



# Coupar Angus Primary School

## Newsletter 1

### August 2019

Welcome back to school to all our children. I hope everyone had a good summer and are looking forward to the term ahead. The new P1 children are in and settled really well and many of the nursery children are in for a full day now as we start the early phasing for the nursery 1140 hours.

The infant building front toilets have been transformed in the holidays and are looking lovely ("just like in a hotel," said a P3 pupil last week!) The next project will be the new nursery wing which will start in October, but we will keep you posted! (The nursery will stay where it is until next summer though!)

As usual if you have any questions or queries please do get in touch. You can email me at [couparangus@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:couparangus@pkc.gov.uk) or phone the school office to make an appointment or ask to speak to myself or Miss Sinclair.

Mrs N Drew

### Staffing

There have been some changes to the staffing team and a complete list is attached at the end of this newsletter for you. Mrs Mackenzie has joined the staff team from Angus Council and she takes up her role as Principal Teacher (PT) for the Specialist Provision. She will be teaching in Thinking Room 2. Miss Colville is now our Pupil Support Teacher and Mr Key has joined us as Garden Room teacher. In the nursery Miss Netherington has joined us as an ECP. Mrs Michaels is working in the Garden Room alongside Mr Key this term. Mrs Henderson has joined us a PSA in Thinking Room 1 this term.

Sadly we say goodbye to Mrs McClinton this week. She has been an invaluable member of the school team for many years and we wish her all the best and would like to thank her for all her hard work over the years.

### School Uniform

It's lovely to see all the children looking really smart this week in their school uniform. Please put your child's name on any jumpers, coats, trousers, PE kit.....in fact everything if you haven't done so already!! We do have a lost property box in school, but if there are no names it is very difficult to match up the clothes to their owners. Parents are welcome to come in and look through lost property any time.

At the end of each term we will rag bag any unclaimed property or give it to the school uniform recycling.

If you still need to purchase some school uniform we ask for children to wear blue or navy sweatshirts and dark trousers, skirts, dresses. We would ask that there are no leggings and also no hooded sweatshirts for school uniform.

The website for school uniform is [www.border-embroideries.co.uk](http://www.border-embroideries.co.uk) for a sweatshirt with the school logo on in either bright blue or navy.

However, we are part of the recycle uniform scheme and do have some uniform in school, so if you would like to see this, please pop into the office or if you would like a form to apply for a clothing grant.

Please remember no jewellery for PE and no **excessive** jewellery for class. No hoop earrings for gym, can children please wear studs only for PE or tape ears, as this is a health and safety concern. Many thanks.

### P1 School Photographs

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August** is the new P1 class photograph. We will try to let you know when the photographs will be in the paper through our Facebook page.

### Nursery News

The nursery notice board and Facebook Group have all the up-to-date information for the term and a newsletter for nursery is on its way.

### **Extra Funded Nursery Hours In Alyth, Blairgowrie, Coupar Angus, Kirkmichael and Rattray**

Perth & Kinross Council wants to talk to you about changes to Early Learning and Childcare in your area which means more free nursery/childcare hours for 3-5 year olds. Impact on Alyth PS Nursery, Cornerstones Nursery, Coupar Angus PS Nursery, Just 4 Kidz Nursery, Kirkmichael PS Nursery, Newhill PS Nursery, Rattray PS Nursery and Wee Wild Sparks. From August 2020 additional funded hours will be available in these nurseries, some of which are offering the additional funding now! Please come along and take part: Saturday 14th September 2019 Between 10.00am—12.00 noon Rattray Community Connect

### **School office**

Mrs McGregor and Mrs McLellen are in the school office and if you have any queries please pop in and they will try to assist. First thing in the morning can be very busy, but there is someone in the school office at all times. Mrs McLellen is also in the office at the end of the school day. If you phone and leave a message we will get back to you as soon as possible and please remember to phone and tell us if your child is off school for any reason.

### **\*\*\*\*\*School Traffic Exclusion Zone\*\*\*\*\***

#### **Is continuing this year**

This means no traffic (unless they have a permit) will be allowed in the streets around the school (School Road) from 8.15am- school starts every day and again at 2.45 – 3.30pm. If drivers ignore this ban the penalty is a fine. If you would like to read more information about this please go to [www.pkc.gov.uk/schoolexclusionzones](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/schoolexclusionzones) where you can find out more. Taxis and school staff will have permits, local residents also have permits. This trial has now been made permanent as I understand and is to keep all

the children safe as they walk to and from school at these busy times. This will reduce traffic and congestion and also pollution. It is in response to local residents and parents. Parents are encouraged to park at Larghan Park and walk with their children using the crossing, to the school.

### **Annual data check**

The annual data form will be with you shortly. Please ensure we have accurate and up-to-date information and tell us of any changes throughout the year. We need to be able to contact you and an emergency contact in case your child is taken unwell or injured at school. We also send information via text at times and so it is vital we have an up-to-date mobile number.

### **Term 1 Tea with the Teacher Health & Wellbeing Workshops Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 4.30pm**

Parents and children are invited in to look around the classrooms, attend a health & wellbeing workshop for 30 minutes and then have tea (for free!) in the dining hall with the teachers. As one of our main development priorities this session is resilience and health and wellbeing we have made that the focus of this first workshop event. More information to follow soon, but for now, please put the date in your diary.

**Class information sheets** will be coming home towards the end of this week, so look out for this in the school bag. It will contain details of PE times, homework and events happening in class and how you can help support your child. Seesaw will also be up and running again over the next week, so log on and make sure you can see what your child is up to. If you need to know how to log on let us and know and we will help.

## **Joint Fundraiser for School Funds and MacMillan Cancer Support – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

One of our chosen charities for this year is MacMillan Cancer Support. On Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of September we will be talking to the children about MacMillan Cancer Support and what the charity does through a special assembly. In addition, on that day, all children in the school and nursery will be taking part in a mile walk to raise funds for the charity and our school. We will also be holding a bake sale and the classrooms will be open for you to come around and see your child's new classroom and some of the work they have done so far this term. We are hoping that this will be a busy and fun day for the school. More details, sponsor forms etc will be sent out shortly but in the meantime please save the date. We will also be grateful for any volunteer bakers to assist with our cake and candy stall. Thank you.

## **SOC (Supporting Our Children) Parent council meeting – all Parents welcome**

Our first meeting will be on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 5.30pm at school**. All parents are a member of this group and we would love to welcome you all to the meeting in the main building of the school. The meetings usually last 1- 1.5 hours and are held termly. You don't have to come to all the meetings, but we would not be able to do all **the amazing things** we do in school without this group of parents. Parents help to support and arrange fundraising events, decide how to spend the money, find out about school plans and have a chance to have your say on school matters. If you want to find out more, please speak to Gill Clarke or phone and speak to Mrs Drew.

## **Parent Pay**

Can I please remind parents to keep their Parent Pay accounts up-to-date with school dinner money and if you haven't got a parent pay account yet, please contact the school office to set one up.

## **School Improvement Plan priorities for 2019-20**

Our three main priorities for the session are:

1. Learners will have increased skills, confidence and attainment in Numeracy and Science.
2. By June 2020, most children will be more resilient in their approach to learning.
3. High quality and specific feedback in writing and numeracy will ensure learners are clear about their next steps, know how to improve and where to get support. This will lead to increased attainment in these areas.

<b>School staff list August 2019</b>
Mrs N Drew - Headteacher
Miss M Sinclair - Depute Headteacher
Mrs F Mackenzie - Principal Teacher, Specialist Provision (Thinking Room 2 teacher )
Mrs J McGregor - School Office
Mrs P McLellen - Office
Mr R Ritchie - School Janitor
Mr I Norrie - School Janitor
Mrs B Ramsey, Mrs F Rae, Mrs K Jamieson Mrs M Scott-Exley School cleaners
<b>Nursery Team</b>
Miss Kerr - Nursery Teacher
Mrs R Dingwall - nursery
Mrs Mucha - nursery
Miss A Rennie - nursery
Miss L Johnstone- senior ECP
Miss S Stewart - nursery
Miss P Carrigan - nursery
Miss J Netherington - nursery
Miss G McBeath - nursery
Mrs P Fulton -nursery
Ms L Black -nursery
P1/2 - Mrs S Hanlin
P2- Miss C Duthie (Mrs Alexander currently on maternity leave)
P3 Miss H Mitchell
P4/5 M - Mrs C MacGregor
P4/5 GB - Mr M Billen & Miss N Gourlay
P6 - Mrs L Harrison
P7 - Miss H McQueen
RCCT teacher- Mrs E Constable & Mr M Billen
RCCT teacher - Miss F Pearson (currently on Maternity leave)
Ms E Colville - Pupil Support Teacher
Mrs S Ashley - Thinking Room 1
Nurture Teacher - Mr J Key
Nurture Support - Mrs D Hastie (absent) Mrs L Michaels
PE - class teachers
Drama - Miss J Collins
Mrs L Young - Woodwind teacher
<b>Support Staff</b>
Mrs Miller
Mr Cargill
Mrs Mann
Mrs Young
Mr Duncan

Mrs Hastie
Mrs Lockerbie
Mrs Mukherji
Mrs C Mckenzie
Mrs Downey (Supply)
Mrs Donaldson (Supply)
Mrs Cork (Supply)
Mrs Patterson (supply)
Mrs K Jamieson - Breakfast Club
Mrs A Wilson- Breakfast Club
School cook - Mrs G Stewart

We are currently working on the year diary of events and will put that home in the next week or two. We do add to it as more opportunities and events come up, but we will try to put on as many that we know about now on the diary for you.  
N Drew