Good news! Following confirmation from Moray Council, Martin Grant, the school photographer will be in school on **Friday 20th November** to take individual photographs only. Due to Covid-19 restrictions no family photographs will be taken, this includes twins in the same class. The photograph proofs will come home on the same day. Orders must be returned by **Friday 27th November** to allow delivery before Christmas.

TOUCH OF TARTAN DAY



To celebrate St Andrew's Day on **Monday 30 November**, the children are asked to wear a Touch of Tartan and bring a bar of chocolate to donate to the Parent Council Christmas Hampers.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



This year many of our Christmas fundraising events cannot take place. Therefore, the Parent Council are creating 5 Hampers of Winter. These will be raffled on Facebook.

The first hamper is a Restore Hamper – This hamper is full of eco-friendly goodies donated by the Restore store in Lossiemouth. Keep an eye on Facebook for further details and the release dates of the next 4 hampers

A Walkers Hamper

A Pamper Hamper

A Chocolate Hamper

A Cheers Hamper (raffle tickets for over 18 only as this hamper contains alcohol)

CHRISTMAS with a DIFFERENCE



We are unable to have our traditional Nativity and Christmas Concert. Therefore, this year, we are creating a Sign Along Christmas DVD. Each class will participate in telling the Christmas Story and perform a song using only sign language. The performance will be recorded and put together to make a DVD, which will be offered for sale. Further information will come out to you as our plans take shape.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES



We are unable to hold our tradition Christmas parties, but we would like to offer something for our classes to enjoy. This year each year group will have the opportunity to wear their

Christmas party clothes and come to an Afternoon at Hythehill Movies. The year, each year group will watch a Christmas Movie and each child will be given a treat bag of party goodies.

CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

Christmas Dinner Day will take place on **Friday 11th December**. More information to follow.

DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

2nd – Poppies on Sale

13th – Children in Need

16th – In-service Day – **School closed to pupils**

20th November – Individual Photos

27th November – Last Orders for Individual Photos

30th November – Touch of Tartan

DECEMBER

11th December – Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumpers

18th December – **LAST DAY**

SCHOOL REOPENS ON TUESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2021