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Weekly Newsletter

Diary Dates 2018-2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wednesday 3 rd October	9.30 – 10.30 & 2.15 – 3.15	Open Morning / Afternoon
Monday 8 th October	P4 – 11.20 P7 – 10.10	P4 and P7 Sharing Assemblies
Monday 15th October – Friday 26th October - Holidays		
Monday 29 th October	9.00	Pupils return for Term 2

Open Morning – Wednesday 3rd October

Hopefully you will have had an invitation from your child to join us for either our Open Morning or Open afternoon. This is an opportunity for you to join your child in class to find out about their learning and the work they have completed so far, this session. The morning session is from 9.30 – 10.30 and the afternoon session is from 2.15 – 3.15. Parents will be able to access the school via the school office for both sessions. We hope as many parents and family will be able to attend one of the session times.

Sharing assemblies – Monday 8th October

The Primary 7 and Primary 4 children will be sharing their learning from this term at the first of our sharing assemblies. The P4 assembly will begin at 11.20 and the P7 assembly begins at 10.10. The children will share their learning at the start of the assembly, after which parents can leave. We have introduced this new approach to Sharing Assemblies in response to parental feedback and we hope that this will make it easier for as many parents as possible to join us for these events.

Physical Education & Jewellery

Aberdeen City Council has a very clear policy regarding PE and the wearing of jewellery. The policy states that all jewellery should be removed prior to the PE lesson. With the exception of stud type earrings (which would have to be covered with micropore tape) the children would be expected to remove the jewellery themselves and micropore tape would have to be applied and removed by the children. For some children this may prove tricky, so we suggest that on PE days they do not come to school wearing any jewellery. If the child is unable to remove their jewellery they will not be able to participate in the PE lesson. It is not appropriate for children to miss PE lessons for this reason and a member of the SMT of the school will contact you should this become a recurring issue. We thank you for your support with this policy which enables us to keep your children safe, if you have any further queries regarding this please contact the school office and ask for Mrs Ironside (Head Teacher).

School Security

In order to keep your children safe, it is vital that school security is maintained. This means that all adults who enter the school must do so via the school reception. If you see a door open elsewhere, please alert a member of staff to this.

Primary 1 parents enter the school to collect their children via the classroom doors, they should also leave via the P1 class door and should not be walking through the school to exit via the front door.

Punctuality & Attendance

It is vitally important that children attend school regularly and on time. Children going on holiday during the school term is not permitted and this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence on a pupils file.

If a child is late for school they currently enter via the school office, where their lateness is recorded by the office staff. In the future a member of SMT will supervise children who come in late so that we can more closely monitor the children who are regularly late for school. .

Children who are late will enter via the emergency exit adjacent to the school office (the door P4 children come in at), where a member of SMT will meet them and record how late they are and the reason or their lateness. This will enable us to offer support to the families who may find it difficult to get their children to school on time

Lost Property

The volume of lost property in school is becoming unmanageable, therefore after the October holidays we will have a new approach to lost property. Currently we have a central place where all unnamed lost property is left waiting to be reclaimed. Unfortunately, we do not have an area in the reception to store this, so parents must gain access to the school in order to 'search' in lost property. As mentioned above school security is a concern and we do not have the level of staffing to support parents to access the current lost property area.

We have discussed this issue with the parent council and we have agreed the following:

- All named items will be returned directly to the child and will not be placed in the lost property
- All unnamed items will be given to the parent council, who will hold regular 'second hand' uniform sales.

Therefore, after the October holidays there will no longer be 'lost property' for parents to search through. The best way to ensure that your child does not lose anything is to ensure that their name and class is noted on all their items (this includes lunchboxes and school bags).

Found items of jewellery will be kept in the office for collection.

Occasionally children may come home with another child's property, we ask that you return this to school as soon as possible so that it can be reunited with its owner.

P7 Leavers' Event

It may seem very early to be thinking about a P7 Leavers' Event, but we have to plan early. Each year we consult with the children regarding what they would like for their P7 Leavers' event.

Previously the school has been able to arrange an evening event (in the past this has been a Prom) but children were not attending school in order to prepare for this event and we cannot support an event that would lead to an unauthorised absence from school.

After discussing this with the parent council, we have agreed that we will be giving the children a variety of **daytime** activities to choose from for their P7 Leavers' Event.

P7 Cromdale Trip

We recently took a group of P7 children to Cromdale for a 3-day residential trip. The activities the children enjoyed included Gorge Walking, Wilderness skills and abseiling to name a few. We are really keen to offer this trip again to our current P6 children when they are in P7 next session. We will let you know when we have more details regarding this, but in the meantime, I am sure the current P7 children who went to Cromdale will be happy to share their experiences with you.