



# Aberuthven Primary School Newsletter October 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our **Student Teacher from University of Aberdeen, Ms Monika Masarova**. Ms Masarova will join us in **Class 2** from **Monday 26th October 2020** and will be with us until **Friday 11th December 2020**. We are sure that she will enjoy her time with us and find it a rewarding experience.

## **S.T.E.M Week**

We had a very successful STEM celebration week in School. Our theme this year was 'Our Diverse Planet' and gave pupils the chance to explore subjects forces, materials and natural elements. Please see our School Twitter page for pictures.

## **School Improvement Plan**

Our School Improvement Plan for the academic session 2020-2021 is now available to view on our School website via the following link:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/pk/aberuthvenprimaryschool/school-improvement-plan-2020-2021/>

## **PSA**

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place on **Monday 26th October at 7pm**. via Microsoft Teams Aberuthven PS. Please contact School should you wish to attend. We would like to remind you that information can be found on both on the School website and via the 'Friends of Aberuthven' Facebook page.

## **Halloween Party**

Our School Halloween Party afternoon will take place on **Friday 30th October 2020**. Pupils should wear School uniform to School and will have the opportunity to change into a costume if they wish after lunch. No masks please.

## **In Service Days**

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

## **Parent Contact Meetings**

Parent Contact Meetings will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 between 3.30-6pm. The meeting with your child's class teacher will take place either via telephone or Microsoft Teams. Please complete and return the form to specify your preferred time and method of communication.

## **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](http://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.



#### **Diary Dates**

Fri 2 Oct – End of Term

Mon 19 Oct – School reopens

Mon 26 Oct – Parent Partnership Meeting

Fri 30 Oct- Halloween Party

Mon 9 Nov- Parents' Night 2-6pm

Tues 10 Nov – Flu Immunisation

Thurs 12 Nov – In Service Day

Fri 13 Nov – In Service Day

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

Warmest wishes

Nicola Tyrrell, Headteacher

**Aberuthven Primary School  
Parent Suggestions –  
October 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.

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Pupil's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Contact Day – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 3.30-6 p.m.**

**Name** .....

**I would like an appointment with the class teacher:**

- between 3.30 p.m – 4.45 p.m.
- between 4.45 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.
- This date is not suitable and I will contact the school to arrange an appointment after school.

**I would like the meeting to take place:**

- Via a Microsoft Teams Meeting
- Via telephone

Signed ..... Date .....

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