

# Coupar Angus Primary School

## Newsletter 3

### October 2017

We hope everyone had an enjoyable October holiday and that all the children are back at school ready for a busy term of learning! As usual please contact me on the email address below if you have any questions, queries or concerns.

[couparangus@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:couparangus@pkc.gov.uk)

Also please look at the school and nursery Facebook page/groups for more information.

Kind regards  
Mrs N Drew

#### Halloween Disco

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October is the Halloween fancy dress disco run by SOC and the school. P1-3 is from 6-7pm and P4-7 from 7.15 - 8.30pm. Get thinking about your spooky costumes.... The cost is £2.

#### Nursery

The Gruffalo Feast day was great fun and nursery raised £127.30 for nursery funds to buy nativity costumes and new equipment. Jean and Ewan won the Gruffalo cake when they guessed the Gruffalo's birthday as 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Thank you to parents for all your support. There will be Stay and Play events in Term 2 and the nursery will keep you posted with the dates in their newsletter coming soon and on Facebook.

Nursery nativity and parties are on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December in the morning and afternoon.

Character Dress Up Day On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October we all took part in a dress up as your favourite character day for school funds. The children (and teachers) put in a great effort and we had some amazing costumes from Stick Man, Alice in Wonderland, Captain Underpants and many more! We had some competitions and we raised **£126.00** for school funds. Many thanks for your support as always. This will go towards art and craft materials in the run up to Christmas.

#### Staffing news

As you all know Miss Gourlay is due to have a baby and we wish her all the best as she starts her maternity leave next week. Mr Lamb has joined the staff team this week as the new Nurture Teacher 4 days a week in the Garden Room and Mrs McGregor will continue to work in the Garden Room on a Friday. We are very grateful to Mrs McGregor for working extra since Mrs Robertson left last term.

Mrs Dewar is also leaving the school this term; she has been working two days a week and has been part of the Coupar Angus team since 2011. We wish her all the best in her new role in Angus. Mrs Suchomska, who is a Pupil Support Assistant in Thinking Room 1 is leaving us next month to complete her secondary teacher training and we wish her all the best.

We also have three student teachers with us just now, Mrs Duncan in P5, Mr Crighton in P4 and Miss Forbes continuing in P3.

#### In service training

School is closed on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November for staff training. We are working with a company called Tree of Knowledge to look at Self-regulation and Growth Mind set, which involves children learning how to regulate their emotions and have a positive attitude. We will also be working on attainment and priorities from the School Improvement Plan.

#### Breaking news! Breaking news! Save the date!

Hot off the press, it's looking like the Christmas Lights Switch on in Coupar Angus will be Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. We are hoping to have a parade from the school to The Cross from around 5.30pm with entertainment at The Cross from 6-8pm. More news in the next couple of weeks, but for now save the date!

## **SOC**

The next Parent Council meeting is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 5.30pm in school. All parents are very welcome. Some of the Pupil Council members are coming along to talk about Playground improvements. If you would like to share your views, ask questions, or hear what's going on, please come along or contact Shona Turnbull for more information.

## **Parent contact appointments**

A letter will be out this week with details of the November parent appointments, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Bikeability**

Well done to P6 pupils who all passed their Bikeability Level 1 last term and will be able to work towards Level 2 in P7. P7s are working on Level 2 Bikeability at the moment. A huge thank you to Grant and his helpers who support with this and please remember they also run an after school bike club in Larchan Park on a Wednesday night if you would like to go along.

Also congratulations to Mr Billen and Miss McQueen who both passed their Instructors Bikeability course last term.

## **Cauliflower Christmas cards**

Children are working on their designs this week and you will be sent home their card to see if you would like to order copies on Friday. Look for this in the school bag.

## **Book Fair**

The book fair will arrive on 22<sup>nd</sup> November and leave on 29<sup>th</sup> November, so it will be here for both of the parents' evenings and we will send out dates when it will be open in and out of school.

The Book Fair is a great way to support your child with reading and the school because we get free books as well!

## **School Carol Concert**

**Involving P1-P7 pupils**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 1.30- 3pm &**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 6.30-8pm.**

**We will send more information and ticket information out about this in the coming weeks, but for now save the date. All the children will be taking part in a Carol Concert.**

## **Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSAs)**

You may have heard on the news that pupils in P1, P4 and P7 will now be taking part in Standardised Assessments across Scotland. These will happen in February and March 2018. If you would like more information about this please use the web address to go to the website:

<https://standardisedassessment.gov.scot/more-about-assessments-and-reports/>

I will send out more information in due course, however it is important to note that this will form part of the usual range of assessment measures we use in school and will help to support teacher judgement and inform next steps for a pupil. Teachers will undergo training on the assessments and there will be opportunities to answer any questions you have before February.

## **Dates for Diary 2017/18**

***Some new dates added in the run up to Christmas.....***

Class assembly dates are on a Friday at 10.50am, parents and friends are welcome to attend when it is your child's class assembly:

P5 – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

P7 – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

P1- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018

P1/2- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

P3-Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018

P2- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Halloween Fancy dress Disco

P1-3 6-7pm

P4-7 7.15- 8.30pm

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 5.30pm – SOC meeting all welcome

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> & Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – school closed for inservice days

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Immunisations P1-7

**Book fair week – Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – 29<sup>th</sup> November in school.**

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> November – BOOK BUG week, events for P1-3**

*Parent contact dates:*

*Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 3.30- 6pm*

*Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 5- 7.30pm*

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Xmas light switch on**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – P7 to BHS for a transition morning**

**\*\*\*School Carol Concert involving P1-P7 pupils\*\*\***

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 1.30- 3pm and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 6.30-8pm. Save the date and more information to follow.....**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

School Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day  
Small donation

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**P1 & P2 pupils Nativity in the afternoon**

**Also will be at the end of term service on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at approx. 10am.**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Nursery Christmas nativity and party – am and pm**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 12.00- school closes for Christmas holidays.

End of term service at approx.. 10am on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Parties:

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** will be P1/2, P3/4 and P5,6,7 parties.

P5,6,7 will be in the morning and P1 & P2 and then P3/4 will be in the afternoon.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Back to school**

SOC meeting – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 5.30pm

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – inservice day

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> & Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 2018 – holiday

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 – Bingo Tea in Town hall TBC

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 - 5-7.30pm Parent Contact

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 3.30- 6pm Parent Contact

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – school closes at 3.15pm for Easter holiday

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – inservice day

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – school opens for children

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May – P7 Residential Trip**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – May Day Holiday

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – SOC meeting 5.30pm

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Reports issued to parents

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 –school closes at 12.00 for summer holiday.

N. Drew.