

# Coupar Angus Primary School

## Newsletter 9

### April 2018

We hope everyone had a lovely Easter break and look forward to another busy term at school. There are lots of dates for sports and concerts on the back page, so please check and add them to your diary. As usual please contact me on the school email if you have queries or questions.

[couparangus@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:couparangus@pkc.gov.uk) and keep up to date with the Facebook page.

Mrs N Drew

#### **Science Event:**

Thank you to everyone who came along and joined us for the science workshops and sharing learning on the 28<sup>th</sup> March. The children enjoyed showcasing what they had been learning all term.

#### **School Improvement Survey**

We have now had time to analyse the results of the parent survey, thank you very much to everyone who took part. We will send home a short version next week and put the fuller version on the website or contact the school office if you would like a copy. We were very pleased with the overwhelmingly positive feedback and will ensure we take action on the areas that were highlighted. Thank you again for your participation.

#### **Nursery News**

This term, in Nursery, we are trialing new electronic portfolios for some of the children. We will be using an app called Seesaw for this and parents will be able to sign up to access their children's portfolios from their phones, tablets, laptops or computers. We are busy working away at getting the children set up on the app and some observations/comments on the system. Within the next few weeks parents of children who are in their ante pre-school year or in our Strong Start 2s provision will receive further information about these portfolios along with details on how to sign up.

#### **Parent pay**

Please remember you can pay [online](#) for school meals via Parent Pay and if you would like some support to set this up, **please contact the school office**. It takes 5 minutes to set up. We will send out a helpful reminder how to do this soon. We are aiming for a 100% uptake on parent pay and we will be aiming to go cashless next session.

#### **BIG PEDAL SUPERHERO DAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY**

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May children will have the opportunity to come to school on their bikes or scooters and to dress as a Superhero. There is a suggested donation of 50p which is donated to the Sustrans charity which promotes cycling and maintains cycle paths.

Everyone who brings a bike or scooter will be given a Golden Ticket which will put them into a draw to win a brand new bike! There will be cycling activities throughout the day for all classes. There will also be a range of games costing 20p each where the children can win small prizes.

It is sure to be a fun filled day!

#### **Summer trips**

P4 & P5 – Wed 6<sup>th</sup> June

Joint trip to Stirling Castle

Returns to school at 4.15pm and cost is £5 per child.

P1 & p1/2 trip – 12<sup>th</sup> June to Muddy Boots farm pack. Cost is £5 per child.

P2/3 trip – St Andrews Aquarium. Fri 15<sup>th</sup> June, more information to follow soon, £5 per child.

P6 (& p7 pupils not going to Ardeonaig)-  
Hollyrood Gardens, Edinburgh on Thur 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

## **P7 trip**

The P7 residential trip this year is to Ardeonaig on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May. When we return we will talk to P6 children and parents about trip options for next session.

We will post pictures of the trip on the closed parent facebook page over the week if you want to see how we are getting on.

## **School Summer show**

Wednesday **13<sup>th</sup> June 7pm** & Thursday **14<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm** P5, 6 and P7 will be presenting Aladdin. Save the date and if you have children in P5,6 or P7 we would ask that they are able to come along both nights. More information about tickets will come out in May.

## **Sports day**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 1.30pm we will have sports day.** Parents are invited to come and have a picnic lunch with their children in school grounds for lunch that day. In the morning we will hold potted sports in school (p5 will still go swimming and will earn house points at swimming that day!) We are aiming to have some stalls selling refreshments over lunch, but more information will follow.

## **Nursery sports will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June.**

## **Transition for children coming into P1 August 2018**

New P1 parent evening: **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 6.30- 7.30pm** in the infant building and there will be a crèche available for children. This will be an opportunity to find out about P1 in Coupar Angus and ask any questions. There will be some samples of school uniform to help with sizing as well.

The following times are for new P1's to come into school and meet their new teacher/classroom. All new P1's welcome,

those in our nursery and those who are not in the nursery currently.

Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> May 9.30 -10.30 am

Tue 29<sup>th</sup> May 9.30- 10.30am

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June all morning for an induction morning

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 9.30- 10.30am

Times will also be arranged for children who are starting the nursery in August to come along for a visit.

## **Crèche & New Rhyme Time**

Currently there is a crèche available to families on a Tuesday morning between 9.15- 11.15.

**we will hold a Rhyme Time session led by Mrs Johnstone from 9.15- 9.45** and then parents can leave their children for the crèche if they wish. Please come along and take part.

## **Online safety**

There has been lots in the news recently about children playing games online with people they do not know and games like Roadblox and Fortnite have been highlighted. Parents should always check their children know the dangers of giving away information on-line and playing with people they do not know.

## **School funds**

The school finance group meet termly to look at the school funds balance and agree any spends. The minutes of these meetings are on the website but if you would like a copy, please contact the school office.

There will be more information in the May newsletter about what we have spent Pupil Equity Money on this year and our ideas for next year, but we are keen for parents and children to share their ideas too and we will ask you about this next time.

## **Pupil Council News**

Last term the older children in the Pupil Council looked at some of the pupils' work and this term they will take part in some tours of the school with Mrs Drew and Miss Sinclair to see what happens in each class.

## **Charity Shop and Dress Down day**

SOC have booked the charity shop for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June for the week and so if you are having any big clear outs between then and now please save items for the charity shop. We usually raise around £800 plus over the week and this money all goes back to the children.

**On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May we are having a dress down day** and instead of paying £1 we ask children to bring in an item for the tombola that we hold at the charity shop, such as bubble bath, tins, chocolates.....

### **School Development Work**

At the inservice day in April the staff had training from Tree of Knowledge about Growth Mind Set and Learning Pits. This is something we are introducing with the children. Nursery staff had training on See-Saw which they will use with the I-pads to show parents what their children are doing in nursery and track progress. Teachers had training on planning writing experiences for children. It was a very busy day!

### **SOC**

The SOC AGM and meeting is on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm in school in the main building. All parents are part of the Parent council and we would love to see more parents come along to the meetings and take part in school discussions. The meetings are very friendly and we talk about fundraising, school development, staffing, classes, events. Parents can also help out at just one event per year. If you are able to come along on the 10<sup>th</sup> May for around 60– 90 minutes we would be delighted to welcome you. If you want to know more please either speak to Shona Turnbull, Gill Rolfe, Lorna Miller or Mrs Drew.

### **Family Club**

*Started this week and was a great success, thanks to all who came to take part in dancing and art & craft. This is for P1-4 families and siblings. It is on every Thursday 3.20-5pm and is free! Next week is dance and drama. If you would like to come, pop into the office for a slip, or come along on Thursday to the gym building at 3.20pm.*

### **Dates for Diary**

Class assembly dates are on a Friday at 10.50am, parents and friends are welcome to attend when it is your child's class assembly:  
P3-Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
P2- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – P5 swimming block starts for 10 weeks every Friday.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May – P7 Residential Trip

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – May Day Holiday

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – SOC meeting 5.30pm

New P1 transition visits:

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Tue 29<sup>th</sup> May 9.30- 10.30am

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June all morning for an induction morning

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 9.30- 10.30am

Parent evening for New P1 parents and children:

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 6.30- 7.30pm

Induction morning all children moving up to new classes for some of the time:

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June Induction mornings BHS.

\*Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 – School Sports day Afternoon for parents

**\*Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Charity Shop for one week**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – P4 & P5 trip to Stirling Castle back at 4.15pm

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Reports issued to parents

**School Show : 13<sup>th</sup> June 7pm & 14<sup>th</sup> June 5.30pm**

\*Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June – P7 Leaver's meal and Disco (whole school disco, times to follow)

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June – End of Term Service

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 –school closes at 12.00 for summer holiday.

N. Drew.

