



Aberuthven Primary School Newsletter September 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends,

It's hard to believe we are reaching the half way point through term 1 already! Our new Primary 1 pupils are settling well into our school routines and I could not be prouder of the excellent role models they have in our Primary 2-7 pupils!

Harvest Service

Our **Harvest Service** will be held on **Tuesday 22nd September at 2.30 p.m.** We wish to share this with Parents and are in the process of working out the best way to do so. More information to follow.

In Service Days

The school will be closed to pupils on Thursday 12th November and Friday 13th November for Staff Training.

Reporting

We are altering the way in which we approach Reporting this academic year to fit with current PKC and Scottish Government guidance. In previous years we have provided Parents with 2 Interim Reports and 1 End of Year Report. We are unable to do so this year.

In place of the first Interim Report in October, Parents will receive a 'Check In Report', providing information around pupil transition back into School.

We are unable to share how Reporting will look for the remainder of the academic year at this time and will communicate this when we can.

Parent Contact Meetings

We are altering the way in which we approach Parent Contact Meetings this academic year to fit with current PKC and Scottish Government guidance. In previous years we have hosted two Parent Contact Evenings in School. We are unable to have 'non-essential' visitors in school at this time.

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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.

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.

Contingency Plan

Our original blended learning model and recovery plan will be used in the event of further school closures. A resource pack has been sent home with each pupil, 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.

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.

Parent Zone

The **Education Scotland Learning Zone** is a useful tool for Parents providing some information and guidance regarding the role of Parents in supporting their child in their learning at home.

Below is a link to their '**Reading at Home**' information page. There are short videos and tips for each Primary age and stage which you may find useful.

<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/learning-at-home/Supporting%20literacy%20at%20home>



Diary Dates

Sun 6 Sept – Bug Busting Sunday
Mon 14-18 Sept – STEM Week (events taking place throughout week in school)
Tues 22 Sept – Harvest Service
Fri 2 Oct – End of term 3.15 pm
Sun 4 Oct – Bug Busting Sunday
Mon 19 Oct – School reopens

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

Warmest wishes

Nicola Tyrrell
Head Teacher

Aberuthven Primary School Parent Suggestions – September 2020

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: _____