



Arnage Primary Newsletter

Newsletter 3 - November/December 2016



Christmas Fever!

The Christmas festivities are well underway at Arnage School! We have decorations galore, singing in the corridors and the smell of festive treats throughout the school!



Shoe Box Appeal – Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone that contributed to the Shoe Box appeal. A total of 30 boxes were given to the Ellon Rotary Association from the pupils of Arnage School. Hundreds of shoeboxes are now on their way to the people of Eastern Europe who live in a world of poverty. For many, it will be the first present that they have ever received and it lets them know that somebody, somewhere cares. So once again, thank you. Each box does really make a difference!



RotaKids



Mrs Rattray will be back in school on a regular bases to work with the children that desire to be a 'RotaKid'!

RotaKids is an exciting way for those 12 and under to lead and engage in important, lively activities that will make a positive difference in their school, in their local community and globally. RotaKids can participate in anything from fundraising money for charity, improving the environment, to helping the elderly and/or children in another country.

The sky is the limit!

Children in Need

People from across the UK have come together once again to raise a phenomenal £46,624,259 for BBC Children in Need! Every penny counts and the pupils at Arnage are delighted to inform you that we contributed £40 towards that total - thank you so, so much for all your support!



School Uniform – Safety!

It has been brought to my attention that some pupils coming to school are not wearing appropriate clothing. Please ensure your child/ren are wearing well fitted indoor gym shoes (with grip) and that trousers are not too long! As we are nearing the end of term please do not feel like new uniforms are to be purchased – suitable clothing/shoes as close to the uniform guidelines will suffice- pupil safety comes first!

P1-3 Class Teacher

The P1-3 temporary teaching vacancy has been re-advertised. Mrs McFarlane has completed in-depth hand-over notes for whomever is selected to cover her post while she is on maternity leave. Develops regarding this issue will be shared with parents prior to the Christmas break.

Absence from School

Unfortunately, it's that time of year again when pupils and staff are more likely to develop illness/ sickness.



Please ensure pupils are not returned to school prior to 48 hours after the final symptoms of illness have passed.



Amendment to Aberdeenshire Council Policy

Absence from School

[Aberdeenshire Council Policy](#)

On your child's return to school a note should be provided explaining the reason for absence and confirming the periods of absence from the school. The note should be signed and dated.

Cakes/Treats

[Aberdeenshire Council Policy](#)

We request that cakes/treats etc. for birthdays are not sent to school for sharing as this can cause difficulties where there are children in class with food allergies/intolerances or other dietary circumstances.



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Christmas at Arnage



Christmas Fayre

Thank you to all that helped with the organisation and the running of the School Christmas Fayre. It was great to see so many of our families turn out to support the school! The parent council raised **over £600** and the school raise **£107.75** – this is an amazing amount of money which will be used to enhance the education of all pupils at Arnage.

Christmas 'Food Bank' Advent

Throughout the month of November and December every 'Arnage School Family' will have the opportunity to collect the food donations from the cloakrooms and deliver them under the tree. A huge quantity of food has been donated so far - thank you – this will undoubtedly help support many local families that are really struggling this Christmas.

Before the end of term some pupils will go with Mrs Lawrinson to deliver the food to the foodbank in Ellon – (pupil names will be placed in a hat, as unfortunately I cannot take them all).

HMT Pantomime

The pupils had a fabulous time at the pantomime this week! 'O yes we did!'



This excursion would not be possible without the support of the Parent Council – thank you!

Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 14th December all pupils and staff have been invited to have a Christmas lunch. All orders have been placed and everyone is looking forward to enjoying a delicious meal together.



Christmas Jumper Appeal

Arnage School will be participating in the Christmas Jumper Appeal. On Friday 16th, pupils are welcome to come to school in their Christmas jumpers for a £1 donation, but due

to the short notice – pupils need not necessarily wear a Christmas jumper, they can wear anything Christmassy jumper, Christmas costume, tinsel in hair/as belt, Santa/elf hat etc.



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Christmas Party

The Christmas party is on Monday 19th – children can come dressed for the party in the morning or take a

change of clothes with them to change into after lunch. Parents are welcome to join us from 2.30pm.

Christmas Production



The rehearsals for 'Captain Christmas' are well underway. The children are all very eager to perform and learn their lines (thank you for all of your support and patience with this task!)

Some parents have requested a costume list – this is attached to this email. If there is anything you do not have regarding costume(s) for your child then please get in touch, as I'm sure we can source what you need. We are not expecting anyone to purchase costumes. If we don't have it – we will make it!

Performance Times-

Tuesday 20 th December		
	Refreshments	Show Time
Morning	10.30am	11.00am – 12.30pm
Evening	6.00pm	6.30pm - 8.00pm

Refreshments will be served in the hall. Tickets can be requested from the school office via telephone or email.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

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December	What's On
Tuesday 6 th	HMT Pantomime – Dick Whittington
Wednesday 14 th	Christmas Lunch
Friday 16 th	Christmas Jumper Day (optional)
Monday 19 th	Christmas Party
Tuesday 20 th	Christmas Performance (Afternoon & Evening) - ' <i>Captain Christmas</i> '
Wednesday 21 st	Last day of Term 2
January	What's On
Thursday 5 th	First day of Term 3
Friday 13 th	Family Burns Supper (6pm) – more info. coming soon
February	What's On
Friday 10 th	Aberdeenshire Occasional Day – School Closed
Monday 13 th	Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 14 th	In-Service Day – <i>School Closed to Pupils</i>
Wednesday 15 th	In-Service Day – <i>School Closed to Pupils</i>

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 or
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!