



Aberlour Primary School Newsletter

October 2022

Welcome Back !



Welcome back! I hope you all of our families had a fantastic October break and enjoyed some family time. School is buzzing with the children's holiday news and the excitement to come with Halloween and Bonfire Night just around the corner.

Not only do we welcome back our children but two members of our staff returning to the fold. Miss Campbell is back with us as Acting PT ASN, job sharing with Mrs Cairns in the EPU and Mrs Burden returns to us following her maternity leave and will be in P5/6 every Friday covering Miss Moodycliffe's NQT day out.

Term 2 is always a busy one with Christmas! (Ssssh I daren't say it too loudly!) We are delighted that we will be able to go back to some of our traditional Christmas celebrations in person this year, with

our Christmas Fayre at School, Christmas Concert in the Church and a live Pantomime Performance for the children to watch in school. We have really missed these events and the Christmas spirit that they bring.

Class teachers will shortly be sharing with you their termly information detailing what your children will be learning . Now that we are able to have parents and carers back into school, we really would like to encourage your involvement in the life of the school. Whether that is volunteering on the Parent Council with fundraising events, helping to run an after school club, walking children to swimming lessons and church or in class sharing your skills, talents or experiences that relate to your child's learning. Please contact the school office or your child's class teacher if you can help out in any way.

We will of course keep you regularly updated with school news and events as we progress through the term.

kindest regards

Mandy Macleod

Head Teacher

Thank You !

Thank you for your kindness in donating items for our end of term Harvest Service in aid of Moray Food Plus.





House Captains



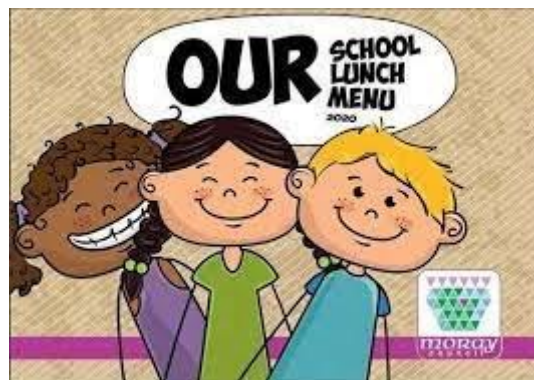
Congratulations to our new House Captains and Vice Captains! Good luck in your new roles.

Well done to everyone who had the courage and confidence to stand for election.

We heard fantastic ideas and lots of persuasion in your speeches.

You should all be very proud.

Lunch Menu



We're beginning Term 2 starting on 'Week 1'

The menu is available at: http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_55519.html and also shared on the Parent Council Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/aberlourprimaryschoolparentcouncil>

Healthy Snacks



We would like to politely remind parents that we encourage pupils to take a healthy snack for playtime. This could be a piece of fruit, cereal bar or baked crisps. Pupils are also encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle containing fresh water each day, please do not allow your child to bring juice.

Late Arrivals



I appreciate that from time to time pupils will arrive late in the mornings, however please let the school office know if your child is going to be significantly late. Pupils arriving late has an impact on the learning in class. Teachers ensure that registers and lunches are completed in a timely manner, so when pupils are late they have to stop teaching and learning activities to complete these tasks again. Lateness also has an impact on the canteen who have to change quantities of food being prepared. The school day starts at 9am and we would appreciate it if pupils could arrive on time.

Adverse Weather



In the case of adverse weather please check the Moray Council closures page at <https://secure.moray.gov.uk/mcalerts/portal/servicestatus.aspx> and the school information line regarding school closure.

SCHOOL WEATHER & INFORMATION LINE

0870 054 9999

Enter Aberlour Primary School PIN number:

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Press 1 – to hear severe weather information

Press 2 – to leave a non-urgent message

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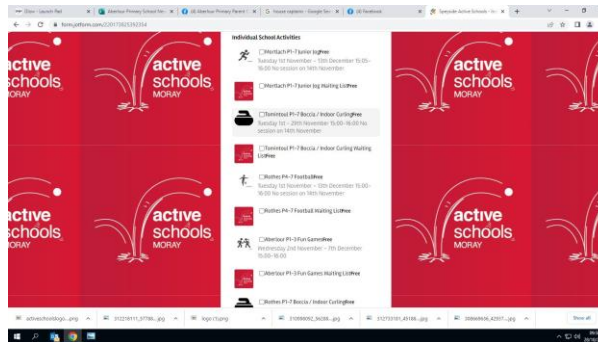
P.E. Days



Every Monday and Tuesday with Mr Voller.

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

After School Clubs



We are delighted to announce two afterschool clubs, one run in conjunction with Active Schools, P1-3 Games and Running Club run by the school.

After school clubs rely on parents and community volunteers coming forward to help run the activities for the children alongside our staff and Active Schools.

We would like to be able to offer a wider variety of clubs but due to a lack of volunteers unfortunately this hasn't been possible. Please do get in touch if you feel you can spare an hour of your time. either to support a sporting after school club or craft or art based club.

School Garden





Very proud of our wee school garden.

We have just received a second outstanding (level 5) award from the Keep Scotland Beautiful program It's Your Neighbourhood. Top marks in 2021, 2022... roll on 2023!!

Wonderful to have the hard work of Julie Sarab and Carolyn Rattray and the children recognised and to get valuable feedback on the garden and ideas for future projects.

They are very happy to have community support and to be making a continuing positive impact on the children. <https://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org>

Warm Winter Clothing



Please can you ensure your child comes dressed for the weather with a warm winter jacket and appropriate footwear. We are finding a lot of children are forgetting to bring a jacket.

We are encouraging outdoor play and learning and we want every child to be able to take part.

Parent Council



The Parent Council AGM was held this week and the office bearers elected were:-

Mrs Kelly Spark - Chairperson

Mrs Skye Archer - Secretary

Mrs Rachel Muir - Treasurer

Huge thanks and appreciation to the outgoing Treasurer Kerry Anderson and Secretary Carolyn Rattray for all their dedication and hard work on behalf of the Parent Council over the years. It is hugely appreciated.

Contact the Parent Council on their new email address aberlourpc@gmail.com and on their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/aberlourprimaryschoolparentcouncil>

Halloween Bingo Fundraiser!



Christmas Raffle





Absence



Please contact the school via Parents Portal in the morning if your child is absent for any reason. If you need details of how to enrol on Parents Portal please contact the office and Emma will be pleased to help you. The school can also be notified of absences by telephone on 01340 871255 or via email on admin.aberlourp@moray-edunet.gov.uk. Please ensure the school is aware of your child's absence before 9am.

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.

Dates for the diary so far!



Term starts: **Monday 24th October 2022**

Parent Council AGM - **Tuesday 25th October 2022** @6pm - School

Parent Council Fundraising Event - Halloween Bingo **Friday 28th October 2022** @6.30pm - Fleming Hall

In-service closure: **Monday 14th November 2022**

In-service closure: **Tuesday 15th November 2022**

Primary 1 School Nurse – Heights/Weight - **Wednesday 16th November 2022**

Christmas Fayre - **Saturday 3rd December 2022** - 10am-12noon - School

Pantomime Performance for Pupils - **Thursday 8th December 2022**

Christmas Lunch - **14th December 2022**

Christmas Concert - Matinee and Evening Performance - **15th December 2022**

Class Christmas Parties - Monday 19th December

Term Ends: **Thursday 22nd December 2022**

Christmas holiday: **Friday 23rd December 2022 - Friday 6th January 2023**

Spring

Term starts: **Monday 9th January 2023**

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

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