



Coupar Angus Primary School

Newsletter 2

September 2019

We've put the dates for the year (that we have so far) on the end of this newsletter, so please keep it safe, and make a note on your calendars. All newsletters are on the website or Facebook page so you can go back and find them at a later date should you wish.

Dates do occasionally have to be changed and new events are added in, so I will update this each month.

The teachers now have Seesaw up and running again and there should be weekly information there, if you change your email or are not on Seesaw yet, please let us know as it is easy to use and a good way to see what the children are doing.

As usual if you have any questions or queries please do get in touch. You can email me at 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

Please note the last day of term 1 has been changed for all PKC schools to Thursday 3rd October 3.15pm (Teachers have an In-Service Day on Friday 4th October and school will be closed to pupils.)

Meet the Teacher/Tea event Health & Wellbeing Workshops

A huge thankyou to all the families who came to last week's Health & Wellbeing workshop event and tea. We had our best turn out yet (over 80 pupils and parents). We do appreciate your support in coming along. We hope you enjoyed the workshops. If you filled in a feedback form, thank you very much and if you would like to give us any feedback, or suggestions for future workshops, please email me or send in a note to the office. The feedback we received was very positive, although many of you would like the workshops to be

longer next time so we will bare this in mind for future events.

Bikes in the playground- Please help

Please help us to remind the children **not** to cycle or scoot in the playground at beginning or end of the day. We like to see the children cycling and scooting to school (with helmets) but we always remind them to dismount and walk their cycle or scooter in the playground as younger children, parents and grandparents are around and we don't want any accidents. A parent also pointed out to me that some children are not looking out for cars when cycling along school road, so please remind your child to be vigilant when cycling. Thank you for your help with this.

(If particular children continue to cycle or scoot in the playground, we will contact you to discuss this.)

Nursery News

The nursery notice board and Facebook Group have all the up-to-date information for the term. Stay and Play dates will be announced shortly.

The work on the remodeling of the nursery/infant wing should be starting after the October break. The infant playground will be affected during this work and will be made smaller for this time. We hope to keep disruption to a minimum and the end result will be worth some disruption in the meantime!

Christmas Cards

This year we are designing our Christmas cards again. The Christmas Card designs/ order forms will be coming home on the first day back after the October holidays. Orders have to be placed and paid for online using the unique code on the order form. Instructions

are on the form. Once orders have been paid the artwork has to be returned to school by 5th November, 2019 as they are being collected to be produced. Late orders will be subject to a delivery charge as they are processed separately. Retail prices remain the same as last year with a pack of 12 A6 cards £5.50, Mugs £6.00, wrapping paper £5.00 and value packs 2 packs of 12 cards A6 and 1 pack of 16 gift labels £10.00. Children will be completing their designs in the next couple of weeks in school.

Joint Fundraiser for School Funds and MacMillan Cancer Support – Friday 27th September

One of our chosen charities for this year is MacMillan Cancer Support. On Friday the 27th of September 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 coffee/cake afternoon 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 completed so far this term. We are hoping that this will be a busy and fun day for the school. Sponsor forms should now be with you. We will also be grateful for any volunteer bakers to send in cakes for us to serve on the day and helpers to serve coffee and cake. Thank you.

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

Next Meeting – Wednesday 13th November 3.30pm in school. (Children can come and be in the room playing quietly if this helps.)

We held our first meeting of the year on Monday 2nd September and **three** parents came along. (We had two apologies from regular attendees). We know parents are busy, but the Parent Council is an invaluable part of school life, contributing to your children's education by sharing parent views, fundraising for special events, asking how parents can help support school and telling school how parents and pupils feel the school can improve.

We meet around 4 or 5 times a year and parents can help out at events, but there is no pressure to do so. Ideally we would love to have a parent representative from each class. If you are interested and want to find out more, please contact Gill Clark, Chairperson on socpta.office@gmail.com or myself to discuss. If times and dates don't suit, contact Gill to discuss and future meetings could well be changed. Many thanks.

Parent helpers

If any parents have a regular slot they could commit to helping in school, please do get in touch. Parents can help in the following ways:

- Supporting a lunchtime club.

Many of the P5-7 pupils ask to run lunchtime clubs for other pupils such as art, Lego, craft, dancing. The children are very good at planning the clubs for a small group of children, but they do need adult supervision. Our lunchtime supervisors and Support Assistants are needed in the playground over lunchtime and all the teachers do one club for one term over the session, but it is their lunchtime and they also do lesson preparation etc over lunch, so that leaves us short to support lunchtime clubs. So if you were available one lunchtime a week to support this, for around 6 weeks, let us know.

- Reading support in class/general class support.

We are always happy to have an extra pair of hands in class, so if you have a couple of hours a week to commit, please let us know. It would usually not be in your own child's class, but if you like to help out, let us know. Many parents have gone on to work in schools, after starting out as volunteer parent helpers!

We have administration tasks, such as sorting out maths homework bags, or photocopying, or working with pupils that parents could help with.

All parent helpers have to sign a confidentiality agreement before they can volunteer in school. If interested in this, or if you have other skills to offer, please contact Mrs Drew or Miss Sinclair in the first instance.

Toys in class

Many of the children in P1-3 like to bring in toys in the morning into class and the playground. However, this often causes fall outs and sometimes toys go missing or are 'loaned' to other children, who then don't want to give them back! So can we ask that you discourage your children from bringing toys into school each day. We have lots of toys in school and in the playground for children to use.

If you know this will be very hard for your child, please contact the class teacher to discuss, we do know for some children this really helps them settle and we will work with you on find a solution.

Harvest assembly :

On Thursday 26th September we are holding a Harvest assembly. We would like to support the Food Bank and so have asked children to bring in one non-perishable item for the food bank, such as a tin or packet of something. Thinking Room 1 will deliver all the items we collect. Please bring items on the Thursday 26th, one per family, if you would like to support this cause. Many thanks.

Aldi Stickers Promotion

We are collecting the Aldi stickers in school. Please send in any stickers as they will go towards a draw and if we are successful schools win sports equipment.

The following pupils have been elected as Pupil Council reps:

Pupil Council Reps 2019

Chairperson: Logan Symon

Vice Chair: Chloe Harris

Secretaries: Nadia Tworek & Irina Matei

P7 reps: Neave Fair, Logan, Chloe and Nadia.

Thinking Room 2/P7 rep: Hamish Siveyer

P6 reps: Irina Matei, Murrion Gibson, Kieran Kippen

P4/5 GB reps: Cassidy Crichton, Molly Symon

P4/5 M reps: Leila Grant, Poppy Buick, Jack Fraser

P3 reps Lexi Fair, Lillie Beau

P2 reps Emily Stephen, Fraser Robertson

We have held our first meeting and the Pupil Council are working on the Child Friendly School Improvement Plan and voting on the second school charity for the year.

If you can help on Friday 27th September with tea/coffee please let school office or Mrs Drew know.

We would also welcome home baking for this event.