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Aberlour School News

October 2019 Newsletter



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back everyone, I trust you all enjoyed the October holidays; we have certainly enjoyed hearing the children's stories about the fun experiences they have had.

Thank you to everyone who attended parents' night at the end of last term and to our timekeepers and the members of the Parent Council who helped consult on the plans for the new pedestrian crossing and canvased your views on homework. As always we appreciate your support.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your generosity last term in providing food items for the Harvest Festival at the church in aid of the Moray Food Bank. Rev Smith and his wife are currently very much in our thoughts and as a school community we have sent our good wishes with a handmade card from the children.

You will shortly be receiving from each of your child's class teachers their class's termly information sheets detailing what the children will be learning and some of the activities that they will be involved in, remember to follow us on twitter to see first hand some of the learning happening across our classes at <https://twitter.com/AberlourPS>.

For the children, and for you, the two closure days on **(11th & 12th November)** will be a welcome rest before the festive season comes into full swing. For the teachers and support staff it is work as usual, with a packed schedule over the two days.

As always we welcome and encourage parents/carers and members of the local community's involvement in the children's learning here at Aberlour. If you feel you have any skills, talents or ideas you can share with us that will enhance the children's learning, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher or the school.

Thank you all for your continuing support this session. Looking forward to a fun filled term of learning!

Mandy Macleod

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On behalf of Aberlour Primary School Community

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PLEASE

**NO PEANUTS
OR
NUT PRODUCTS**

We have pupils in school who suffer from different allergies including nuts.

Please could I take this opportunity to ask everyone to be mindful of this fact when providing your child with a packed lunch or break time snack.

In order to safeguard our pupils further, any child that brings in food with obvious signs of nuts, will be asked to NOT eat these in school but take them home.

As always we appreciate your continued support on this matter as we ensure the safety of all pupils in our care.

**CLOTHING**

May we ask that pupils come to school prepared for changes in the weather i.e. appropriate jackets and footwear. The school does not supply jackets in inclement weather.



Wanted



Aberlour Helping Hands!!!

Parents/Carers, Aunties, Uncles, Grannies, Grandpa's and members of the community who have any time to help in our school.

We always need helping hands to walk children to swimming, accompanying them on school trips, helping in the garden, baking or making crafts etc.

It doesn't have to be a regular commitment, if you can spare any time please get in touch with Julie at the school office who will be compiling an Aberlour Helping Hands contact list.

Homework help



Struggling to get homework done?

Homework club can help!

Every Tuesday Lunchtime
(run by the teaching staff)

All children welcome!

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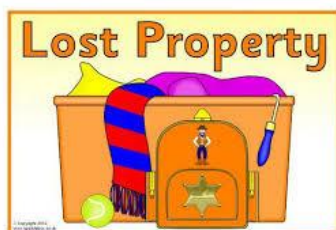


Parent Council Bingo



£710.50 raised 😊

Thank you to everyone that attended and helped out on the evening!



Please ensure you clearly label all of your child's belongings. This includes ALL their school uniform, shoes, PE kit, water bottle, bags, hats, scarves and gloves. Named items are normally returned to your child's classroom. Unnamed items are put into Lost Property.

Parents can ask at the office if they wish to look for lost items. We will only keep items for a term after which any school uniform is donated to the school second hand stock to be resold and any other items are donated to

UNIFORM

Please continue to encourage your child(ren) to wear school uniform at all times. This promotes a strong identity within our school and a sense of belonging.

Sweatshirts/polo shirts/fleeces/house t-shirts are available from Dallas Designs, Linkwood Industrial Estate or online <https://www.dallasdesignsltd.co.uk/index.php/23 N.B.>

Recently there has been an increase in children choosing not to wear school uniform. Please encourage your child to do so. We appreciate this greatly.

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MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF STAFF/SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

If you would like to meet with any member of staff to pass on information or discuss any matters **please make an appointment via the school office.**

Teachers are class committed from 9.00am until 3.00pm so are unable to meet during these times. Please pass on messages via the school office as mornings are very busy and if you pass on a message via a member of staff, it may not reach your intended recipient.

If you have a concern or would like to make a complaint please arrange to meet the HT in the first instance. The HT will look into your concern/ complaint for you and get back to you as early as possible

Moray CAB
6 Moss Street, Elgin IV30 1LU
01343 559004/559002



We're on your side



Our trained advisers will guide you through the EU Settlement Scheme.
Call **0800 916 9847** or visit cas.org.uk/brexit

*Including all EU countries, EEA countries (Norway, Liechtenstein and Iceland) and Switzerland.

Moray CAB Scottish Charity Number SC018026 Scotland Company Number 119038

The EU Settlement Scheme allows you and your family members to get the immigration status you will need to continue to live, work and study in the UK after Brexit. All EU Citizens need to apply including children born in the UK who are not British Citizens. Non-EU family members living in the UK by set dates are also eligible to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme. Currently, you will need an Android smart phone to start the application and you can then complete the short form using a computer, tablet or smart phone. The application will ask for basic information like your name, address, contact details and nationality. It will also ask if you have had any criminal convictions either in the UK or elsewhere. Your application saves automatically, so if you want to, you can start and then complete it at another time. You can start your application at www.gov.uk/apply-eu-settled-status. Citizens Advice Bureaux can provide support in person and have Android smartphones at both the Moray and Nairn Bureau to allow you to prove your identity without having to post your documents to the Home Office. Please note it is free to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme.

Citizens Advice Scotland provide a free helpline Monday-Friday 9am-5pm: Tel **0800 916 9847**

Alternatively, local support can be provided by contacting:

Nairn CAB:- 6 High Street, Moray CAB:- 6 Moss Street,
Nairn, IV12 4BJ Elgin, IV30 1LU

Tel:- 01667 456677

Tel:- 01343 547 851

Mobile: Gillian Harris 07500 972804 Mobile: Eleanor Symon 07500 972839

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Infant Playground

Please note school starts at 9am and in line with Moray Council policy there is no supervision in the playground before this time only during the school day.

Can we remind parents dropping and picking their children up from the school gates in the infant playground to ensure they wait outside of the playground gates.

Your help in this matter is appreciated.

Head Lice

Please regularly check your child's head and use the appropriate treatment if lice are found.

In the same way, we would like you to let us know if you find head lice at any time. We can then let other parents know that there has been an outbreak in the school and ask for heads to be checked as usual.

We would never identify the source of the head lice and your information would be treated confidentially.

Children should not return to school until the immediate treatment has been completed.

SCHOOL WEATHER & INFORMATION LINE

0870 054 9999

Enter Aberlour Primary School PIN number:

031080

Press 1 – to hear severe weather information

Press 2 – to leave a non-urgent message

Press 3 – to hear general school information

Press 4 – to enter a different school PIN number

Press # - to end call

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Dates for Your Diary 2019



Nov

Every Monday	Nursery Swimming
Every Wednesday	Nursery Woodland Schools
Every Tuesday 9.30-10.00a.m	P6 Swimming
10.15-10.45am	P7 Swimming
Thurs 7th & Fri 8 th	Childsmile
Monday 11 th & Tuesday 12 th	School closed for In-Service
Tues 19 th & Thurs 21 st 9.45 - 10.25am	P1 Open Parents Classroom
Friday 22nd	Flu Vaccinations
Sat 30 th	School Christmas Fayre

Dec

Tues 3rd 1.30pm	Panto in School
Mon 9th	Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal/Community Performance
Tues 10 th 1.30-2.30pm & 6.00 - 7.00pm	Christmas Concert
Wed 11 th	School Christmas Lunch
Wed 18th	Christmas Parties
Fri 20th 9.30am	Christmas Church service
Term Ends Friday 20th December	

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