

# ARNAGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Newsletter 3 - January 2020

### Welcome

The start of a new decade. What will the world be like at the end of the next ten years when some of our children will have left education and be making their way in the world? Hopefully, we are equipping them with the skills, knowledge and values they'll need to adapt to a fast-changing world.



### Outdoor Clothing

Please continue to ensure your child has clothing suitable to the inclement weather at this time of year and if you do have any spare wellies you could donate to the school they will be gratefully received. Also please remember to use the Hi-Viz vests.

### Communication

As always – we are happy to hear from you, please get in touch any time if you want to discuss anything. I try to be at the main entrance at the start and end of the day if there are any small matters you want to address.

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### Call for Volunteers

Thanks to everybody who has volunteered to help for school events and visits in the first half of the year. If you are interested in volunteering but haven't told the office, please get in touch.

### Christmas Hamper Appeal

Thanks to everyone who brought in donations for the Christmas Hamper Appeal. As you can see from the picture, we did really well for a small school. Thanks to Mrs Simpson, Amelia and Harris for making the delivery to Ellon Food Bank.



### Christmas Service

It was a delight to be able to attend Maud Parish Church for their Christmas service on the last day of term. It was especially nice to be able to share it with the pupils and staff from Maud school (and, even though we were massively outnumbered, I'm sure we sang the loudest!).

### School Calendar 2020

Thanks to everyone who bought a calendar last term, we still have a few left so if anyone forgot to give their second cousin twice removed, or any other friend, pet or relative a Christmas present this season – you know where to come. Only £5 and the artwork really is impressive – discounts available for multi-purchases!

### SeeSaw

Last term saw the launch of our new SeeSaw app. It has proven very popular and it's been fantastic to see so many positive comments from parents on their children's learning in school. It certainly makes the teachers feel much more connected to you all and hopefully it's working the other way for you.

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## What's Happening This Term?

### **Robert Burns**

The first big event of the year is Burns Night. The parent council will be running their ever-popular Burns Supper on 31 January at Stuartfield Hall. For the children, our Burns Lunch will be on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

This year we are also launching a schoolwide poetry recital competition. All the children will choose or be given a poem to try to learn by heart. Class teachers will hear their recitals and the best three from each class will go through to the finals where Mr Craig, Mrs McCalman and a Scots/Doric expert(!) will judge two winners. Could you be that expert? Please get in touch to let us know if you would like to be one of our judges. The finals will be held in the morning on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January. Thanks to Ms Kernaghan for coming in this term to teach some Scottish country dances.

To celebrate Burns Night the children are also invited to wear a touch of tartan on the Friday.

### **Swimming P4-7**

Swimming for the P4-7 class starts on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you to the parent council for contributing funds to the bus hire.

### **Open Afternoon**

There is an open afternoon on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March when you are warmly invited to join your child in class. Each class will also be hosting an assembly this term which they would love you to come along to. Dates for these to be confirmed.

### **Supporting Your Child's Learning Events**

A series of events to give parents ideas in how to support their child's learning at home are running over the next two terms. Mrs O'Neil from Ellon Primary is running an event on Maths Mastery on 15<sup>th</sup> January at Ellon Academy. I will be running one on Coding – Using Technology Creatively in February. Further information and details on future events will be sent out soon.

## Community Café

Our café in November proved very popular and the P7s are keen to organise more. Our first one of this term will be at 9:10am on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January. We'll be selling: Tea, Coffee and there may even be butteries!

## School Garden Update

We are about to start preparing the garden for the new season if you have any old cardboard (with the tape removed please) and newspapers please send them into the school by the end of January. If any parents would like to volunteer to help with the garden this year, please get in touch.

## Parent Council Meeting

The next parent council meeting will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30 pm in the school – all welcome.

## And Finally ....

A big well done to all the children and staff for making this year's Christmas performance one to remember.



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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2019/2020**

The dates below will be updated regularly in monthly 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>TERM 3</b>	
<b>January</b>	<b>What's On</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term 3
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30pm in the P4-7 Classroom - all welcome
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Robert Burns Lunch
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Community Cafe
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Council Burns Night @ Stuartfield Hall
<b>February</b>	<b>What's On</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	P6/7 Residential trip
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	P4-7 Swimming Lessons
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Interim Reports issued
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed – Occasional Day Holiday
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed – Mid Term Holiday
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	In-Service Training (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	In-Service Training (School closed to pupils)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	P4-7 Swimming Lessons
<b>March</b>	<b>What's On</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	P4-7 Swimming Lessons
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	P4-7 Swimming Lessons
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Open Afternoon
<b>April</b>	<b>What's On</b>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day of term – Beginning of Easter Holidays (2 Weeks)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School Closed – Occasional Day Holiday

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## TERM 4

<b>April</b>	<b>What's On</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term 4 (P7 Pupils are welcome to wear 'Leavers' Hoodies from this date)
<b>May</b>	<b>What's On</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed – May Day Holiday
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year Reports issued
<b>June</b>	<b>What's On</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	School Closed – Occasional Day Holiday
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Health Week
TBC	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Transition
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Proposed date for End of Year Trip
<b>July</b>	<b>What's On</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Prize Giving /P7 Leavers Assembly
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	P7 Leavers Party
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Last day of term

## TERM 1 – 2020/21

<b>August 2019</b>	<b>What's On</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	In-Service Training (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens to pupils for new school year

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