

Newsletter – Term 2 2023/24

Message from the Head Teachers

We hope that all our families enjoyed the October Break. We are delighted to welcome all our children back to school.

Upcoming Events/Diary Dates

An updated calendar is attached of our all our school activities and events. Any future calendar amendments/additions will be highlighted in red.

This month we have the following Parent Assemblies:

P1/2 - Friday 3rd November at 2:30pm
P3/4 – Friday 24th November at 2:30pm

Just a reminder we also have in-service days on 16th and 17th November.

Medication in School

Please can we remind parents that if you require your child to have medication in school then we require the following:

- Clearly labelled medication in original packaging
- Measuring spoon/syringe
- The correct medication form completed in full

If sending the medication in with your child, please ensure you notify the school office before the start of the school day so that the medication can be retrieved

from school bags first thing. Copies of our medication forms are attached.

ALEC Visit

The ALEC educator will be visiting on Wednesday 22nd November and will be delivering workshops to all classes as below.

P1/2 - Taking Care of our Feelings
P3/4 - Gratitude
P5-7 - Friends

Panto Donations

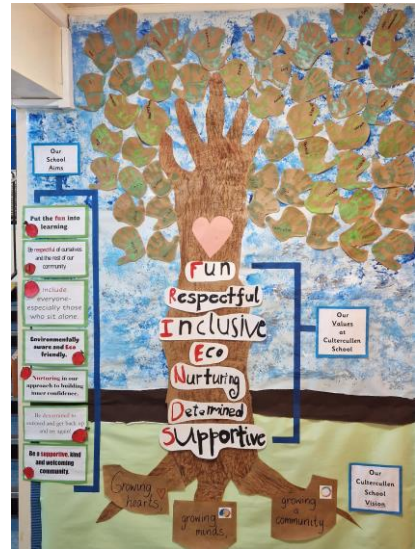
We are still receiving panto donation money this term. So if you have not yet donated and feel you are able to then please send in any remaining donations by Wednesday 8th November. Suggested donation was £6 per child. Donation aside all children will be able to attend.

PE/Outdoor Learning

P1/2
PE – Monday and Friday
Outdoor Learning – Welly Wednesday
P3/4
PE – Wednesday and Thursday
Outdoor Learning – Muddy Monday
P5-7
PE – Tuesday and Thursday
Outdoor Learning – Fresh Air Friday

Children should continue to come to school wearing their PE kit on PE days. For health and safety, it is

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important that every child wears appropriate clothing for physical exercise, including suitable trainers, long hair tied back and earrings taken out or covered.

For outdoor learning the children should come to school in weather appropriate clothing and shoes.

Water bottles

Just a reminder that children should bring a water bottle to school daily. These should be clearly marked with their name.

Violin

Miss Davidson will continue to visit on Mondays this term for those children that receive violin tuition.

Learning Journals

We will continue to share your child's learning through learning journals. Our children and class teachers love to see your comments and feedback and we would encourage you all to continue with this during the year.

P1 Questionnaire

We have sent out a questionnaire to all P1 parents and would appreciate your feedback on our transition process. Your feedback will continue to help us to continue to improve. Please can we ask that you complete the questionnaire by Wednesday 15th November.

Contacting the School

Just a reminder that the school office hours are:

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

If you need assistance from the office, please try to do so during these times as much as possible. We cannot guarantee we will be able to respond out with these times as our staff will be in class but would encourage you to call the school if it is something urgent.

Please can we remind parents the importance of security within school. All parents visiting must come to the main entrance, use the door entry buzzer and speak to a member of staff in the office before gaining entry to the school. Entry to school grounds should not be made via the Community Garden.

Pupil Absence

Can we please remind parents that if your child is going to be absent from school or have a change of schedule (e.g. going home with a friend) please notify the school office by telephone (01651 267450) or email at the earliest opportunity. If leaving a voicemail, please ensure you clearly state your child's name and reason for being absent. If your child has an appointment first thing and is going to need a

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school lunch ordered, please ensure you let us know by 9:30am at the latest.

Can we also remind parents that if your child has been vomiting or has diarrhoea then they should stay off school for 48 hours after their last bout.

[Parentsportal/Annual Data Check](#)

Thank you to all parents who registered for Parents Portal to allow the Annual Data Check to be completed online. Your help and patience with this is very much appreciated and ensures that we have up to date emergency contact details and medical information for all our children.

Just a reminder that information can be updated on Parentsportal at any time during the year and is extremely important that this is always up to date with the prospect of adverse weather in the coming months.

[Weather/Adverse Weather](#)

With the weather changing we would ask that you ensure that the children have a jacket/suitable clothing with them daily for outdoor play.

Also Just a reminder that school closures, should we need to close due to adverse weather, will be advised on the following Aberdeenshire council web page –

[School closures and transport changes - Aberdeenshire Council](#)

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In the event of school closure, the class teachers will be issuing school work on Learning Journals. Please can we ask that you take the opportunity now to ensure that you are able to login. Please contact the school office if you have any issues.

[Scholastic Book Fair](#)

Thank you for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair. We achieved over £600 of book sales and the rewards received will be put to good use buying new books for our school.

[School Library](#)

We are delighted that some of our parents have agreed to be volunteers to get our school library back up and running as it was previously, prior to covid.

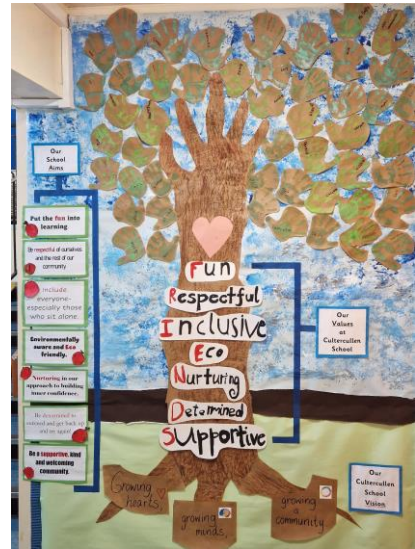
We have a rota set up and the children will be given the opportunity to visit the library regularly on Thursday afternoons from Thursday 9th November.

The library has been updated with the help of Mrs Brebner, and Aberdeenshire Council Librarian and our parent helpers and we are delighted that we have lots of new books to offer our children.

Thank you very much to all our volunteers.

[Rotary Shoebox Appeal](#)

Just a reminder that Rota Kids are asking for donations to help fill boxes for this year's appeal.



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All donations should be received by Friday 10th November. Please for items that can be included:

Suggested Box Contents – Rotary Shoebox Scheme

[Poppy Appeal](#)

We have poppies available in school again as part of the Scottish Poppy Appeal. Last year we raised £160.16 for the appeal. The children may bring in money in exchange for a poppy anytime until Friday 10th November.

[Christmas Show](#)

As you will be aware our Christmas Show will be on Wednesday 20th December at 10am. This year's show will be "Whoops-a-Daisy Angel", a short nativity musical. Everyone is welcome to attend.

[Christmas Charity/Gifts](#)

Each year our staff choose a charity that they would like to donate to instead of buying the children a small Christmas gift. We also kindly ask parents to donate to the charity should they wish instead of Teacher gifts.

This year however, we will be opening this up to our children and parents. If you would like to nominate a charity, please email the school office with your nomination. The charity of our choice will be picked at random. Please send your nominations in by Monday 20th November.

As we are an eco-school, we would kindly ask that we discourage the children from exchanging Christmas cards. However, if they wish to, they could send one card to the class.

[A message from FOC](#)

Thank you very much to everyone who has been involved with the Friends of Cultercullen School (FOCS), whether through attending meetings or helping raise money through our social events. The Bingo Night in September was very well attended and raised more than £500.

Lots of children signed up for the Halloween Disco on Friday 3rd November. Our big fundraiser for the Christmas term will be a Christmas coffee morning on Saturday 2nd December, so please put the date in your diaries!

The next meeting will be held on the new date of Tuesday 28th November at the school, with the option of joining remotely. All are welcome to come along!

[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

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