

**Coupar Angus Primary School
Newsletter 7
February 2017**

February is looking like a very busy month for Coupar Angus Primary School. We have our **curriculum event this week**, on the 9th where the teachers are planning interesting short workshops on key areas, with children helping to present. Afterwards Gwen in the kitchen is providing us with a tasty buffet tea! Please come and join us, if you haven't sent back the form yet, **please do so, or email me for another copy at the address below.** We have the P7 Burns supper, where P7s will entertain us with their Scottish Poems and dancing. **The classes will all be learning Scottish poems for the assembly on the 10th. If children want to wear tartan this day they can.** We have a Literacy in-service day planned for all staff to focus on vocabulary development, class photographs, some trips and lots of visitors to support with the World of Work theme this term, which has started very positively. In amongst all of this we will still be working very hard on all our learning as planned in the class newsletters.

Remember for up-to-date information on school please go to our Coupar Angus Primary school Facebook page and our website.

(www.couparangus.pkc.sch.uk).

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Curriculum Event 2017

Date for diary!! Date for diary !!

Thurs 9th Feb 4-5pm with buffet tea afterwards from 5-5.45pm

We will be offering a range of curriculum workshops from readiness for school, numeracy, reading to IT and Active Literacy. Please hand back your form asap to let us know how many to cater for.

World of Work Careers Event:

In the afternoon on Friday 24th March we will be holding a careers event for children and parents. We are still planning this and will send more information soon. We will have some local businesses at the careers event and some of the classes will present some of the learning they have been doing on World of Work. If you would like a table at the event to talk about your career we would be delighted to hear from you on the school email address or via your child's teacher.

Lunch-time clubs

Children leading the way! Currently we have Lego Club, run by P7, Art Clubs run by P4 and P7 pupils, Animal Club run by P7 and obstacle courses in the infant playground, set up and run by P7's. I am delighted by the enthusiasm of the children taking on these roles. On Friday I observed the art club, and the children taking the lead planned and led the art activities very well – future teachers in the making! (Teachers are always in the room to ensure children are supervised though!) We currently have lots of lunchtime clubs on offer and children can check the display in the foyer if they are unsure which ones they could come along to and when.

Nursery Enrolment is from Monday 23rd January to Wednesday 15th February.

Even if your child currently has a place in nursery you need to re-enroll them for next session. This is done via the school office, and nursery staff will also have forms available.

School road speed limit

A few parents have recently commented to me that some cars have been going rather fast along school road in the morning. Please be mindful of the children walking to and from

school if driving along the road. Thanks for your co-operation. The JRSO vertical group will be working with the community police over the coming weeks to monitor the traffic.

Bike Rack

We have a lovely bike rack in the playground near the main entrance, but many of the children are not using it and still leaving bikes and scooters under the stairs. Can you please help with this and remind children to put their scooters and bikes in the new bike rack. Many thanks.

School development updates

I am working on a display with the Pupil Council about the developments that we have undertaken this year and the progress we have made. This should be completed in the next two weeks and we will send home an update for parents. The Big Maths questionnaire is now complete and will be available. It shows a positive picture of the impact Big Maths is having across the school.

Tempest Class Photos

This year we will have class photos on Monday 27th February, nursery to P7 will have class photographs taken.

Nursery news

Caterpillar Cake and Cuppy dates have now been arranged for parents to come in and look through the caterpillar folders with their children while enjoying a cuppy. Please see the nursery Facebook Group and notice board for the dates.

Pupil Council

We have recently appointed two new P7's to the Pupil council after one pupil left the school. Andrew Wilkie and Millie McIntyre are now on the team to help us with our busy workload. This term we will be sharing the information gathered from the **Big Maths questionnaires** and looking at an IT survey as well as planning some events and evaluating the progress with the School Improvement Plan.

P6/7 Ski Trip

Sadly the lack of snow meant that the ski-trip had to be cancelled for this year. The office have been working through all the parents returning the money, thank you for your patience with this.

No school on Wednesday 15th February, Thursday 16th and Friday 17th February.

Dates for Diary 2017

Lots of new dates so please look carefully!

Curriculum Event Thursday 9th February

Workshops 4-5pm and buffet tea 5-5.45pm.

SOC, Parent council meeting – Thursday 9th February 2017, 6pm all welcome.

Monday 13th February – P7 Burns Supper 6.30pm

Monday 13th February – P6 trip to Sky Academy, world of work.

Wednesday 15th February 2017 – inset day 4 - Pupils not in school.

Thursday 16th and Friday 17th February 2017 holiday. No pupils in school from Wednesday 15th February for mid-term.

Friday 24th February – Bingo Tea in town hall doors open 7pm.

Monday 27th February – Class photographs

Wednesday 1st March – P7 Show Racism the Red Card in school

Wednesday 8th March P7 Health Drama Workshop

Parent evenings – Thursday 16th March 2017 5pm-7.30pm and Tuesday 21st March 3.30pm-6pm.
Appointment slips will be sent home soon.

Career's Fair – Friday 24th March 2017 in the afternoon. Come along and find out about careers in the area and also the children will present some of their learning about the World of Work from the term.

Friday 31st March 2017, Easter holidays, school finishes at 3.15pm. End of term service, more information will follow.

Wednesday 19th April – pupils return to school after Easter break.

SOC AGM Monday 8th May 5.30pm.

Report cards to be issued in June 2017.

Charity shop week Monday 5th June 2017.

DISCO – Monday 26th June 2017.

P1-3 6pm-7pm

P4-7 7.15pm-8.30pm

P7 leavers' meal at Red House 5.30pm

Thursday 29th June 2017- School closes at 12.00 noon. End of term service, more information will follow.

Class assemblies are held on a Friday at 10.50am for 11am, parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Class Assembly Dates:

P1 17th March 2017

P2 10th March 2017

P7 28th April 2017