



# Arnage Primary Newsletter

## Newsletter 1 - August 2016

### Welcome back!

Welcome back to our first term this academic year! I hope that you had a great summer break and managed to find a little time to relax.

It is great to see all of the children back at school and eager to learn. We have planned a very busy term and can't wait to get started!



### Staff

There have been some changes to the staff at Arnage School. We hope you find the updated table below helpful.

Post	Member of Staff
Head Teacher	Mrs Lawrinson
P1-3 Teacher	Mrs McFarlane
P4-7 Teacher	Mrs Lawrinson
Pupil Support Assistant	Mrs Park
Support for Learners	Mrs Jamieson
Office - Administrator	Mrs Campbell
Office - Admin Support Assistant	Miss Smith
School Cook	Mrs Wheeler

We are currently advertising two teaching posts – 1 day a week in the P1-3 class (Friday) and a 2 ½ day flexible teacher post in the P4-7 class. I will keep you up-to-date with developments.

### Specialist Teachers – Term 1

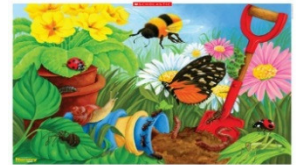
We are very fortunate to have a breadth of curricular areas being covered by specialist teachers with term –

Curricular Area	Teacher	Day
PE	Mr Chambers	Monday (pm)
Music	Mrs Astley	Tuesday (am)
SFL	Mrs Jamieson	Tuesday (pm)
Art	Mrs Connell	Friday (pm)
French	Ms McBoyle	Friday (pm)

All pupils will have PE on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure your child has an appropriate change of clothing; a t-shirt, shorts, gym shoes/trainers. Football kits are not permitted in school. We will remind children to take their sports clothes home at the end of the week for washing!

### Term 1 Topics

All pupils from P1 to P7 will be studying Mini-beasts this term. Pupils are currently planning topic work with their class teacher. If you wish to come into school to share your expertise or participate in lessons then please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will organise for this to happen.



Katy Watson (Abby's mum), has very kindly agreed to continue 'Gardening Club'. She will be coming to school to share her knowledge and skills. Every pupil will have the opportunity to work with Katy, so on Monday may I suggest that pupils have wellies! Waterproofs too, if you have them!



### 'Fruity Fridays'

In 2015, the Health Committee worked extremely hard to organise 'Fruity Friday'. It was great to see so many of the pupils remembering to bring fruit with them on Friday. Fruit can be bought from Mrs Wheeler on a Friday too. This is a great initiative which empowers children to make healthy choices. Keep up the great work!



### Class Blogs

Mrs McFarlane and I are currently working to establish a Blog for each of the classes. This will enable us to share your child's learning with you as it happens! Further information will be distributed shortly.



### Stay in Touch

Please know that your views and comments are always welcome. You can-

- call the office to leave a message - 01358 701233
- email the school

[arnage.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:arnage.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) or  
[kerry.lawrinson@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:kerry.lawrinson@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

Also, you are more than welcome to pop up to school. Schools are often very busy places, so when possible please call the office first so that a mutually convenient time to meet can be arranged. This will allow us the chance to talk without being interrupted!

## Dates for your Diary 2016/2017

August	What's On
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	In-Service Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	School Open – Term 1
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	'Formartine In Bloom' judges in school
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Jog – 3.15pm-4.00pm (all welcome – please contact Emma Dawson for more information)
September	What's On
<b>DATE TO BE CONFIRMED</b>	Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Whole school visit to Absafe
October	What's On
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 1

A list of all school closures for 2016/17 has also been issued.