



Abernethy Primary School

Newsletter

August 2013



I hope you have enjoyed a restful and relaxing summer break. On behalf of all members of staff at Abernethy Primary School I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to school for our pupils in P2 - P7 and a special welcome to our 17 new Primary 1 pupils, new pupils from other schools and Nursery children.

As you can see the ground work is nearing completion. We have a fantastic Multi-Use games pitch now, which we are keen to use very soon - just waiting on some lines being painted! After School Clubs and PE lessons will be using it from now on. At present we are keeping pupils from using the grass area until the turf has bedded in. Hopefully before the October break it will be in use.

We will endeavour to ensure relevant key information is given out as required over the school session. There will be monthly newsletters and weekly homework logs from classes as before which will provide school information as well as our school website which will regularly be updated. <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/pk/AbernethyPS/>

STAFFING

A very warm welcome is extended to Miss Patience our new probationer teacher in Primary 5. We also welcome back Mrs MacDonald who will be taking P6. Mrs Hepburn will be covering the P5 class every Friday as Probationer cover. Mrs Lindsay McFarlane our peripatetic nursery teacher will continue to be in 1 day a week. This term we have a Music Teacher, Miss Fyfe who has joined us this week. We look forward to her musical expertise and support with Glee club and concerts!

Dates for your Diary

- 28th August, Parent Council Meeting in school, 7pm, all welcome
- 29th Aug, Meet the teacher afternoon
- 2nd Sept, P1 curriculum evening
- 27th Sept, P7 pupils residential trip to Dalguise PGL centre (more info to follow for P7 parents)
- 11th Oct, school ends for holidays, 3.30pm
- 28th Oct, term 2 starts
- 11th Nov, parent contact
- 13th Nov, Parent Contact
- 14th & 15th Nov - INSET day
- 19th Dec, Church Service
- 20th Dec, last day

SCHOOL UNIFORM

I am sure you will agree that the children looked really smart in their school uniforms on their first day back at school after the summer break. We believe that an important aspect of raising standards is a universal minimum level of dress and behaviour. We believe that as a school community all pupils will derive a sense of identity within our community by wearing a school uniform. Please continue to support the school by ensuring that your child attends school wearing the appropriate school uniform. Thank you.

'Meet the Teacher Afternoon'

There will be an opportunity for parents to 'meet the teacher' after school on **Thursday 29th August** at an informal drop in. Details will be on your child's homework log. This is an opportunity to meet a new face and receive relevant information. This will not be extended to Primary 1 as there will be a special curriculum evening for them on Monday 2nd September, 6.30pm.

After School clubs

We hope to offer a variety of school clubs this term and a letter will be going out shortly for pupils to sign up to a club. This term we will be offering football, Jog Scotland, basketball and netball. If you would like to be a parent volunteer for any club please contact the school.

Reminders

- We expect children to be in school and ready to line up at 9.00am. If pupils are late they must report to office.
- You will appreciate teachers are busy first thing in the morning as they are preparing for class. Should you need to speak to them, a note in the school bag or on homework log is usually sufficient unless matter is urgent. They will endeavour to respond promptly. An appointment can be arranged through the school office.
- In the interest of pupil safety and easy access to school, please park considerately around school if you have to bring a car. We strongly encourage 'park and stride' as we did before.
- Children going by taxi should meet at the designated area with Mrs Messenger to ensure they get to taxi safely.
- Please keep bus & Taxi space clear for ease of access.
- Pupils bringing bikes, toys, mobiles to school do so at their own risk. We recommend bike locks to be used as before. Please remind children to wheel their bike in and out of the school gate.
- Lunches are £1.90. Where possible payment should be made on Monday for the week's lunches.

GYM KIT Reminder

It is very important that they have the appropriate kit:- shorts, t-shirt, socks and gym shoes in an appropriate gym bag. We also ask that shorts and t-shirts are a plain colour, preferably white tops and blue or black shorts. The children must have a change of shoes for health and safety reasons. Please note that jewellery should not be worn during PE and long hair should be tied back. Ear-rings should be removed or can be taped over. All PE and school clothing and footwear should be clearly labelled! Information on PE days will shortly be going out via the class teacher.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS



Should your child have a medical condition which may require essential treatment or emergency administration of medication, the following arrangements exist: (New guidance from NHS Tayside)

- A Parental Request form **MUST** be completed for either medication administration by staff or to be self-administered.
- This should be accompanied by a letter from a doctor detailing your child's condition, symptoms and treatment. The community Child Health Service (Doctor) can assist with this.
- The school will hold medication, under secure conditions, clearly marked for use for your child.
- Parents are responsible for handing it in to a member of staff. You should not send it in with your child. You are also responsible for ensuring we have up to date medication.
- Routine medication should be administered by parents at home. It will not be given during school hours.
- Any child who requires an inhaler must have 1 in school and 1 in their school bag as per NHS Tayside guidelines

Parents should ensure that their child's routine medication is prescribed in dose frequencies which enables it to be taken outwith school time (unless prescription states a specific time for medication to be administered for diagnostic purposes.

Incident reports



We have developed a form for sending to parents to highlight issues/incidents as they arise at school. This could be relating to a playground bump and to indicate what medical attention they received or it may be to inform you of unacceptable behaviour and to let you know the action taken. We ask for you to sign the form should you receive one and send back promptly with your child.

Kind regards

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