



# Aberuthven Primary School

## Newsletter

### August 2024

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 etc.

#### **Staffing**

Mrs Fiona Connolly will continue as Class Teacher in Primary 1-3. Mrs Ann-Marie Ritchie will continue as Class Teacher of P4-7 on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. Mr Iain Howie will be Class Teacher in Class 2 on Wednesday morning. Mrs Nicola Tyrrell will be Class 2 Teacher on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Ritchie will be Class 1 Class Teacher on Wednesday morning to provide Reduced Class Contact Time.

I am delighted to welcome our new School Secretary, Mrs Claire Hardie to our Staff Team. Mrs Hardie will be available in our school office on a Mon-Fri from 8.50-1.50pm.

Our Pupils Support Assistant Mrs Gallagher, Mrs Spark and Mrs Strachan will continue to support our pupils on varying days across the school week.

#### **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.

#### **School Uniform Swap Shop**

Last term, in collaboration with our Parent Partnership we completed a 'Cost of the School Day' report looking at ways that we can reduce or remove any costing barriers for our pupils and families. We discussed ways we could look to support our families with the cost of school uniform and plan to create a 'swap shop' bank of preloved pieces of school uniform which would then be available to all families on request.

To request items, please email Mrs Tyrrell. We have a small bank of items at the moment however hope to build on this.

We are looking for donations of any pieces of school uniform still in good condition which your child may have outgrown. We thank you for your support.

#### **Trip to Edinburgh Book Festival**

We have arranged a whole school trip to the Edinburgh Book Festival taking place on **Thursday 22nd August 2024. Please note that we will be leaving school at 8 a.m. and should return by 4 p.m.**

As we are due to attend on the last day of the School Festival dates, there will be additional activities on offer free of charge to pupils such as face painting, science demonstrations etc. as part of their annual Gala Day. We know what a valuable experience it is for our pupils to attend the Book Festival each year and are all really looking forward to going again in person.

We have been advised that promotional photographs will be taken on the day by both Edinburgh Book Festival and Scottish Government. Please contact school no later than **Monday 19th August** if you do not wish for your child to be photographed.

#### **Parent Partnership**

The next meeting of the Parent Partnership will take place on **Tuesday 20th August 2024 at 6pm** in school. All are welcome.

### **PE Days**

Class 1 PE days are Mondays and Wednesday. Class 2 PE days are Mondays and Tuesdays. Pupils should come to school dressed ready for PE on both days. 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Homework**

The first piece of homework of the academic year will be issued to both classes on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024.

### **Meet the Teacher**

Our 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon will take place in our School on Monday 19th August 2024 from 3.15-3.45pm. This is an informal chance to meet and have a quick chat with your child's class teacher.

### **HT Drop-In Days**

I will be running an informal drop-in day per month in School, where all are welcome to pop in to discuss any element of our School life, ask any questions, discuss any ideas, initiatives or concerns you may have, at a time convenient to you between 9.30-3pm on the following dates.

- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025
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Parents of future Primary 1 pupils are all more than welcome to pop in too.

### **Annual Forms**

The Annual Data Form, Photographic Consent Form, The Annual Parental Consent Form for an Excursion and the ICT Protocol Agreement Forms have been sent home with your child. We have to have these forms updated annually. Would you please complete, sign and return to school.

### **Parent Zone: Numeracy & Mathematics-**

This year we will continue to cast a spotlight on Numeracy & Mathematics as one of our school improvement priorities. Staff will continue to embed learning after participating in a year long programme in 2023-2024. Staff continue to strive to deliver the very best learning opportunities in Numeracy & Mathematics possible for our pupils. We plan to begin the year again by promoting 'Positivity in Mathematics', tackling stigmas and confidence barriers towards Numeracy & Maths. Further information on this approach can be found at [Building a numerate nation: confidence, belief and skills | National Numeracy](#)



**Diary Dates**

Mon 19 Aug - Meet the Teacher @ 3.15- 3.45pm  
Thurs 22 Aug – Trip to Edinburgh Book Festival

**(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

**Aberuthven Primary School  
Parent Suggestions –  
August 2024**

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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