



Bervie Primary

School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope that everyone had a restful break and you are looking ahead to a healthy and prosperous 2017. The staff would like to extend their thanks for the lovely cards, gifts, chocolates and biscuits received over the festive period, it is very much appreciated.

I would like to thank everyone at Bervie Primary School for making me feel so welcome over the last 2 weeks, I am really enjoying getting to know everyone and am looking forward to working with you all!

Scottish Week

The whole school will celebrate our annual Scottish Week from Monday 23rd January. Pupils will be learning about Scotland's history, geography, culture and generally finding out more about our country. The children have been learning Scots poems as well as practising Scottish Dancing for our Whole School Ceilidh on Friday 27th January. Children are invited to come to school suitably dressed for a 'Touch of Tartan' theme if they wish that day. This could be normal school uniform with a tartan ribbon or tie for example; they do not need to have access to full Scottish dress. Children are not asked to bring any donations for this. The poetry recitals will be held in each class early during the week and Dave Ramsay, from the Maggie Law Museum, will join us as we share some of the children's recitals and give his thoughts on the children's performances at assembly on Wednesday 25th January.

Our P7s have also been working hard preparing for their annual Burns Supper which will be held on Thursday 26th January. This is an excellent learning opportunity for pupils and a way of demonstrating what goes into organising a traditional Burns Supper, as well as the customs and heritage involved in the event, celebrated by people around the world. Further details have already been issued to P7 parents.

Class Assemblies - Several of our classes will be preparing whole school assemblies this term, when they will showcase aspects of their learning to the whole school. You will be invited to attend your child's assembly in the school hall at 2.30pm and will receive more information from the class teacher nearer the time. The proposed dates are:

P6/7 - 1st February

P1/2 - 8th February

P3/4 - 22nd February

P7 - 8th March

Calendars - We still have a number of calendars available to buy in the school office priced at £3.50

FoBS Christmas Shopping Evening - Our annual FoBS Christmas Shopping Evening held on, Friday 25th November was a great success. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make the event so successful. A fantastic total of £2897 was raised. Well done everyone!

Christmas Community Café - Primary 6/7 hosted a Christmas Coffee Morning on Thursday 8th December. Mrs Moir's class raised over £120.

Entering the School Building and Road Safety - To ensure the safety of pupils and staff, we ask that visitors only enter the school building via the office, where they will be required to sign in. This is

Aberdeenshire Council Policy for fire and safety reasons. Please note that visitors should not enter the building via the pupil entrance, particularly at the end of the school day. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

In school we regularly remind pupils about road safety and we appeal to the adults in our school community to be mindful of the safety of all our pupils when dropping their own children off or picking up at the end of the day. A gentle reminder too, that the school car park is for staff use only. Thank you.

Eco Flag - We have once again been successful in renewing our Eco-Schools Green Flag Award, what a fantastic achievement! Here is an extract from the report highlighting the positive work being undertaken:

Congratulations on renewing your Green Flag status. I enjoyed reading your interim application and I felt a strong sense of your whole school being inspired by their learning and motivated to take positive environmental action in school and beyond the school gates.

You have developed strong links with your wider community through your gardening work. Well done!

Thanks to Miss Leask, Mrs Speirs and the Eco Group for their hard work!

Curriculum Evening and Learning Journeys - We will host our curriculum evening on Wednesday 22nd February from 7pm to 8pm. The evening will include information on the many ways we support learners at Bervie Primary School.

The children are looking forward to sharing their Learning Journeys with you. They will be issued on Tuesday 21st February and should be returned by Monday 27th February. As always, we hope you enjoy sharing in your children's learning and progress.

Spare Clothing Items - On behalf of the nursery and early stages classes, we would like to appeal for donations of any clothing which is still in good condition, for our spare clothing stock. If you have anything you can spare, please hand in donations to the school office. Thank you.

There are a number of events such as UNICEF Day for Change and World Book Day coming up this term. More information about these events will be shared nearer the time.

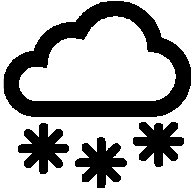
Below is some handy information regarding school closures. Please keep this information somewhere safe!

As always, if you have any questions, queries or something you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

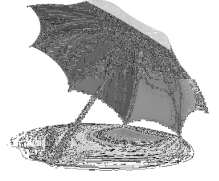
Kind Regards



Heather Grant
Head Teacher (Acting)



Adverse Weather Procedures



The Aberdeenshire Council website contains the most up to date Adverse Weather Leaflet and information of all school closures. The website address is:

www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/closures

Aberdeenshire schools have a telephone information service which can be used in the event of adverse weather:

Information Line
0870 0544999

Bervie School's Pin Number
021340

A recorded message will tell you whether or not Bervie School is open to pupils.

Local radio stations are automatically told of school closures and make regular bulletins between 7am and 9am.

Where possible, we will also try to get this information out via our text service and put information on our Twitter feed for those who are following us.

****We ask that you do not call the school office for information****