

ST CYRUS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - January 2024

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

Happy new year! I hope you all had a lovely 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. These were greatly appreciated by us all.

Staffing

As reported at the end of last term, we have a couple of staff on long term absence - Mrs McCombie, one of our PSAs and Ms Miller, our Drama Specialist. We are hopeful that they will return at some point throughout the term. In the meantime, we have been successful in securing some PSA cover and Miss Massie has agreed to continue covering Ms Miller's absence until her return.

We had a super response to our job advertisement for a PSA (the role, Miss Critten vacated last term) and interviews will be conducted for this position this week. Hopefully we'll have somebody in post soon!

Students

We look forward to welcoming Ms Amy Campbell, a PGDE student to St Cyrus, week beginning 19th February 2024. She will be joining our P1 class whilst she is here.

Golden Tickets

These will begin again next week. This time however it is parents/carers of children in P3/4, P4/5 and P5/6 who will have the opportunity to come into school to see the morning routine in school, to see the classrooms and the work their child is doing. These opportunities 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, parents/carers are invited to join their child in school for this period of time. We would ask that only 1 adult attends per pupil in order to ensure that the class is not overcrowded.

Community Coffee Mornings

P4/5 will be hosting coffee mornings this term **on Wednesday 21st February**, where they will be raising funds in order to adopt a penguin or elephant through the WWF.

P3/4 are also planning a Coffee Morning this term, date to be confirmed.

We hope you will be able to join us for these.

Writing Afternoon

We are always keen to share the learning that is happening in school and to demonstrate how it's done. We are planning to hold a drop-in writing afternoon on **Tuesday 20th February from 3.20 – 4.15pm** when writing from across the school will be on display, along with resources we use. We hope you can join us! If not, please don't worry, our P7s will also be creating a 'Writing in St Cyrus School video' which will be shared with all families following the open afternoon.

Parents Evening

These will be held on Tuesday 27th February from 6-8pm and Thursday 29th February from 3.30 – 5.30pm. Further information regarding booking will follow in due course.

Scottish Poetry Competition

We will once again be running our poetry competition. Poems will be handed out to each class this week. Poems will be heard in classes on Wednesday 31st January and the final will be held on Friday 2nd February.

Coram life education

We look forward to welcoming Coram life educators to the school for interactive health workshops in all our classes. These sessions are always well received by pupils and staff alike. This year they will take place on 5th and 6th February.

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March, world book day will be celebrated in school with a variety of activities. This will be a come as you please day – children may come in play clothes, fancy dress, pyjamas or school uniform.

Holidays

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. The term ends on 28th March 2024.

Primary 1 Enrolments

If your child was born between 1st March 2019 and 28th February 2020, you can register them in January 2024 to start attending school in August 2024.

The registration period for school places for term 2024/25 is open from Monday, 15th January to Friday, 19th January 2024.

Click this link to apply:

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/school-info/admissions/primary-school-registration/>

Nursery Enrolment

Children aged 3 or 4 years of age have a right to approximately 30 hours of free early learning (nursery) or childcare per week

Children born between:	Can start nursery from:
1 st March 2020– 31 st August 2021	20 th of August 2024
1 st September 2021 – 27 th October 2021	28 th of October 2024
28 th October 2021 – 5 th January 2022	6 th of January 2025
6 th January 2022 – 13 th April 2022	14 th of April 2025

The application form for 2024/25 early years (nursery) places will be available from Monday 22nd January 2024 to Friday 2nd February 2024.

To apply, click this link:

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/childcare-and-early-learning/3-and-4-year-olds/>

Foodbank

Thank you to those people who are keeping our food bank stocked up. It is being well used. If you are in a position to be able to donate – please do! Many members of our school community are relying on it at this time. Items which we could greatly appreciate in addition to tins, pasta, rice and sauces are toilet roll, shower gels and toothpaste.

If you are not making use of the foodbank just now but would benefit from some support, please don't hesitate to come and take what you need from the table in the foyer. If you are unable to come up to school, please contact the school office or Mrs Mann and she will arrange delivery of the items.

That appears to be everything just now, should you however have any queries, please do not hesitate to email the school office stcyrus.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or to contact the teachers directly using the following email addresses –

- P1 – Mrs Simpson and Mrs Keith - gw09simpsonlisa01@glow.sch.uk
and Mrs Keith - gw08keithlaura@glow.sch.uk
- P2/3 - Mr Walker – gw23walkereuan@glow.sch.uk
and Miss Murray gw11murraykellyanne@glow.sch.uk
- P3/4 – Mrs Jamieson and Mrs Greig - gw09abbeykerri@glow.sch.uk
And Mrs Greig gw10greigsandy@glow.sch.uk
- P4/5 – Mr Duncan - gw17duncanandrewedwi@glow.sch.uk
and Ms McMillan – gw14mcmillankirsty@glow.sch.uk
- P5/6 – Mrs Bandeen - gw14bandeenkathleen@glow.sch.uk
- P6/7 – Mrs Abdou – gw17abdouamy@glow.sch.uk
and Mrs Boyd - gw14boydmaria@glow.sch.uk
- SFL – Mrs Carmichael - gw08carmichaeljanet3@glow.sch.uk

Kind Regards

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