

# ARNAGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Newsletter 3 – January 2023



### Term 3 - Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a nice and relaxing Christmas and New Year with family and friends.

### Outdoor Clothing

With the weather still on the wintery side, and worse probably still to come, can we please remind you of the importance of appropriate outdoor clothing. Please ensure your child has a waterproof jacket and warm clothing, including hats and gloves, for outdoor play as we will be outside at break and lunch times as much as possible. Our school wellies are always available and easy to access at break and lunch times as well. We also have overalls to keep out some of the dirt and rain! Please remember to use the hi-viz vests.



### Google Classroom



Google Classroom

With Seesaw being suspended for the moment, we will use Google Classroom as a way of sharing your child's work. An email has been issued giving full details on how to join your child's Classroom. However, we will be holding a Support Session which you are all invited to come along to. This will take place on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January** from 6.00 pm – 6.30 pm. Please feel free to join us, and don't forget to take your device along so we can offer help and support with getting set up.

### Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will take place on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January** at 6.30 pm. We are delighted to finally be able to hold in-person meetings and this will take place in the school following the Google Classroom Support Session.



### Burns Lunch



We will be celebrating Robert Burns birthday by having a traditional Haggis lunch prepared by Mrs Wheeler on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January**. Full details, including the vegetarian option, have been emailed to parents.

### P4 Swimming Lessons

The Primary 4 pupils will take part in a 4-week block of swimming lessons starting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Unfortunately, this year, due to the increased costs in lessons, we have been unable to offer these to P4-7 pupils. We will look again next year at including the current P5/6 pupils to ensure they receive lessons whilst at school.



### Mid-Term Holiday & In-Service Days

The School will be closed to all staff and pupils on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February for the Mid-Term holiday. School will also be closed to pupils on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February whilst staff undertake In-Service Day training. School will re-open at 9am on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February to all pupils and staff.

### P6/7 Residential Trip

The Primary 6 and 7 pupils are going on a residential trip to Abernethy Outdoor Centre from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. It's going to be a week of adventure and fun!



There will be an Information Evening in school on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm.

### Emergency Closure



In the event the school has to close in an Emergency we will send out a Groupcall email and an SMS text message advising parents that they need to collect their child (school bus pupils will be sent home by bus if a parent is at home). If the school is closed due to adverse weather etc, Aberdeenshire Council's website will be updated with the information and we will endeavour to also email parents. Please note that Aberdeenshire Council's Information Telephone Line is no longer operational.

### Communication

As previously advised, the office hours have now changed. Mrs Campbell is in on Monday until 12pm, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday until 2pm. Ms Smith is in on Monday afternoons and Tuesday mornings. The School contact information and office hours are detailed on the bottom of the newsletter for quick reference.



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2022/2023

The dates below will be updated regularly in monthly/termly newsletters – please keep the most recent newsletter for reference as dates may have to change due to unforeseen circumstances and additional dates/events will be added as they are confirmed.

<b>2022-23 Term 3</b>	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens to staff and pupils
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	School closed to pupils – Strike Action
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	SSPCA visit
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	New P1's Registration week
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Robert Burns Lunch
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Information Evening P6/7 Abernethy Trip
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January - TBC	Possible school closure due to Strike Action
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	P4 Swimming Lessons
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closed - Occasional Day Holiday
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closed - Occasional Day Holiday
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	In-Service Day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	In-Service Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	P4 Swimming Lessons
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	P4 Swimming Lessons
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	P4 Swimming Lessons
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Dental inspection P1 and P7
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	P6/7 Residential Trip to Abernethy Outdoor Centre
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	School closes for Spring Holidays
<b>2022-23 Term 4</b>	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens to staff and pupils
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	School closed – May Day Holiday
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May TBC	End of Year reports issued
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School Closed – Occasional Day Holiday
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June TBC	Parents Evening
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June TBC	Health Week
TBC	Summer Show
TBC	P7 Transition (3 days at Academy)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for holiday

### OFFICE HOURS

Mrs Campbell: Mon: 9.00 am – 12.00 pm, Wed, Thurs & Fri – 9.00 am - 2.00 pm  
Ms Smith: Mon: 12.30 pm – 3.00 pm, Tues: 9.00 am – 11.30 am

**2023-2024 – Term 1**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August

In-Service Day – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

School re-opens to pupils