



March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

We are well into, what is another busy term. Please find below details of events which will be happening throughout the rest of this term and next, which I thought you would appreciate getting notice of.

Staffing

Mrs Catherine Albiston (our P7 teacher) has made the decision to reduce her working week to 3 days (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday). This will take effect from the Easter holidays. Mrs Jennifer McKay will job-share with Mrs Albiston, therefore working Thursday and Friday.

As of Easter, Mrs Karen Brand will provide Probationer (1 day a week) cover for our P2 and P2/3 classes, which Mrs McKay has been doing until now.

Applications for the post of Head Teacher closed on last Friday. Aberdeenshire Council hope to have a permanent Head Teacher in place for the new session (August 2017). Mr Smith (Head Teacher) will visit St Cyrus School on Wednesday, 29 March to bid farewell to the pupils. He has requested "no fuss" and therefore we will hold a "simple" assembly on this day when the children will present him with a small memento of his time at St Cyrus. Two members of the Parent Council will also be in attendance, in order to present a gift on behalf of the parents, families and community. If you would like to contribute to this gift, can we please ask you to pop into the school office as soon as possible where there is an envelope for donations and a card to sign.

Wednesday, 22 March

As a treat for the pupils, the Parent Council, are funding a disco at the school on Wednesday, 22 March with a snack and drink being provided. Timings for the pupils are P1-4 from 6.00 – 6.45 pm and P5-7 from 7.00 – 8.00 pm. Please ensure your children are collected from the school at the appropriate time to ensure a safe return home. Scott Learmonth is our DJ again this year.

There will be an opportunity to buy glow in the dark bunny ears for £1 each and glowing bracelets - two for £1.

Friday, 24 March

Red Nose Day. A few P6 and P7 pupils have organised a number of fun activities for the children to do to help raise funds for Comic Relief (Red Nose Day). Activities will cost approximately 50p/£1.00 and will take place during interval. A drawing/colouring competition is also being held, where children are being asked to design their own red nose. This is free to take part in and prizes will be awarded for the best three designs in the school.

The Nursery will be holding a “mummy day” for parents/carers of Nursery children at 11.15 a.m. and 2.50 p.m. Any questions? Please ask Bev or Jodi.

Tuesday, 28 March

We are once again holding an open morning, where we look forward to sharing our learning with you. It will run from 11.00 a.m. until 12 noon. Fairtrade teas, coffees and goods will also be served by our P2/3 class during this time.

Tuesday, 28 March – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

P6 Bikeability starts with a bike check on Tuesday, 28 March. Please ensure your child brings their bike and helmet to school on this day. The block of ten lessons will start on Tuesday, 18 April (pm).

Friday, 31 March

The “Wild about Scotland” bus will be visiting our school and presenting to P4-7 throughout the day, with the younger classes joining with these classes for an assembly at the start of the day. Topics include: Seas, Forests, Mountains and Moors (P4) and Endangered Animals (P5-7).

School closes at its usual time for the Easter holidays.

Tuesday, 18 April

Term 4 begins at 9.00 a.m.

Thursday, 20 April

P6 Bikeability training begins. We are very fortunate to once again have parent/carer volunteers to lead this training.

Adventure Service continues for our P7 pupils

Thursday, 27 April

Swimming once again restarts for our P4 pupils. Many thanks to our Active Schools team who have organised this for us.

Friday, 28 April

Generation Science will visit our school to present “Ella’s Wobble” to our P2 class.

Monday, 1 May

May Day holiday.

Friday, 5 May

Generation Science visit the school again. This time to present “Ready, Teddy, Go!” to our P1 class.

Wednesday, 10 May

Generation Science visit the school for a third time! This time they will present “Bricks and Blocks to our P2/3 class.

Friday, 19 May

Report cards will be issued on this day. Many thanks to all those who responded to our questionnaire on the format of this year’s annual report card. Findings will be issued shortly.

Wednesday, 24 to Friday, 26 May

Our P7 pupils attend their residential trip (Dalguise, Perthshire) from Wednesday, 24 to Friday, 26 May. Mrs Albiston, Mrs Middleton and Mrs Balmer will be accompanying the children on this trip. Further details will be issued in due course regarding this visit.

Thursday, 1 June and Tuesday, 6 June

Parent’s evenings will be held on these dates. On Thursday parents evenings will be held from 6.00 – 8.00 p.m. and on Tuesday from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. As is common practice at our school booking sheets will be displayed in reception from Thursday, 25 May.

Monday, 12 June

Sports day will be held on this day. Further information will be issued closer to the date.

Tuesday, 13 June

Back up date for Sports Day.

Wednesday, 14 to Friday, 16 June

Mackie Academy Transition Days.

Monday, 19 to Wednesday, 21 June

Mearns Academy Transition Days.

Wednesday, 28 June

Our End of Term Service will be held in the church at 9.30 a.m.

Friday, 30 June

End of Term

I hope you find this information helpful. Further details of all events will of course be issued closer to the time.

And just two final items!!

This week we began a trial with staggered playtimes, i.e. P1, 4 and 7 having theirs from 10.30-10.45 and P2, 2/3, 5 and 6 from 11.00-11.15. This will hopefully provide children with more room to play in a safe environment and the opportunity for PSA's to be able to see more clearly what is happening within the playground. We appreciate that children may not have the opportunity to play with other children from some of the other classes at playtime but please be assured that opportunities are provided throughout the week for all classes to mix. Children are being consulted on how to improve their outdoor play experience further.

We have been asked by our Catering Service to remind you to keep on line accounts in credit. As you can understand recovering funds from parents where meals have been provided for children where there has been no funds in their account is proving to be a very time consuming process. We appreciate your support with this.

Many thanks

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