



MILL O'FOREST PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



January 2023



Welcome to our Term 3 newsletter. I hope you and your families had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year break. The children are now settled back into their classes and plans are well underway for what is a busy Spring term. Thank you to those of you who attended our Christmas fayre in December. The turnout was exceptional. Thank you to our PTA members who organized such a hugely successful event for the school. It was so good to see the school so busy for a community event again. Thank you also for your generous donations to our Children in Need Day. The total raised for this worthy cause was £925.71. Given the financial constraints everyone is living under that is a remarkable achievement.

Burn's Day

As you can see from the attached calendar, we will be celebrating this special day on Wednesday. It would be lovely to see the children wearing a 'touch of tartan' to school. Please do not purchase anything additional - just if they have something they can already wear! As usual, we will have a special assembly that day to hear the children recite their Scottish poems and to celebrate Scottish traditions so if your child has a particular set of skills they would like to share please do encourage them to speak to their class teacher.

Open Afternoon

On Thursday 26th we look forward to seeing you at our Open Afternoon for parents and carers from 2- 3.15pm. This is an opportunity for you to come and visit your child's class and see the kind of activities they are currently engaging in to support their progress in learning. There are no set times for classes. If you have more than one child in the school, please feel free to move between your children's classes as and when time allows. Please note this is not designed for you to talk to the teachers about your individual child as that would not be appropriate in this context. Alternative arrangements can always be made for that as per normal procedures.

Parent/ Pupil/ Teacher meetings

Please note the dates for the next round of these meetings in February. This is another opportunity for you to share with your child and class teacher the work your child has been undertaking and progress made within it. There will be no written report prior to this meeting and pupils will be asked to contribute to the discussion as best they can. Letters will come out prior to the February break asking your preference for dates. Please return these promptly so that staff can plan meeting times during the upcoming Inset days.

Internet Safety

I have attached a guide from Police Scotland to help support families with this important issue. I hope this gives you some relevant and worthwhile information to use at home.

A number of parents still have not returned permissions slips for this. Please note that without this your child cannot access any material on line in school which is planned by the class teachers to support learning. If you have received a reminder, please return these forms as soon as possible.

Industrial Action

Please remember that the school will be closed to all teachers and pupils on Monday 30th January. The nursery will be open as usual.

Job Opportunities

Aberdeenshire Catering Services have asked me to share the message below with you: _

Within the south areas that include Aboyne, Banchory, Stonehaven, Portlethen and Laurencekirk we are looking for catering assistants, relief catering assistant and catering support officer.

For catering assistant no previous experience is essential as full training will be given if you're hard working and enthusiastic then you'll make a great addition to our team, term time work and great staff to work with.

Catering Support Officers do need to have catering experience and qualifications, but you will enjoy being part of a great team with each week being different and you will build up a great rapport with an amazing catering team.

Please get in touch for further details Linda Smith 07795013338

Email linda.f.smith@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

For vacancies across all areas please check Aberdeenshire website vacancies

Annual Calendar Session 22/23

Term 3

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| Wed 25 th Jan Burns Day | Touch of Tartan to school Burns Assembly for pupils |
| Thurs 26 th Jan 2-3.15pm | Open afternoon for parents |
| Mon 6 th - Fri 10 th Feb | Children's Mental Health Week |
| Thurs 9 th Feb | Occasional Day Holiday - School Closed |
| Fri 10 th Feb | Occasional Day Holiday - School Closed |
| Mon 13 th Feb | Occasional Day Holiday - School Closed |
| Tues 14 th & Wed 15 th Feb | Inset Days School & Nursery closed to pupils |
| Tues 21 st Feb 3.30 -5pm | Parent/pupil/teacher meetings |
| Wed 22 nd Feb 6.15pm | Parent Council Meeting (Teams) |
| Thurs 23 rd Feb 5-8pm | Parent/pupil/teacher meetings |
| Fri 24 th Feb | Stand up to Bullying Day |
| Thurs 2 nd Mar | World Book Day |
| Thurs Mar 16 th | Young Carers' day |
| Tues 21 st Mar - 27 th Mar | Downs Syndrome Awareness Week |
| Tues 28 th March 2.30pm | P3 Parent Assembly |
| Wed 29 th Mar - 4 th April | Autism Awareness Week |
| Fri 31 st Mar | Last day of term 3 |

Term 4

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| Mon 17 th April | Start of Term 4 |
| TBC | P7 Show |
| Mon 1 st May | May Day Holiday - School Closed |
| Mon 15 th - Fri 19 th May | Mental health Awareness Week |
| Fri 19 th May | Celebration of Cultural Diversity Day |
| Thurs 1 st June | International Children's day |
| Mon 5 th June | Occasional Day Holiday - School Closed |
| Thurs 8 th June | 3.30pm & 6.30 pm Induction Events - P1 parents - 2023/24 |
| Tues 13 th June 5-8pm | Parent/pupil/teacher meetings |
| Thurs 15 th June 3.30- 5pm | Parent/ pupil/teacher meetings |
| Mon 19 th - Wed 21 st June | P7 pupils to Transition days at Mackie Academy |
| Mon 26 th June | Cross Country Championships |
| Fri 30 th June | School Sports |
| Wed 5 th July | Nursery graduations |
| Thursday 6 th July | 10am end of year service - Fetteresso Church |
| Fri 7 th July | End of session |

With very best wishes

Trish Marchant, Head Teacher