



Crudie School Newsletter



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Dear Parents

Now we are into November, Christmas concert practise is underway and it is hard to believe it is only a month until we perform it. All the help you can give your child to learning their lines is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Concert

The title of our show this year is "The Inn-spectors" and it will be performed on Wednesday the 4th of December at 1.30pm and 7pm. Tickets will cost £4 for adults and £1.50 for children. Please find attached an order form for your tickets. Tickets will not be sold at the door as we have a limit to the number of people we can have in the hall.

All proceeds from the concert will go towards funding for a new Smartboard for the P1-3 class. We would also like to have a raffle which will be drawn at the end of the evening performance. We know this is an expensive time of year so please do not feel obligated to donate however any donations for this would be gratefully received and your contributions are most appreciated.

As in previous years, all performers should be up to the school by 6.50pm to get changed. Please do not arrive earlier than 6.30pm. The playground at the back of the school can also be used for parking.

Winter Weather

Now we are into November it is really important that pupils are coming to school with appropriate clothing. Please ensure your child brings a jacket to school as it is cold outside at playtimes and lunchtimes and there may also be times that we wish do take our learning outside.

Road Safety Magic Show

Our P1-3 children will be attending a Road Safety Magic Show at Monquhitter School on Thursday, 7th November. They will be travelling by W&G Coaches after lunchtime and will be back to school before 3pm.

Community Cafe

Thank you to everyone for your support of the P1-3 Community Cafe last month. A brilliant £143.50 was raised which is going towards a new Smartboard for the P1-3 class. The next Community Cafe will be held by P4-7 in December and they will be selling Christmas things as part of their Enterprise topic.

Homework

Some of our time was spent during the October in-service day planning the P2-7 homework grids that we spoke about in the last newsletter. You will see that these are now inside your child's homework jotter. The grid has enough activities on it so that one can be carried out each week of the term bar the final week. You and your child will be left to decide which of these you wish to complete. There is a mixture of literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing and topic activities on the grid. You may feel that there is a particular area that your child needs practise with and so you focus on the activities that do this. You may feel that on certain weeks you are very busy as a family and so do not complete a task. It would be great if activities were carried out but it remains a decision that you will make at home as to how many or how few you do. Activities from the grid can be handed in as they are done. Spelling words will be written in homework diaries each week in case you wish to carry out tasks that have a spelling focus. Work can be carried out in the homework jotter that your child was issued at the beginning of the school year.

Pupils will also have reading homework each week. This is compulsory and will be written in your child's homework diary. P1-3 will have theirs handed out on a Monday for completion for the following Monday. P4-7 will have theirs handed out on a Friday to be completed for the following Friday.

P1 pupils will not get a grid home but will have phonics and reading homework each week. This will be issued on a Monday but bear in mind that the second sound will not have been taught until the Wednesday.

Aldi

Thank you for all your help collecting Aldi tokens. We have been able to reach the target of 300 tokens and our competition entry has been sent off!

Children in Need

Children in Need is on Friday the 15th of November. Pupils can pay £1 to dress in spots and bring a teddy bear with them to school. All money raised will be donated to the charity.

Clubs

STEM club is in it's final few weeks with the competition taking place at the end of the month. Just to remind you that there will be no STEM club on the 12th and 19th of November due to parents meetings and in-service day.

Street Dance club is every Monday until the 9th December. Please bring payment up to school if you haven't already done so. We look forward to seeing them perform at the Christmas concert.

I will be running a Ukulele club for P4-7 pupils. This will take place on Wednesdays from 3-4pm starting on the 27th November and running until the 22nd January (there won't be a club session on the 4th December due to the Christmas concert). We hope to learn some Christmas carols initially and then some Scottish songs that we can then perform at the Burn's Assembly in January. If your child is interested please fill out the form attached or drop the school an email noting their interest. Due to the number of ukuleles we have access to in January, the club will be limited to 7 members.

Feis Rois

As part of the Youth Music Initiative, P4-7 have been benefiting from the Feis Rois project. The P4-7s are getting weekly music sessions with traditional Scottish music being at the heart of this.

The class is going to create and produce their own soundtrack and music video based on their learning.

The Feis Rois project is being delivered throughout the Banff cluster and participating classes will come together to share their learning at Banff Academy. The theme will be transition and at this event those attending will meet pupils from surrounding schools, as well as academy pupils; and develop self-confidence and perform for their peers as part of an informal concert / sharing. The films created will be premiered at this event.

We will be getting a copy of the video which we hope to share with you at the December Community Cafe.

In order to do this Feis Rois need your permission to take and use photos that document the process. Please fill out the attached permission form and send back in to school before Monday the 11th November.

In-service days

A reminder that we have in-service days on Monday and Tuesday, the 18th and 19th November, so pupils will not be in school.

Parent Council

Unfortunately the Parent Council meeting scheduled for the 4th of November had to be cancelled. As soon as this is rescheduled we shall let you know.

Parent Meetings

Parent meetings take place next Monday the 11th and Tuesday the 12th. If you have filled out the online form that we sent you then you will be getting your appointment time home this week. There may be times you wish to speak to a teacher outwith the parent meeting times that we have set. Can I please ask that you contact the office in this instance to arrange an appointment and state what it is you wish to discuss. The time before the school day starts is used for preparation and staff need to be able to give you their full attention.

Pounds for Primaries

Thank you to those who have handed in Pounds for Primaries tokens from the Evening Express. These have been sent off to the Evening Express so we shall keep our fingers crossed!

Community Crusaders

Thank you to everyone who brought in donations of food items for the Aberdeen Cyrenians. Mrs Bartlett has been in to pick these up and pass them on to the charity.

School Diary Dates

Monday 11 th November	Parent Meetings
Tuesday 12 th November	Parent Meetings
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
Monday 18 th November	In-service
Tuesday 19 th November	In-service
Wednesday 4 th December	'Inn-Spectors' school play

Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 12 th December	Closed - Election
Friday 13 th December	Community Cafe
Monday 16 th December	Christmas Party
Thursday 19 th December	Trip to Panto (Please note change of date)
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term 2
Monday 6 th January	Term 3 begins
14 th and 17 th February	Mid term break
18 th and 19 th February	In-Service Day
1 st - 3 rd April	P6/7 Dalguise Residential Trip
Friday 3 rd April	End of term 3
Monday 20 th April	Term 4 begins
Friday 8 th May	May Day
29 th May and 1 st June	Closed - Occasional days
Friday 3 rd July	End of term 4

Trip details - Road Safety Magic Show

Name of Party Leader: Mr Orskov and Mrs Gallon

Destination(s): Monquhitter Primary School

Numbers Participating: 14 children (Primary 1 - Primary 3)

Time and Date of Departure: Thursday 7th November 1.15pm

Expected Time of Return: 2.45 pm

Insurance: *AIG*

The Inn-spectors Order Form

Afternoon performance

Adult tickets @ £4.00

Child tickets @ £1.50

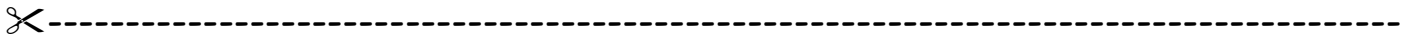
Evening performance

Adult tickets @£4.00

Child tickets @£1.50

I enclose £_____ in payment of the tickets (if paying by cheque, please make payable to Crudie School Fund)

Name: _____ Date _____



P4-7 Ukulele Club

My child would like to join Mrs Rickard's Ukulele club.

Pupil Name _____ Date _____