



St Cyrus School Newsletter

August 2023



Our Vision

Our school and its family is a happy and successful place. A positive environment where people care for and encourage each other in order to achieve everyone's full potential.



Reach for the Stars



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to St Cyrus School, it is super to have the children back in school. We've had a lovely first week of term.

For those who join us for the very first time – Welcome! We hope you enjoy your time with us.

I'm pleased to report that the pupils have settled well into their new classes. This year we start with 123 pupils in school and 16 in nursery.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome a number of new staff to our school.

- Mr Euan Walker will be teaching P2/3 this year on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Miss Kelly Murray will take the class on a Wednesday and will also support in the class at other times too.
- Mrs Maria Boyd joins us from Gourdon Primary School. She will job-share (0.5) P6/7 with Mrs Amy Abdou.
- Mrs Donna McRobbie joins the nursery as EYP, taking over from Catherine who left us in the summer.
- Mrs Kirsty McMillan, will cover teachers non class contact time one day a week. This is to replace Mrs Leanne Sutherland who has joined Mearns Academy on a year long secondment.
- Mr Michael Milne, is our new active schools co-ordinator. He joins us from the Stonehaven cluster, where he was Active Schools Assistant.

I'm sure you will join me in wishing everyone well in their new posts.



Uniform/Kits

It is super to see the children return to school looking so smart. It really does help to instil a sense of pride in the school when all the children are wearing the same uniform. **Please do ensure that all your children's belongings are clearly marked with their name.**

Standards & Quality Report and School Improvement Plan

This report will shortly be added to our website (<https://st-cyrus.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/>). It details our evaluations of school progress from last session and outlines our priorities for improvement this year. Feedback we have received from you and other stakeholders, via questionnaires and emails has been included in it. Please do take some time to have a look at how well we are doing.

We aim to give you as much notice as we can for events happening in school. Please therefore see dates for your diary below –

Term Dates -

Term 1 - 22nd August – 13th October 2023

Term 2 – 30th October – 22nd December 2023

Please note school will be closed on 16th and 17th November for in-service days

Term 3 – 8th January – 28th March 2024

Please note school will be closed on 9th February for a local holiday, 12th February for a mid-term holiday and 13th & 14th February for in-service days

Term 4 – 15th April – 5th July 2024

Please note school will be closed on 10th June for a local holiday

Reporting to parents –

Class newsletters will be sent to all parents/carers during the second week of each term. These outline the learning which is taking place in your child's class that term. It also provides you with information on how you can be supporting your child with their learning at home.

Teams - A class page will be set up for each class on Teams. Here, teachers will provide weekly updates on what has been happening in class. In order to access Teams, the attached guide will hopefully provide you with the information you require. Further information and troubleshooting advice can be found on our school website. The link here can also be used for convenience - <https://st-cyrus.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/parents/>

Please note teachers will begin putting up examples of what is happening in class next week.

Work I am proud of – Each term 3 pieces of work will be chosen by your child and his/her class teacher to share with parents/carers – 1 example of literacy, 1 numeracy and 1 other. These will be sent home on the last week of term so that you can see and keep them.

Parents Meetings – These will be held in Term 1 on Tuesday 10th October 6-8pm and Thursday 12th October 3.30 – 5.30pm and in Term 3 on Tuesday 27th February 6-8pm and Thursday 29th February 3.30 – 5.30pm.

Book bugs (For P1 only)

Led by Diane Grant (Senior Library Administrator, Mearns Academy) at 1.45pm on the following dates. Parents/Carers will receive further information regarding this. We hope some of you may be able to join us on –

Friday 1st September , Friday 8th September, Friday 15th September

Golden Ticket

We would like to invite parents/carers in to school, in order for you to see the morning routine in school and to have an opportunity to see the classroom your child is working in and the work they are doing. This will be held on a Friday 8.50 - 9.20am.

In order to ensure a quality experience for everyone, every child will be given a golden ticket to give to a parent/carer, this will have a date on it. On this date, you are invited to join your child in school for this period of time.

Look out for your golden ticket, they'll be issued shortly!

Classes are listed beside the dates they will be running the golden ticket. This means every parent/carer will be invited in twice throughout the year for this experience.

Term 1 Friday 8 th September Friday 15 th September Friday 22 nd September (not P3/4) Friday 29 th September Friday 6 th October (only P3/4)	P4/5 P5/6 P3/4
Term2 Friday 10 th November Friday 24 th November Friday 1 st December Friday 8 th December	P1 P2/3 P6/7
Term 3 Friday 19 th January Friday 26 th January Friday 2 nd February Friday 23 rd February	P4/5 P5/6 P3/4
Term 4 26 th April 3 rd May 10 th May 17 th May	P1 P2/3 P6/7

Each class will also host a community coffee morning. We hope you will be able to join us. Hopefully you might bring family and friends with you too! Dates and times below.

Day and Time	Class
Thursday 5 th October 9.30 – 10.30	P6/7
Thursday 30 th November 9.30 – 10.30	P5/6
Thursday 1 st February 9.30 – 10.30	P4/5
Thursday 28 th March 9.30 – 10.30	P3/4
Thursday 23 rd May 9.30 – 10.30	P2/3
Thursday 20 th June 9.30 – 10.30	P1

Other Whole School Events, which we hope parents/carers will join us for –

Term 2	Christmas Show	Tuesday 5 th Dec (6pm) Wednesday 6 th Dec (6pm) Thursday 7 th Dec (2pm)
Term 4	Sports Day	Sports day will be held in the school grounds on Wednesday 5 th June. Nursery – P3 9.30 – 10.30 P4- P7 11.15 – 12.15

Other Whole School Events, which will be happening in school, for your information –

Beach Schools

We are delighted that the nature reserve are able to fund further sessions for us on the beach.

Pupils should come dressed for the beach on the following dates. Please ensure suitable footwear is worn.

Thursday 7 th September	P5/6 P6/7 P4/5
Thursday 14 th September	P1 P2/3 P3/4
Thursday 21 st September	P5/6 P6/7 P4/5
Thursday 28 th September	P1 P2/3 P3/4



Dress as you please days

Term 2	Children in need (Dress as you please day)	Wednesday 15 th November 2023
Term 3	World Book Day (Dress as you please day)	Thursday 7 th March

Further information about all of these events and more will be issued nearer the time.

In the meantime, however, should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office –

01674 902470 or stcyrus.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

If your query is regarding a class matter, teachers can also be reached via the following email addresses –

P1 – Mrs Simpson and Mrs Keith - gw09simpsonlisa01@glow.sch.uk
and gw08keithlaura@glow.sch.uk

P2/3 -Mr Walker – gw23walkereuan@glow.sch.uk

Miss Murray gw11murraykellyanne@glow.sch.uk

P3/4 – Mrs Jamieson and Mrs Greig - gw09abbeykerri@glow.sch.uk
and gw10greigsandy@glow.sch.uk

P4/5 – Mr Duncan - gw17duncanandrewedwi@glow.sch.uk

P5/6 – Mrs Bandeen - gw14bandeenkathleen@glow.sch.uk

P6/7 –Mrs Abdou – gw17abdouamy@glow.sch.uk

Mrs Boyd - gw14boydmaria@glow.sch.uk

SFL – Mrs Carmichael - gw08carmichaeljanet3@glow.sch.uk

We hope you have found the above information helpful and look forward to working with you throughout the session.

Best wishes

Mrs Isla Mann

Head teacher

St Cyrus School

