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NEWSLETTER – TERM 2 2021/2022

Message from the Head Teacher

We were pleased to welcome back all the children this week. This is shaping up to be a very busy and quick term. We also sincerely hope it is a more settled time for the school than last term.

Cauliflower Cards

The brown envelopes with the order form and paper went out on the last day of term. Just a reminder that that all forms and artwork should be returned by Friday 5th November at the latest.

This is a great opportunity for you to purchase items that showcase your children's artwork whilst raising funds for the school, especially as fund raising options are still limited. However, there is absolutely no obligation to buy. If you wish to take part, then please follow the steps below.

1. *Please ask your child to complete their Christmas themed artwork on the piece of paper provided with the form. Please ensure you follow the Artwork Guidelines to ensure good results.*
2. *Follow steps 1-3 on the form to place your order using the two-part code printed at the top of the form. Don't worry if you don't have a glue stick to attach the artwork to the form, we can do that in school.*
3. *Please return the completed form with the artwork to school by Friday 5th November (in the brown envelope).*

Violin

Violin lessons will continue fortnightly this term from Thursday 4th November.

The Scottish Poppy Appeal

We have poppies again in school this year. The children will be given the opportunity to bring in a donation for the appeal and get a poppy should they wish.

Remembrance Sunday is on 14th November this year and poppies will be available from now up until Thursday 11th November.

Flu Vaccine

Our school nurses will be in school on Tuesday 9th November providing the flu vaccine. If you completed the consent form to say your child should have the vaccine they will receive it on this day.

Upcoming Events/Diary Dates

We have attached an up to date calendar of events for the year. We have added the date for the Christmas Lunch which will be on Thursday 16th December. Please bear in mind that these are provisional dates and may be subject to change.

PE

It is helpful if children come to school in their PE kits on PE days. PE days are as follow:

P1-2 – Monday and Thursday
P3-4 – Wednesday and Thursday
P5-7 – Wednesday and Friday

Outdoor Learning

Just a reminder that children should come prepared with wellies, warm coats and gloves/hats for outdoor learning. Outdoor learning days are as follows:

P1-2 - Welly Wednesday
P3-4 – Muddy Mondays
P5-7 – Thermal Thursdays



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Evening Express Pound for Primaries - Update

If anyone has been collecting these vouchers for us from the Evening Express we would be delighted to receive them. The last day for tokens was 1st November 2021.

Scholastic Book Fair

A big thank for supporting our book fair this year. We were able to gain a massive £358.92 in rewards for our school and we look forward to purchasing some new books with this!

If you missed out or are doing some Christmas shopping (or shopping at anytime!) we can still benefit when you shop online at Scholastic by following the steps below.

- Go to www.scholastic.co.uk
- Select books and add to your basket
- When you go to checkout you will be asked to sign in or create a new account
- All orders over £10 will qualify to earn rewards for our school – you will be prompted to add the school's name or postcode (AB41 6QQ)
- Orders over £30 qualify for free postage.

Minor Injury Units - Information for Parents/Carers

Attached is an information leaflet from NHS regarding Minor Injury Units. We have been asked to share this with parents.

Out of School Achievements

We have loved hearing about what the children are doing outside school. Please continue to share their achievements with us.

Pupil Absence

We are required to keep attendance information for all pupils. If your child is going to be absent or have a change of schedule (e.g. going home with a friend) please notify the school office by telephone or email at the earliest opportunity. If leaving a voicemail, please ensure you clearly state your child's name and reason for being absent. It is an Aberdeenshire Council policy that we are only able to accept these changes/notification from the registered parent/carer. If your child has an appointment and is going to need a school lunch, please ensure you let us know before hand as our lunch order needs to be in by 9:30am each morning to ensure that your child gets a school lunch. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this matter.

Covid Guidelines

Thank you to all parents/carers for maintaining 2m distance and wearing face coverings at the school gates. We are required to remind you that if your child displays any of the main symptoms or the extended symptoms of Covid-19, they should not attend school until they have received a negative PCR test result. Please let us know of any Covid-19 related absences as soon as possible, as we have procedures to put in place quickly.

We would like to remind parents that we finish between 3.05 and 3:15 to try to provide a staggered pick up.



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Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us, the office hours are set out below. Please try and call us during these times or after 3.15pm unless it is an emergency, as out with these hours staff may have to interrupt their teaching to answer the phone.

Emailing cultercullen.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk is another way to contact the school. Whilst we endeavour to respond to any emails as soon as possible this is not always possible. As our office is not always open sometimes it may take a bit longer for any emails to be looked at. If you have emailed the school, please do not assume your message has been seen straight away. We will send a response to advise you that your email has been received. If your message is of an urgent nature, then we would ask you to call the school.

Office hours:

Monday	9.15am – 3pm
Tuesday	9.15am – 3pm
Wednesday	9.15am – 12.15pm
Thursday	9.15am – 3pm
Friday	9.15am – 12.15pm

Adverse Weather

Just a reminder regarding adverse weather. The full guidance document can be viewed here:

[schools-adverse-weather-conditions-guidance-for-parents-and-carers.pdf \(aberdeenshire.gov.uk\)](#)

In the event of adverse weather the Headteacher will make the decision whether to close the school based on the information at the time.

If the decision is made to close the school, learning will be found on Glow for P1-4 or on seesaw for P5-7. Please ensure your children have access from home.

The pin number for Cultercullen school, required if accessing the Information Line (0370 054 4999) mentioned in the guidance, is 02-1560.

Storm Address

Please make sure you have storm accommodation in place if you live outside the village. Please let us know either by emailing the school office or you can update this information on the Parentsportal.

Final Message

We would like to take this opportunity to again thank all parents and carers for their continued support.

**Alison Gagne & Laura MacArthur
Head Teachers**