



Aberuthven Primary School

Newsletter

August 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends,

I am delighted to welcome all of our pupils back for another exciting and hardworking year and extend a very warm welcome to our new pupils joining us here at Aberuthven PS this year.

Please take time to complete the Parent Suggestion box below. Any feedback you have is greatly appreciated. We operate an 'Open Door Policy' here at Aberuthven Primary School and I would invite you to contact me should you have any questions.

Staffing

Mrs Fiona Connolly will continue to be our Class Teacher in Primary 1-3. Mrs Ann-Marie Ritchie will continue as Class Teacher of P4-7 on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Nicola Tyrrell will be Class Teacher on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Ritchie will be providing Reduced Class Contact Time to Teachers on a Wednesday.

I'd like to extend my congratulations to Mrs Gwynneth Hancock who has begun her new role as a Pupil Support Assistant within our School. Congratulations to Mrs Angelina Bruce who will also be joining us as our new Lunchtime Supervisor Pupil Support Assistant.

Staying vigilant and responding to COVID-19 symptoms

The whole school community should be vigilant for the symptoms of COVID-19, and to understand what actions they should take if someone develops them, either onsite or offsite. The most common symptoms are:

- new continuous cough
- fever/high temperature
- loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste (anosmia)

Managers are aware of Test and Protect arrangements should they experience an outbreak. If a member of the staff team has symptoms, they must contact the NHS to arrange to be tested at 0800 028 2816 or www.nhsinform.scot. You can find more information on the COVID-19 Test and Protect webpage.

All children, young people and staff must inform a member of staff if they feel unwell with symptoms of COVID-19 and the following procedures will be undertaken:

- If the affected person has mild symptoms, and is over the age of 16, they should go home as soon as they notice symptoms and follow the guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection including testing and self-isolation.
- If the individual affected is a child or young person below the age of 16, parents/carers will be contacted and asked to make arrangements to pick the child or young person from school (preferably this should be another adult member of their household and not a grandparent) and follow the national guidance for households with possible COVID-19 infection including testing and self-isolation.
- If a child or young person is awaiting collection, we have a designated safe area for them to sit which is at least 2 metres away from other people.
- Those with minor symptoms (staff and young people over the age of 16 and children under the age of 16 accompanied by a parent/carer), should, after leaving the school, minimise contact with others where possible and contact NHS as above.
- If an individual is so unwell that they require an ambulance, we will phone 999 and follow the appropriate guidance from ambulance control.

An appropriate risk assessment has been completed and agreed in advance of young people returning in August. In the event of an outbreak (i.e. two or more confirmed cases within 14 days), we will follow Public Health Scotland guidance and inform you all immediately of the resulting procedures to be followed.

Contingency Plan

Our original blended learning model and recovery plan will be used in the event of further school closures. A resource pack will be sent home with pupils on the first week of Homework, to ensure they have the essential equipment at home to support home learning should this be required at any point. This can also be used by pupils to support the completion of their weekly homework tasks.

Clothing

As the weather is getting cooler, please remember to send your child to school with a jacket or coat. Please label all clothing and footwear with your child's name. Please can you ensure that your child has a pair of indoor shoes that they can change into on arrival at school. Please can you ensure that your child has a change of clothing for PE with them on days specified by Class Teachers. Please ensure that any long hair is tied back. Jewellery (including earrings) should not be worn as this can pose a serious Health and Safety issue. If your child is unable to remove their studs themselves then a plaster will be given in order to cover them.

School Trips and After school clubs

Unfortunately, due to current guidance these will not be taking place until further notice.

Drinking Water

Children can bring in water bottles to have at their desk throughout the school day. **Only water** can be taken in classrooms. Please put your child's name on the bottle. Please do not send any fizzy or diluting juice etc. Please note our Water Fountain remains closed until further notice.

HT Drop-In Days

We are currently unable to host our normal HT Drop In sessions this year. Please contact me via telephone, Seesaw or email should you wish to discuss anything.

Head Lice

To avoid continual school outbreaks of head lice, it is important that all parents check their children's heads regularly and at the same specified times throughout the year. We have designated the first Sunday in every month as our BUG BUSTING Sunday so please check your child's hair on that day. We will remind you of the relevant date each newsletter.

Afterschool Clubs

A decision has been taken to temporarily pause afterschool clubs in our school until further notice. We aim to resume them as soon as possible.



Diary Dates

(Please see Annual Events Calendar for upcoming events this academic year)

Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you require any further information.

Warmest wishes,

Nicola Tyrrell
Head Teacher

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If you have any comments or suggestions which you wish to make us aware of please complete this slip and place it in the suggestions box in the school foyer.

Pupil's name: _____ Class: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____



Aberuthven Primary School Overview of Events 2020-2021

<u>Term</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Term 1</u>	Staff Return: Inservice Days	Mon 10 th August '20
<u>Term 1</u>	Pupils Return	Thursday 13th August '20
<u>Term 1</u>	'Meet the Teacher' leaflets shared with Parents via Seesaw	Mon 24th August '20
<u>Term 1</u>	STEM Week (See Timetable)	Mon 14 th - Fri 18th Sept '20
<u>Term 1</u>	Harvest Service in School (Through Microsoft Teams or recording)	Tues 22nd September '20 @ 2.30pm
<u>Term 1</u>	Autumn Break	Mon 5 th Oct- Fri 16 th Oct '19
<u>Term 2</u>	Term 2: Pupils & Staff Return	Mon 19th October '20
<u>Term 2</u>	Parents' Night (TBC in line with PKC & Scottish Govt. Guidance)	Mon 9 th November '20 @ 2-6pm
<u>Term 2</u>	Pupil Holiday Staff In-service Days	Thurs 12 th November '20 Fri 13 th November '20
<u>Term 2</u>	Languages Week (See Timetable)	Mon 16 th - Fri 20th November '20
<u>Term 2</u>	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner(TBC)	Fri 11 th December '20
<u>Term 2</u>	School Nativity (Through Microsoft Teams or recording)	Tues 15th December '20 @ 1.30pm
<u>Term 2</u>	Carol-oke Assembly (Through Microsoft Team or recording)	Wed 23rd December '20 @ 10am
<u>Term 2</u>	Winter Break	Thurs 24th December '20- Wed 6 th January '20

With social distancing measures in place, we have put together a plan for events and activites from now until December 2020. Plans for Terms 3 and 4 will be put in place at a later date to accommodate any changes in social distancing guidance which may come as the year progresses.

Please note this is subject to change in line with Scottish Government guidance and events may be added/postponed/cancelled.