



Coupar Angus Primary School

Newsletter 4

November 2020

The Pupil Council group have been talking to the classes about a charity for us to support this year. We like to support two charities each year normally and get involved in fundraising. We are very conscious that it's not the year to do much in the way of fundraising, but the children do like to support causes and get something out of helping others, so we will look at small ways we can support our chosen charity. As usual do get in touch if you have any queries or questions at

couparangus@pkc.gov.uk You will have parent contact phone calls this session for the first time and so you won't even have to leave your house to get an update on how your child is doing!

Nikki Drew

Staff changes

As you know Miss Sinclair, DHT, is leaving Coupar Angus Primary School at Christmas after 8 years in post. She is starting a new chapter in Highland and we wish her all the best, she will be greatly missed by pupils, staff and myself and I would like to thank her for all her support over the last 5 and a half years while I have been at Coupar Angus. I will keep you posted about a new DHT in the coming weeks.

Mrs Mackenzie, Principal Teacher of Specialist Provision also has a new job in Angus council and she is leaving at Christmas. I would like to wish her all the best in her new role. I will also let parents know in the near future about a replacement for Mrs Mackenzie and a teacher for Thinking Room 2, this post is currently advertised.

Halloween

Well we missed our usual disco, but we think the class parties went down quite well! The costumes were amazing and the costume swap was a great

success, hopefully saving some families some money, but also re-using & re-cycling and so being Eco friendly and doing our bit for the planet!

Here are some quotes from the children:
P3

"I enjoyed sticking the eyeball on the zombie" –

Hollie (like pin the tail on the donkey)

"I liked playing Halloween bingo" – Hailey

"I liked the Halloween quiz where one question was about bobbing for apples" – Morven

"I liked the snacks!" – Fraser

Here are some quotes from p4.

'My favourite part of the halloween party was seeing all my friends in their costumes' Ellie

'I really liked playing all the games in the hall' Breagh

'I liked spending time with my friends. I had so much fun!' Tilly

Covid Updates

As you will have heard, Perth and Kinross has moving to Protection Level 3 from Friday 13 November.

The main additional restrictions that will be in place affecting schools are:

-Pupils in S4-S6 will be required to wear face coverings in class as well as in communal areas.

-Pupils in S1-S3 will be encouraged to wear face coverings in class.

The face covering rules in primary schools are that all staff who cannot socially distance from pupils should wear a face mask unless in nursery or P1 (where is the adult's choice to wear a face mask).

Where adults are providing close care such as nappy changing, working with pupils who cannot socially distance or applying first aid, they will wear PPE.

Parents are also asked to wear masks if entering the school playground and if they need to come into school for any reason (however, we are not encouraging any parents into school just now to keep everyone safe, it is only in special circumstances).

We continue to follow all our risk assessed plans in school such as good hygiene practices, ventilation in all the classrooms, social distancing and class bubbles. If your child has any Covid symptoms we do ask you to keep them at home, to keep everyone safe and get in touch and we will arrange home learning.

We have applied for some I-pads to support some families with home learning (should the need arise) and for homework. If you feel this would help your family, please get in touch via the school email. We cannot promise an I-pad as we sadly do not have a huge supply, but we will try and it also helps us to know, if there was another home learning period, who would need an I-pad on loan.
Many thanks.

Christmas

We are planning to have individual class parties this year to keep classes in bubbles, but they will still follow the usual Christmas party format with games, snacks, prizes and dressing up in party clothes! The dates are:

- P1 Thursday 17th December (afternoon)**
- P2/3 Wednesday 16th December (afternoon)**
- P3 Friday 18th December afternoon**
- P4 Friday 11th December afternoon**
- P5/6D Wednesday 16th December (morning)**
- P5/6P Friday 11th December afternoon**
- P7 Thursday 17th December (in the morning)**
- TR1 Thursday 17th December (afternoon)**
- TR2 – date to be confirmed**

School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day will be on Friday 18th December.

We are also planning some other events and P1 and the P2/3 class have a special Nativity planned, which will be filmed for parents.

Flu Immunisations:

Will take place in school on Thursday 10th December.

School uniform swap and Christmas jumper swap

With Christmas fast approaching and the school Xmas jumper day being on Friday 18th December, we would like to be able to do a Xmas jumper swap on Monday 7th December at the school from 2pm onwards.

If you have any jumpers that your family no longer need or have outgrown, please consider donating them to the swap. Please could any donations be handed into the school office by Thursday 3rd December, to allow for quarantine.

The uniform initiative is always available at the school, it is free and open to all. You can request items at any time throughout the school term. We have attached an order slip for uniform if you want to fill this in and send back to school.

Parent Council Meeting

SOC

Our next Parent Council meeting will be on Wed 18th Nov at 4.45pm on Zoom.

The link is:

Topic: Coupar Angus Primary School Parent Council

Time: Nov 18, 2020 04:45 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76639509760?pwd=eElsSHJQMWJHVU4xNXVvei90OS94QT09>

Meeting ID: 766 3950 9760

Passcode: 4x3hnM

As you know Gill Clark resigned as Chair of SOC last month and Lynn Symon (Secretary) and Clare Irving (Treasurer) have agreed in the meantime to Chair meetings between them.

However, we really do need more parents to come along to the meetings, or Parent Council may end up having to fold. Just now, meetings are on Zoom and last about an hour and so if you can spare an hour, next week, **please do join the meeting.**

Information about a link above.

There are no plans for any major fundraising just now, but **Parent Council has some funds and the pupils have made some requests for items they**

would like that the Parent Council will make decisions on. It's also a chance for parents to get any up-to-date school information. We would love to see some more parents come along and we won't be looking for a new Chair just yet, so you don't need to worry about having to take on a role! If you would like further info, please contact myself, or Lynn Symon or Clare Irving through the SOC email:

socpta.office@gmail.com

Coupar Angus Community Larder Christmas Food Parcels

The larder is currently organising a Christmas food parcel which will be available to working-aged families and individuals that are currently experiencing changes in income due to the Coronavirus. The parcel will include a three course Christmas dinner and various other items such as selection boxes and Christmas crackers. A self-referral form will be uploaded by 13th November to the Coupar Angus Community Larder facebook page. The self-referral application will be open until Friday 4th of December. In the meantime please contact calarder@outlook.com for more info.

Click here for the link to request a food parcel

<https://bit.ly/3nyjTO3>

Poppies

We raised £64.50 for the Poppy Scotland Appeal 2020 this year, thank-you to all who bought poppies via Parentpay.

Pupil Council News

The classes all selected a charity and Pupil Council reps put forward the reason for the choice and then we voted. The School charity this year will be **'Children with Cancer UK'**. We will plan some fundraising for this charity and learn more about it over the year. In other pupil council news we have been asking children across the school for any ideas for equipment needed in class or in the playground and have made a wee list to ask Parent Council for some funds. Our next job is to make a video about the work of the pupil council and school development work for the year.

House & Sports Captains and Vice Captains **Arthurstone**

House Captain – Adrian Jedryczka
Vice House Captain – Simon Crighton
Sports Captain – Lewis McIlravey
Vice Sports Captain – Paul Mason

Balgersho

House Captain – Bethany Drennan
Vice House Captain – Abigail Sarwar
Sports Captain – Eva Patterson
Vice Sports Captain – Lee McKay

Cronan

House Captain – Daisy Paton
Vice House Captain – Irina Matei
Sports Captain – Kieran Kippen
Vice Sports Captain – Jack Fraser

Denhead

House Captain – Eilidh Scougall
Vice House Captain – Leon Edwards
Sports Captain – Kennedy Baxter
Vice Sports Captain – Ellie Sheed

Our House Points system is underway and children are working towards a HT treat day before Christmas if they can.....

Breakfast Club – Please remember to book in advance by contacting the school office.

Parent Contact

You will be now have had your parent contact information and should know when your phone call(s) will be. This is a different type of parent contact for us all, however, we are confident you will still get a good idea of where your child is in their learning and what their next steps are. Please note, parents are asked not to record the telephone conversation with the class teacher.

If you missed out on returning the form, please contact the office and we will try to arrange an appointment for you.

P1-P7 parent Facebook page

If you are not a member of the P1-7 Facebook page please consider joining, we post updates on this as well as sending information via ParentPay and Seesaw.

Nursery Updates:

Nursery will still be planning some fun Christmas events and parties, they will look a little different from normal, but the children will still have a special visitor and their will be games and snacks and fun!

We are also planning a Christmas Nursery event and it will be beamed into your home! More detail to follow!

N Drew