



Coupar Angus Primary School

Newsletter 1

August 2018

I hope everyone had a relaxing summer holiday and enjoyed the sunshine! Welcome back to all the children and families. There is a newsletter each month and we will also put them on the Facebook page and website. They will contain up-to-date information on events and a catch up on any school news.

If you have any questions or concerns please get in touch with myself, or Miss Sinclair, my Depute Headteacher. Class teachers are also happy to meet with you if you have a concern. It doesn't matter how small, if it is concerning you, please let us know so that we can work together to resolve any issues. You can email me at couparangus@pkc.gov.uk or phone the school office to make an appointment.
Mrs N Drew

School Uniform

All the children have been looking really smart this week in their new school uniform. Please put your child's name on any jumpers, coats, trousers, PE kit.....in fact everything if you haven't done so already!! We do have a lost property box in school, but if there are no names it is very difficult to match up the clothes to their owners. Parents are welcome to come in and look through lost property any time.

At the end of each term we will rag bag any unclaimed property.

If you still need to purchase some school uniform we ask for children to wear blue, navy or dark sweatshirts and dark trousers, skirts, dresses. We would ask that there are no leggings and also no hooded sweatshirts for school uniform.

The website for school uniform is www.border-embroideries.co.uk for a sweatshirt with the school logo on in either bright blue or navy.

One or two of the older children do sometimes wear brightly coloured trainers to school. Can I please ask that children wear dark footwear; they can bring something to change into for break if they need other shoes for football. Many thanks for your support with this.

Please also remember no jewellery for PE and no **excessive** jewellery for class. No hoop earrings for gym, can children please wear studs only for PE or tape ears, as this is a health and safety concern. Many thanks.

P1 School Photographs

On **Wednesday 29th August at 11.30am** the P1s will have their photographs taken for the Dundee Telegraph & Courier. We will try to let you know when the photographs will be in the paper through our Facebook page.

Staffing

There are a couple of new faces in school this term and a complete list of Coupar Angus staff is at the end of this newsletter. Miss Stewart is the P3 teacher, Miss Fyans is the P6 teacher, Miss McBeath is new in the nursery. Mr Duncan was here as a modern apprentice last session and worked with many of the classes over the year and he is now working in TR2.

Nursery News

We welcomed the nursery children back last week and some new faces as well. The nursery hours have changed this session and nursery is now from 8.48am – 12.00 and 12.05 – 3.17pm. This is more in-line with the school day and should help with end of day picking children up. A nursery newsletter will be out soon with more nursery information on events for the term.

Strong Start 2 places available now for 2 year old children in our Nursery. Further information can be obtained from the school office, the nursery or online at <http://www.pkc.gov.uk/strongstart>.

The nursery notice board and Facebook Group have all the up-to-date information for the term.

School office

Mrs McGregor and Mrs McLellen are in the school office and if you have any queries please pop in and they will try to assist. First thing in the morning can be very busy, but there is someone in the school office at all times. Miss Ritchie is in the school office at the end of the day.

*******School Traffic Exclusion Zone*******

Is coming into effect on Monday 3rd September 2018

This means no traffic (unless they have a permit) will be allowed in the streets around the school (School Road) from 8.15am- school starts every day and again at 2.45 – 3.30pm. If drivers ignore this ban the penalty is a fine. If you would like to read more information about this please go to www.pkc.gov.uk/schoolexclusionzones where you can find out more. Taxis and school staff will have permits, local residents also have permits. This is a trial and is to keep all the children safe as they walk to and from school at these busy times. This will reduce traffic and congestion and also pollution. It is in response to local residents and parents. Parents are encouraged to park at Larghan Park and walk with their children using the crossing, to the school.

Term 1 Tea with the Teacher Maths/Numeracy Workshops Wednesday 5th September 2018

Save the date: Wednesday 5th September
from 3.15 – 5.30 pm

Parents and children are invited in to look around the classrooms, attend a maths/numeracy workshop for 30 minutes and then have tea (for free!) in the dining hall with the teachers. As one of our main development priorities this session is maths and numeracy we have made that the focus of this first workshop event. More information to

follow soon, but for now, please put the date in your diary.

Class newsletters will be coming home towards the end of this week, so look out for this in the school bag. It will contain details of PE times, homework and events happening in class and how you can help support your child.

SOC (Supporting Our Children) Parent council meeting – all Parents welcome

Our first meeting will be on **Thursday 6th September at 5.30pm at school**. All parents are a member of this group and we would love to welcome you all to the meeting in the main building of the school. The meetings usually last 1- 1.5 hours and are held termly. You don't have to come to all the meetings, but we would not be able to do all **the amazing things** we do in school without this group of parents. Parents help to support and arrange fundraising events, decide how to spend the money, find out about school plans and have a chance to have your say on school matters. If you want to find out more, please speak to Gill Rolfe or phone and speak to Mrs Drew.

This year SOC are going to try to split the meetings so that if you just want to talk about fundraising events there is one meeting and if you want to talk about school plans and development there is another meeting. Parents can come to both, but if you have a particular interest then you can come to the appropriate meeting. These should be shorter, 45mins to an hour.

The first fundraising committee meeting will be on Wednesday 12th September at 4pm.

If childcare is an issue for you and you would like to come along to a meeting, please let us know, older children can sit in the room and read or draw and we can arrange something for younger children too, so don't let that stop you coming along if you want to get involved.

Blairgowrie Highland Games

We have been asked to attend our first event for the session on Sunday 2nd September. This is the schools relay race at the Blairgowrie Highland Games. We have picked a team

from P7 and wish them all the best. If you are attending the event the race will be at around 10.15am, so please come and cheer the team on!

Parent Pay

Can I please remind parents to keep their parent pay accounts up-to-date with school dinner money and if you haven't got a parent pay account yet, please contact the school office to set one up.

School staff list August 2018
Mrs N Drew - Headteacher
Miss M Sinclair - Depute Headteacher
Mrs J McGregor - School Office
Mrs P McLellen - Office
Mr R Ritchie - School Janitor
Mr I Norrie - School Janitor
Nursery Team
Mrs MacGregor - PEF teacher & nursery
Miss Kerr - Nursery Teacher
Mrs R Dingwall - nursery
Miss S Burke - nursery
Miss A Rennie - nursery
Miss L Johnstone- nursery
Mrs V Clark - nursery
Mrs S Bell - nursery
Miss G McBeath - nursery
Mrs P Fulton -nursery
Ms L Black -nursery
P1 - Mrs Z Alexander & Mrs Constable
P2- Mrs S Hanlin
P3 Miss M Stewart
P3/4 - Miss H Mitchell
P4 - Mr M Billen
P5- Miss L Martyn
P6 - Miss S Fyans
P7 - Miss McQueen
Mrs G Stewart (school cook)
Ms E Colville - Thinking Room 2
Mrs S Ashley - Thinking Room 1
Mrs H Ferdinand- Pupil Support Teacher
Garden Room -Mrs J MacGregor & Mr G Lamb
Mrs A Kinney - ECP supporting in P1 & P2 classes
Reduced Class Contact time - Miss F Pearson
Mrs L Waugh
PE - class teachers
Drama - Miss J Collins

Mrs L Young - Woodwind teacher
Jill Smyth (Strings Instructor)
Support Staff
Mrs Miller
Mrs Young
Mrs McClinton
Mr Duncan
Mrs Hastie
Miss Ritchie
Mrs Lockerbie
Mrs Mukherji
Mrs Downie (Supply)
Mrs Donaldson (Supply)
Ms McNaughton (Supply)
Mrs Cork (Supply)
Ms Nicoll (Supply)
Karen Jamieson - Breakfast Club
Amanda Wilson- Breakfast Club

School Improvement Plan priorities for 2018-19

Our three main priorities for the session are:

- 1:** Identified learners have improved performance in **numeracy and maths** against their prior levels of learning.
- 2:** Our learners will have increased resilience and coping skills leading to increased self-awareness and greater engagement in learning.
- 3.** Children's attainment in writing will improve through the consistent use of high quality teacher feedback and writing support.

Nut Allergy

One of our new teachers, Miss Stewart in P3 has a severe nut and peanut allergy. For peanuts it is airborne and so if someone has a packet of peanuts and opens them near her this can cause her to have a serious reaction. Can I ask all children in P3 not to bring in any peanut snacks and not to open any snacks with nuts while in class.

We are currently working on the year diary of events and will put that home in the next week or two. We do add to it as more opportunities and events come up, but we will try to put on as many that we know about now on the diary for you.

N Drew