



Aberlour Primary School Newsletter January 2023

Happy New Year!



Welcome back to the whole school community, pupils, parents/carers and staff. I trust you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year break and are fully refreshed for what will be another busy term of learning. The children have been sharing their news with their teachers and it is lovely to welcome them back to school.

New Year is often a time for reflection, resolutions and fresh starts. I hope not too many of our resolutions have already gone by the wayside! Every day at Aberlour Primary is a fresh start and assembly this week will be about resolutions, hopes and dreams. We encourage all our children at Aberlour Primary to have a growth mindset and that they can achieve.

The saying 'It takes a village to raise a child' is very true. For our children to achieve their dreams and grow up in a safe, enriching and healthy way takes a lot of work and the support of many people in their lives. Such a village can also help our children make the most of their education. Whether it's extended family and friends, neighbours, local community groups, sport coaches, or teachers and support staff at school. Consider how creating your own 'village' this year may help to give your child the support they need to not only engage but thrive at school.

Class teachers will shortly be sharing with you their termly information detailing what your children will be learning. We really welcome both parents and the wider community's involvement in the life of the school and if you feel you or other family members or friends have skills, talents or experiences you can share with the children that relate to their planned learning, please contact their class teacher.

We will of course keep you regularly updated with school news and events as we progress through the term. Looking forward to what I'm sure will be a fun filled Spring term of learning!

kindest regards

Mandy Macleod

Head Teacher

Christmas Fayre



Thank you to the whole school community we raised a fantastic £3866.30 at our Christmas Fayre! A very special thank you to those businesses that donated raffle prizes and our Parent Council for all their hard work and support .

Lunch Menu



School lunches: Week 2, menu available at: School Meals - http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_55519.html

P.E. Days



Every Monday and Tuesday with Mr Voller.

Please bring PE kits on a Monday and take home on a Friday.

School Weather and 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

Warm Winter Clothing



May we ask that pupils come to school prepared for changes in the weather i.e. appropriate warm and waterproof jackets and footwear.

Also we are often outside to learn and as we have to have additional ventilation in school as a key COVID19 mitigation, children will need warm clothing at all times.

Nut Allergies



We have pupils and staff 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.

Pre Loved School Uniform



Good quality pre loved school uniform is now available for families to help themselves to in the vestibule at the school office entrance - lots of jumpers, polo shirts, trouser and skirts - free to uplift - Pop in and have a look !

Parent Council Meeting



Next Parent Council meeting. Tuesday 24th Jan 2023 at 6 pm Aberlour Hotel. For more information about the Parent Council please contact them on aberlourpc@gmail.com

Easter Egg Bingo - Save The Date!



World Book Day & Scholastic Book Fair



We will again be celebrating World Book Day this year! Children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. If children can bring into school a small donation to Book Aid it would be really appreciated (*Book Aid International* is a UK registered charity which shares the power of books and helps create a more equal world. see <https://bookaid.org/about-us/>)

We will also be holding a Scholastic Book Fair that day where children can use their World Book Day book token towards purchasing a book.

Volunteering in School!



We are always pleased to welcome volunteers in school.

Could you spare sometime to help our children, we need volunteers to help run afterschool clubs, walk classes to swimming lessons, keep the library tidy, help prepare resources and listen and support teaching children in class.

This doesn't have to be a long term commitment, if you do have anytime available please contact admin.aberlourp@moray-edunet.gov.uk

P1 Registration



You must register your child with your LOCAL CATCHMENT SCHOOL between 16 and 27 January 2023 if:

- your child is five years old on or before the 14 August 2023; or
- your child's fifth birthday falls between 14 August 2023 and 29 February 2024.

REGISTER ONLINE

The whole registration process, including placing requests, should now be completed online. You'll just need to have scanned copies of your child's birth certificate and proof of address to upload and submit online. Registration forms will be available to complete from 16 January.



Register:
www.moray.gov.uk/registration

If you wish to enrol at one of our Roman Catholic schools, in addition to the documentation above, you will also be required to provide your child's Roman Catholic Baptismal certificate.



For more information, including catchment area maps, placing requests and deferred entry to school:
www.moray.gov.uk/registration



SCAN THE QR CODE
OR USE THE LINK BELOW:
WWW.MORAY.GOV.UK/REGISTRATION



Vacancy - Catering Assistant



Catering Assistant at Aberlour Primary 13.75 hrs per week, Mon-Friday no weekends or nights, Term time only so all school holidays off. Starting pay is £11.55 per hour. If you are interested please apply by clicking the link below

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<https://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/moray-council/jobs/catering-assistant-aberlour-primary-311991>

Dates for the diary so far!



Spring Term Starts: Monday 09 January 2023

Strike Day (School Closed) : 10 January 2023

Ski week (pupils attending from P6&7): 23rd January - 27th January 2023

Parent Council Meeting: Tuesday 24th January 2023 at Aberlour Hotel

Mid term holiday: Friday 10 February and Monday 13 February 2023

World Book Day : 2nd March 2023

Scholastic Book Fair : 2nd March 2023

Easter Egg Bingo - Friday 24th March 2023

Term Ends: Friday 31 March 2023

Spring holiday: Monday 03 April - Friday 14 April 2023

Good Friday holiday: Friday 07 April 2023

Contact Details

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any queries you may have.

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