



Sandhaven Primary School

Newsletter – August 2017

Welcome back! Hope you all had a great summer break.

Electronic Communication

We are now e-mailing out newsletters and communication to parents via Group Call and Xpressions app. We would encourage you to download the Xpressions app to your phone or tablet and if you require any help with the app please contact the school office.

Tesco

Congratulations to us! We came 2nd in the 'Bags of Help' scheme in Tesco, we have won £2,000 to spend on resources for our library.

School Meals 16/17 session

Just a reminder that P1-3 pupils will continue to access free school meals. However, the cost has risen slightly for P4-7 pupil to £2.20.

Friends of Sandhaven Primary

The next meeting of FOSP is Monday 4th September 2017 at 6pm in the main school hall which is the AGM. This meeting agrees on the events for the year and the committee and role bearers. We need new members to replace outgoing committee members so please come along if you feel you can help out. You will be made most welcome.

Water Bottles

We are not be providing water bottles for pupils this session. If you would like your child to have a water bottle then please send them to school with one. Any bottle will do. Otherwise pupils will still have access to the water fountains in school. We have a small stock of bottles in the school if you would like to purchase for £2.00 each then contact the school office or give your child money to take to the school.

Windows Installation

All our windows in the main building along with new blinds and/or curtains and all areas within the school are fully functioning for the pupils. The workmen are still finishing off some work on the outside of the building and this will be completed shortly.

Reminder

At the end of term, pupils were given home their indoor shoes for checking, art shirts for washing and any medication held in school. These should have been included in their schoolbags for the return to school.

For any new Parents/carers to the school, we send home these items at the end of each term for you to check/clean/replace.

Medication

We have sent home medication forms to be filled out for those pupils who need to take medicine in school. If you haven't received a form and your child has medication to be taken during school time then please request a form-we are not allowed to hold medicines unless we have the paperwork completed.

These forms are sent home monthly to be checked and signed and dated, and need to be returned to school again. Those pupils who had medication forms last session will have a fresh set of forms to fill in at start of term. The office can help you with this on the usual number 518202, if you need assistance.

PE lessons

An important reminder that for PE lessons, Aberdeenshire council policy is that pupils should have shorts and T-shirt to change into and a pair of trainers would be useful for outdoor PE (although their indoor shoes would be okay for indoor PE). It is more hygienic, however, to have a change of shoes also for PE.

If pupils are going outside for PE, tracksuit bottoms can also be worn on top of their shorts, so a pair of those can be included in their PE kits

If pupils have earrings, remember that they need to tape them up for health and safety before they go to PE and staff cannot put tape on pupils' ears for them, so children need to be shown how to do this for themselves. Parents/ carers also have to provide the tape in case of allergies. It is sometimes easier for pupils not to wear earrings on the day that they have PE.

Room 2

Congratulations to Mrs Hall our Room 2 teacher, she got married during the summer and is now Mrs Smith.

Lego

Room 1 – P2/3 are appealing to you to donate any old or spare Lego you may have to make resources for their class. Please bring in any donations to the school office, they would be very much appreciated.

Pupil Census

The Annual Data Check forms have been sent home from you to check and amend and return. These are the sheets with all the pupil information that we hold on computer in school. All this info is required by the Scottish Executive and the return has to be sent in very quickly this year, so can I ask everyone to be sharp in returning these forms. Mrs Duthie has the task of putting all this info away and it is a lot of work in a short timescale, so it would be helpful if the sheets can just be returned as soon as you can manage. Thank you for your help with this.

There is some information provided in the envelope from the Scottish Executive and from the Authority about Data protection.

In the meantime, can I also ask that you let us know of any changes to addresses or phone numbers or emergency contacts that have happened over the summer in case of emergency? Some parents have already been in to school with this and it is much appreciated-thank you.

Visiting Staff

Each session, we have additional teachers who come to deliver specialist subject teaching to the pupils and these staff change each term so that pupils get the opportunity to experience a variety of subjects.

This term we have Drama on Tuesday, French on Wednesday and Music on Friday mornings.

As part of Aberdeenshire Council's Youth Music Initiative, we are lucky to also have Mr MacArthur in on a Tuesday morning.

Our Support for Learning Teachers this term are Mrs Richardson and Mr Young.

Flu Immunisations

Flu immunisations will be administered on Tuesday 3rd October, all children have letters home for you to give permission. The reply slip must be returned to school by Monday 4th September.

Fundraising Event

We have arranged for Stephanie Inglis a Judoka player for Scotland to visit our school on Wednesday the 13th of September. She will give an assembly and talk about her career as well as running a sponsored fitness circuit for our pupils. We have enclosed sponsor forms for pupils to complete if you wish. Of the money raised 40% goes to Stephanie and 60% goes to school funds. We feel it will be a worthwhile event for pupils and will highlight the importance of perseverance and hard work. Please return all sponsor forms and money to the school office by Friday 8th September.

Dates for Term

30/8/17 – P1 parents taster school dinner

4/9/17 – P1 start full days

4/9/17 – FOSP AGM Meeting – 6pm Main school hall

6/9/17 & 7/9/17 – First Aid training for P5/6/7

13/9/17 – Visit from Stephanie Inglis – Fundraising Event

3/10/17 – Flu Immunisations

12/10/17 – Whole school & nursery fluoride varnish

13/10/17 – School closes at 3pm for holidays

30/10/17 – School re-opens 9am