



Crudie School Newsletter



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Dear Parents

That is us nearly at the end of the first term already. Remember that next week is a short week with an in service closure on the Friday.

Jotters

In previous years we have sent jotters home a couple of weeks before the end of term for you to have a look at what your child has been doing and comment on. P1-3 have not completed a huge amount of work in their jotters so far and pupils' learning is being shared effectively through Seesaw. With this in mind we will not be sending home jotters as standard. However if you do wish to see your child's jotters please drop us an email and we will get that arranged for you this week with jotters to come back in at the start of next week.

Food for thought

Did you know failure to keep your MyAberdeenshire account for school meals in credit places a huge additional administrative burden on our school and catering teams? Please remember to set up payment for school meals for children in P4-7 in advance using the MyAberdeenshire portal at: <https://aberdeenshire.gov.uk/my> and keep it topped up.

We know it's easy to forget but we'd like to support the wider local authority to be debt-free and require your support in this by ensuring top up payments are made *before* sending your child for school meals.

More information about school meals is available at:

<http://bit.ly/abshireschoolmeals> This includes an interactive school meals menu, including recipes to help you recreate all of your children's favourite dishes at home.

School lunch is an important aspect of the school day. Not only does it provide children with a nutritionally-balanced meal, it embraces their social and personal development. While we would never leave a child hungry, non-payment triggers a notification to our team members alerting them to the fact there's no credit available in the first instance. You will receive reminders and our catering team may discuss the matter with senior management to try to resolve the issue. Failing that, ongoing non-payment will trigger formal debt recovery processes.

We appreciate your support in this matter and would like to try and avoid any unnecessary workload for staff.

Lost Property

There are a number of school jumpers that have been left lying since well before the summer holidays and no-one has claimed them. We also have uniforms that have been handed in by parents whose children have grown out of them. All of these have been washed. For a donation of your choosing you can pick up these second hand uniforms from the office. It would be good to see these getting reused.

Community Cafe

P1-3 will be holding their Community Café this Friday the 4th of October from 1:30pm-2:45pm. Money raised will go towards a new Smartboard for the P1-3 class. Just a reminder that each pupil in the class will have been allocated a job to do so if you wish to buy them a fine piece please make your purchase and it will be set aside for them to have at the end of the café.

Student Placements

We are working with NESCOL and Turriff Academy to provide a Foundation Apprenticeship Placement for two students who wish to work in education. Following the October break, Miss Chambers will join us on Thursdays and Miss Rosales on Fridays.

Homework

Thank you to those who took part in our homework survey. We got 16 responses and this has been valuable in planning a way forward. The results have been collated and most of you felt there was some importance to

having homework but we also noticed that the majority of respondents felt that homework can sometimes cause tension and upset. Spelling/phonics, reading and maths were all areas in which you felt it was important or somewhat important to have homework in but again most of you felt that the amount of homework allocated in the past was too much.

Teaching staff have looked carefully at the results and we will try the following after the October break:

- All pupils will have reading homework each week.
- P1 pupils will have phonics 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.
- Each pupil from P2-7 will be issued a grid with different activities on it. The grid will have enough activities on it so that one can be carried out each week of the term. You and your child will be left to decide which of these you wish to complete. There will be a range of activities from different curricular areas. You may feel that there is a particular area that your child needs practise in 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.

Once the Learning Together packs are made up, they will be an optional addition to homework.

The collated results of the homework survey can be viewed on the noticeboard above the sign in desk.

Aldi

We are collecting Aldi's Kit for Schools tokens. If you spend £30 in any Aldi store, you will get a Team GB athlete sticker. Please can you bring the stickers in to school so we can add it to our Aldi's Kit for Schools poster. Tokens can be collected up until the 3rd of November. We need 300 in total to be able to enter and we currently have 128. If we manage to collect all 300 then we receive an exclusive school sports kit and could win one of twenty £20,000 prizes!

Thank you!

Street dance club

Active Schools are delighted to offer Street Dance sessions at Crudie School in Term 2 from Monday 28th October - Monday 9th December from 3pm - 4pm. Payment will be £7.50 for the block. To sign up, please head to: <http://bit.ly/TurriffActiveSchools> and fill out the online form. Anyone from P1-7 can join and so far we have 4 pupils that have signed up. It would be great if we could get more to make the club viable. The pupils will show off their dance routine at the Christmas concert.

Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting is on Monday the 4th of November at 2pm. I'm sure you will join me in saying a big thank you to Mrs Pamela Bartlett for the incredible amount of hard work she has put in to the Parent Council as chairperson over the last few years. We welcome Jenni Smith as our new Parent Council chairperson and look forward to working together.

Ragbag

The next collection is Monday 7th October. Bags can be handed in to the school anytime before Monday morning.

Pounds for Primaries

Thank you to those who have handed in Pounds for Primaries tokens from the Evening Express.

The tokens will continue in the Evening Express until Saturday 26th October. They have **£10,000** of cash prizes to give away and our school could win a share of the cash!

The schools that enter will be split into three categories depending on the number of pupils, and the top three schools with the most tokens in each category will win cash prizes!

Harvest Assembly and Share the Learning session

Please come along to our Harvest Assembly on the 8th of October. We will start off in the hall at 9:20am with the assembly and then you are invited to join us in both classes to share what we are learning.

Mrs Bartlett has been in to speak to our school group, the Community Crusaders, to ask for their help to collect tinned or packeted food for the Aberdeen Cyrenians. The Aberdeen Cyrenians is a charity dedicated to supporting people affected by homelessness, violence, domestic abuse and other forms of social exclusion.

If you wish to support this valuable cause, please bring donations to the Harvest assembly. If you miss this date, donations can be handed in to school up until the 31st of October. The Community Crusaders would like to thank you in advance for your support.

School Diary Dates

Friday 4 th October	Community Cafe 1.30pm
Tuesday 8 th October	Harvest Assembly and Share the Learning 9.20am
Thursday 10 th October	End of term
Friday 11 th October	In service Day
Monday 28 th October	Start of Term 2
Monday 28 th October	Street Dance 3-4pm
Wednesday 30 th October	Flu immunisations
Monday 4 th November	Parent Council Meeting 2pm
Tuesday 12 th November	Parent Meetings
Monday 18 th November	In-service
Tuesday 19 th November	In-service