



Coupar Angus Primary School

Newsletter 3

October 2019

Welcome back to everyone for Term 2. I hope you all had a restful holiday. You will have noticed the work has started on the nursery building and the infant playground is reduced in size for the period of this work. We hope the disruption will be minimal and look forward to the new nursery space next year.

We also have two new outdoor classrooms. They look great. These were part of last year's Pupil Equity Plan and will allow us to provide more outdoor learning opportunities for the children. They are also a nice space to play at break and offer shelter from the weather!

We hope you find this newsletter useful and if you would like more information on anything school related, please get in touch or why not come along to SOC Parent Council on Wed 13th November at 3.30pm.

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

House Captains and Vice Captains

Arthurstone

House Captain – Logan Symon
Vice-House Captain – Kyle Nairn
Sports Captain – Ronin Crichton
Vice-Sports Captain – Paul Mason

Balgersho

House Captain – Cerys Grant
Vice-House Captain – Beth Duncan
Sports Captain – Isaac Miller
Vice-Sports Captain – Liam Thomas

Cronan

House Captain – Hannah Sloan

Vice-House Captain – Irina Matei
Sports Captain – Caley Davidson
Vice-Sports Captain – Neave Fair

Denhead

House Captain – Nadia Tworek
Vice-House Captain – Lauren Campbell
Sports Captain – Kasey-Lee Geekie
Vice-Sports Captain – Kennedy Baxter

Change of date – Christmas Lunch and Jumper day: Monday 16th December

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

Can we say a huge thank you to all our families for their amazing support. It was a great event, a very heart-warming day and the children did a great job of running/walking their MacMillan Mile. Thanks to everyone who baked cakes, ate cakes and helped out. The coffee afternoon was great fun and we are delighted to announce the grand total was:

£2525!!!

This means that MacMillan Cancer will receive a cheque from Coupar Angus Primary for £1262.29 and School fund will receive £1262.28!

I would like to thank Mrs MacGregor and Miss Gourlay for their work in setting up this event, and all the staff team for their support, as well as all our families and children.

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 or next door playing quietly if this helps.)

The Parent Council have raised a significant amount of money to support the pupils in school and, at the moment, as they do not have enough members, they may have to fold. This would be very sad for the school, as we do rely on Parent Council to support many events. If you are able to come along, even for some of the meeting, please do or contact Gill Clark to find out more at email below.

You can contact Gill Clark, Chairperson on socpta.office@gmail.com
If times and dates don't suit, contact Gill to discuss and future meetings could well be changed.
Many thanks.

Autumn Disco
Wednesday 30th October 27, 2019
P1-3 6-7pm
P4-7 7.15-8.30pm
Come in fancy dress, cost is £2
Tuck shop available for pocket money, so bring a few coins if you wish to buy some sweets.

Parent Contact Evenings
Book Fair
Uniform and Coat Banks

Parent Contact Evenings are coming up, you will receive your appointment shortly. Please note that the **Book Fair** will be available for viewing during Parent Contact and you can order on ParentPay. Children will also all have the opportunity to view the Book Fair during the school day. It will be here from 6-27 November.

There will also be a **School Uniform Bank** where you can either donate items that no longer fit or help yourself to items that others have donated – a kind of 'swap shop'. In addition to this we are running a **Winter Coat Bank** specifically for Winter Coats.

N Drew

Blairgowrie Rotary Shoe Box Appeal

We have been given 30 Shoe Boxes to fill by Blairgowrie Rotary Club for less fortunate children and families in Europe for Christmas. Each class has two shoe boxes to fill. If children would like to take part, they can bring in a small bouncy ball, small toy in good condition (like a match box car or a small figure or top trumps card game etc.)
Parents could also collect a box, from the school office, to fill at home, if they wish.

There is no pressure to take part, but if you would like to donate any items to the boxes, please send in to your child's class. More information will be posted on Seesaw. It costs £2 per box for postage, but the School charity fund will pay this for the boxes.

The boxes are to be collected on November 7th November, so it is not a lot of time if you would like to take part.
Many thanks.

Aldi Stickers

We are still collecting, and getting close to our target....keep them coming....

Parent helpers

If any parents have a regular slot they could commit to helping in school, please do get in touch.

A huge thank you to the parents who have since offered, and we still have space for many more...

Dates for the Diary 2019/20

This year we have tried to give as many dates in advance as we can, including Christmas parties and events. However, over the course of the year other opportunities, trips and visitors will be arranged, so please check the newsletter each month for any new dates/changes. Please add them to your calendar and we will have a copy on the website as well. We try to give the children a range of experiences over the year, but your suggestions are very welcome. N Drew

November:

6 th November: P7 class Show Racism The Red Card workshop in school
Monday 11 th November P4/5M class attending Scottish Celebration in Blairgowrie.
Wednesday 13 th November – SOC Parent Council Meeting 3.30pm All welcome (Children can come and sit in room next door)
Wednesday 13th November: Pupil Council Dress Down Day Your Choice of Fancy Dress £1 per child for Pupil Council charity (on parentpay, for school charities).
Thursday 14 th & Friday 15 th November School closed to pupils for staff in service training
Tuesday 12 th November Parent Contact night 5.30- 8pm Book Fair is usually in school this week or next - TBC
Thursday 21 st November Parent Contact night 3.30- 6pm
Friday 22nd November – P3 Assembly 10.50am
Friday 29 th November – St Andrews Day (Tartan theme) Pupils may come dressed in tartan today if they wish (no cost).
P6 class assembly 10.50am
Friday 29 th November: P7 trip to BHS in the morning. Letter to follow.

December:

Friday 6 th December P7 class assembly 10.50am
Tuesday 10 th December ChildSmile in school today
Wednesday 11 th December : P1-7 Christmas concert in the afternoon and evening. Save the date! More information to follow.....
School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day Monday 16th December (new date – please note)
Thursday 12 th December: P4/5 M & P4/5 GB party today P6 and P7 party in classrooms today in afternoon Thinking Room 2 party
Friday 13th nursery concert and party in hall All nursery children to come in the morning for the party and concert please
Friday 13th December P3 party in the afternoon
Wed 18th morning and Thur 19th afternoon P1/2 and P2 nativity in hall P1/2 & P2 & Thinking Room 1 Party in the Hall –Monday 16 th in the afternoon
Christmas Service - Thursday 19 th December 2pm All welcome This will include the P1/2 & P2 nativity
Friday 20 th December School closes at 12.00 for Christmas Break

January 2020:

Monday January 6 th 2020– School re-opens for Term 3
Wednesday 29 th January 2020 – SOC meeting all welcome Time to be confirmed

February :

Friday 7 th February – P4/5M Assembly
Wed 12 th February – In service day – school closed to pupils
Thursday and Friday 13 th & 14 th February – School holidays
Parent workshops – Thur 20 th Feb Literacy/Numeracy to be confirmed

March:

Thursday 5 th March 2020– World Book Day – dress up as your favourite character £1
Friday 6 th March 2020- P1/2 Mrs Hanlin class assembly
Parent Contact Appointment dates: Thursday 12 th March 5.30- 8pm Tuesday 17 th March 3.30- 6pm
Friday 27 th March – P4/5GB class assembly Mon 30th March – special event week to be confirmed

April:

Friday 3 rd April – Easter hols
Monday 20 th April 2020 School re-opens for Term 4 (Easter in holidays this year)
Thursday 23 rd April 2020 – P5 swimming starts every Thursday

May:

Tuesday 5 th May – SOC meeting all welcome
Friday 8th May 2020 – May day holiday, school closed (please note this is the Friday, not the Monday).
Fri 22 nd May – inset day - school closed to pupils

June:

Many dates to be added such as transition events.

Wednesday 3 rd June – School sports day (afternoon for parents)
Thursday 4 th June 2020 – Pupil reports out to parents
Thursday 11th and Friday 12th June – P7 transition days at BHS
Wed 17th & Thur 18th June – School show dates to be confirmed.
Friday 19 th June – pupils move up to new classes for a taster TBC
Monday 29 th – End of Term disco for pupils P1-3 6-7pm, P4-7 pupils (including P4 from P3/4) 7.15- 8.30pm
P7 buffet TBC
Tue 30 th June –Prizegiving service 1.45 pm TBC
Wed 1 st July 12.00 – School finishes for Summer holiday.

Nursery News

The nursery notice board and Facebook Group and Play dates will be announced shortly.

Nursery dates for the diary for term 2:

- 31st October – Hallowe'en fun day at Nursery
- Wednesday 13th November – Dress up Day – Fancy dress of your choice
- Thursday 14th November – Children off nursery (Inservice day)
- Friday 15th November – Children off nursery (Inservice day)
- Parent Contact weeks for Nursery – 18th November and 25th November
- Friday 29th November – St Andrews day, wear tartan
- Friday 13th December – Nursery Christmas concert and party
- Friday 20th December – Nursery closes for Christmas holidays

Cycling news:

Grant Murdoch from the Coupar Angus Cycling Hub is looking to gauge interest from teachers and parents that would be interested in getting some cycle training to help develop their skills and help to improve cycling skills of the pupils at their school. It can come in the form of a qualification or even some informal training sessions that can be used to help deliver cycling sessions at school, as a refresher course or just to improve their knowledge into cycling safety.

If you would like any more information or if you are keen to be kept in the loop with potential dates then please send Grant an email at

ccf@cacyclinghub.com

Mr Billen & Miss McQueen are cycle trainers in school and they lead the Bikeability each year. We also teach Play on Pedals in nursery but any interested parents are always welcome to support this. Contact school if interested.

A Polite Request

It has come to our attention that an adult approached children in the playground recently to raise a concern about their behaviour in school. We would ask that any concerns about behaviour of children in school are raised with myself or another member of staff.

N Drew