



# ST CYRUS PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter - January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

A very happy new year to you all. I hope you enjoyed a restful break and that the year ahead brings you good health and much happiness.

On behalf of all the staff, please let me thank you for all the good wishes, generous gifts and cards we received at the end of last term. They were greatly appreciated by us all.

### Staffing

Mrs Janet Carmichael and Mrs Jessica Stirling have joined our staff this term.

Mrs Carmichael will support pupils in P3, 4 and 5 on a Tuesday and will teach P5 class on a Wednesday.

Mrs Stirling will support pupils in P1, 2 and 3 on a Thursday and will take P2 on a Friday.

Our Support for Learning position will shortly be advertised. In the meantime, Mrs Jen McKay will support in classes on a Wednesday and Mrs Katherine Hamilton, Mearns SFL teacher will support individuals on a Thursday.

### Students

We look forward to welcoming pupils from Mearns Academy, week beginning Monday, 22 January on work placement. Pupils will work in a variety of classes throughout the school.

Students from University will also be joining us. Ms Caitlin McHardy will return to work in P7, Miss Heather Attwood will work in P6 and Ms Kerry Meehan in P3.

### Rugby Taster Sessions

Once again we are delighted to be able to provide taster sessions in rugby. P4 and P5 will have the opportunity throughout January and February and P6 and P7 throughout February and March.

### First aid Training

We are fortunate to once again have Tom Malcolm from Grampian Training Services coming to the school to instruct our Primary 5, 6 and 7's in first aid. Training is due to be delivered on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> February.



## Community Café

P7 will be hosting this term's coffee morning on Tuesday, 6 February. We do hope you will manage to pop in for a coffee and a slice of cake/biscuit. The coffee morning will run from 10.45 – 11.45 am.

## Writing Afternoon



We would love you to join us in class for a writing lesson from 2.00-3.00 pm on Tuesday, 20 February. Further information will be issued regarding this opportunity in due course.

## Chanter Lessons

Pupils in P5 and P6 will receive tuition in chanter in March. This is a fantastic opportunity and we look forward to welcoming Siobhan Monaghan, the instructor.

## Holidays

Occasional Days	Thursday, Friday - 8, 9 February
Mid Term	Monday, 12 February
In-Service	Tuesday, Wednesday – 13 and 14 February

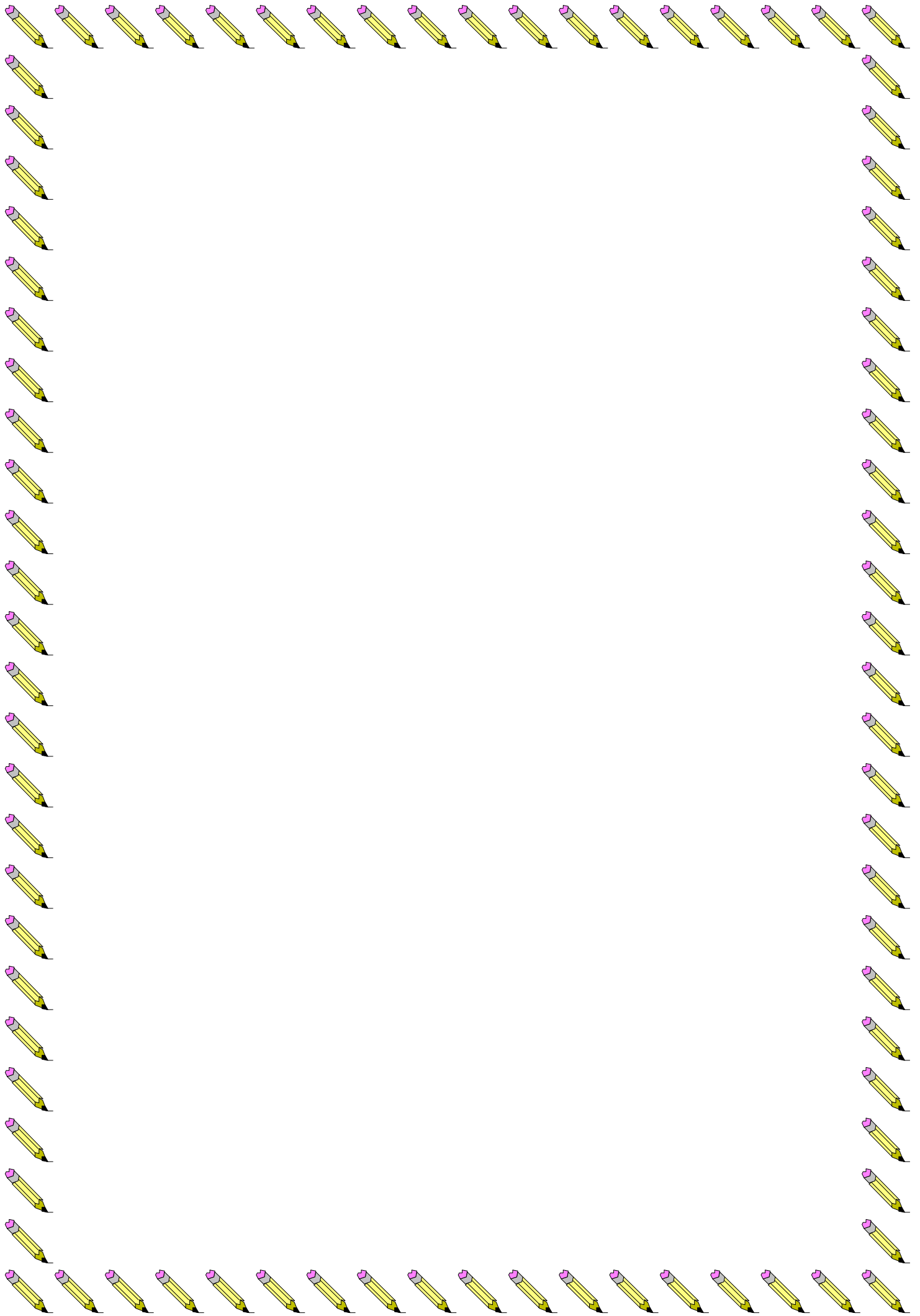
## Homework

Homework can be a very emotive subject. Some people love it and some people don't! Research has been extensively carried out into the subject and you are able to find arguments for both sides.

At St Cyrus, homework is currently completed by some pupils but not all and varying degrees of time and effort is afforded to it. We would like to know what you think about homework in the hope of ensuring consistency throughout the school. **To this end, can you please complete the attached sheet and return it to school by Friday, 19 January.**

We look forward to a successful term. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries regarding any of the above.

Isla M Mann  
Head teacher





# Homework Questionnaire

## January 2018

### Things I like about homework

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### Things I don't like about homework

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### Any other comments

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