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### Welcome back!

We hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday despite the weather. It was good to see the children happy to be back at school. They all looked so smart in their new school uniforms. A reminder - please name all the new school clothes so they can be returned to the rightful owners if misplaced. Thank you.

### Staffing

We would like to welcome our new teachers to Rosehearty School, Ms Sarah Dakkak and Mrs Dawn Cardno will be sharing P4. Miss Sandie Buchan P5 Teacher and Miss Rachel Gordon P7 Teacher. Both teachers are newly qualified and will be teaching four days each week with Mrs Jack taking the P5 and P7 class for one day each week to allow Miss Buchan and Miss Gordon to take part in professional development activities working towards full registration as a teacher.

Mrs Cheyne will be with us until 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 when she will start a period of maternity Leave. In the Nursery we would like to welcome our new Early Years Practitioners Mrs Pamela Dickie, Mrs Jackie Edwards and Mrs Leona Stephen, all part-time. Rosehearty Nursery is open full-time from August 2016.

We are also pleased to welcome the Visiting Specialist Teachers for this term:

Drama – Ms K Potts

PE – Mrs K Heatherwick

French – Ms M Duthie

Art – Mrs E Campbell

ICT – Mrs D Grant

Kodaly Music – Mr G McArthur

### School Meals

The cost of a school meal has increased to £2.15 from August 2016. Schools meals for P1–P3 pupils is free, meals for pupils in P4-P7 should be purchased using the online payment system.

### Primary 1

The new Primary 1 pupils have settled into school life very well and have completed 2 weeks of attending school in the morning only. From Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2016 they will be in school all day from 9am – 3.15pm.

### Reporting to Parents

Reporting to parents will be a school improvement this session and an information sharing event and consultation with parents will take place. Further information will be sent out next week.

### Parent Council

The Parent Council AGM is to be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September



at 6.00pm in the school conference room. All parents are welcome to come to this meeting. It would be especially good to see parents of our new pupils. Please come along and find out how you can help out with Parent Council activities. It is not a big time commitment as there is usually just 1 meeting a term so please come along – and bring a friend!

### Workshops for P1 parents

Thank you to parents who attended the workshops on 24th August regarding the Pupils learning Literacy and Numeracy. We would like to thank Mrs M Bruce, School Nurse, Mrs A Boardman, School Catering Supervisor, Mrs J Whyte, Librarian and Mrs Jenna McRobbie, Parent Council Chairperson, for coming along to share information with parents about the role they have in school. We hope that you found this helpful.

### Medical Updates & Data Collection

Separate letters will be issued to all families so that we can check that all our medical notes and information held are up to date. Please check the form and make any amendments then return it to school as soon as possible even if there are no medical issues. Thank you.

### School Uniform

We are delighted to see many pupils wearing school uniform. The pupils look very smart. If you require additional uniform please contact the school office and we can arrange for an order to be placed. Homework bags are also available to order during the year.

Please remember to name all items of school uniform.

**Please note it is still acceptable to wear sweatshirts, jumpers, cardigans and hoodies in the school colour of grey with no school logo. School colours for polo shirts is white and navy and/or white shirts/blouses with no school logo.**

### PE Kits

Please can we request that PE kits are brought to school on Monday each week and left in school until Friday when they can be taken home to be washed. For Health and Safety reasons it is important that pupils have an appropriate PE kit of - trainers or gym shoes with **non marking soles**, gym shorts (not denim), gym t-shirt that covers shoulders. Hair bands should be provided for long hair and ear rings should be covered with micro porous tape or removed.

### Attendance

Attendance at school is closely monitored by Aberdeenshire Council and it is important to arrive at school for 9am each day. It is also important for family holidays to be taken within the school holidays as time off for holiday during the school term is recorded as unauthorised absence. Pupils can also miss significant parts of their learning and it is not possible for teachers to go over what has been missed.

### After School Clubs

Our Active Schools Co-ordinator Kelly Green has worked with the school to arrange the following after school clubs for term 1 and 2. At the moment we have the following activities available and we



are hoping to organise a few others. Application forms are being sent home today.

Tuesday	Highland Dance	P1-7
Wednesday	Netball	P3-7
Friday	Football	P1-7

### Flu Jab

The NHS are offering all pupils in P1 -7 the Flu Jab as last year and a letter providing information is enclosed with this newsletter. The Flu Jab is optional and parents/carers are required to give their consent before it will be administered. Please can we ask that you complete and return the consent form in the letter pack before Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Please complete and return the form even if you **do not** wish your child to receive the Flu Jab by indicating this in the options on the letter.

### Swimming Lessons

Primary 4 pupils have started swimming lessons at Fraserburgh Community Sports Centre each Wednesday and will continue for 6 weeks as part of the swimming development programme aimed at P4 pupils.

### Smoke Free Grounds

As of the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016, all Education & Children's Services sites shall be Smoke Free Grounds. Parents, carers and members of the community using any area of the school, grounds and car park should refrain from smoking.

### Parentzone Scotland

Parentzone Scotland Postcards are being issued to all P1 parents to

advertise and raise awareness of the Parentzone Scotland website. The website provides up-to-date information about learning in Scotland and practical advice and ideas to support children's learning at home. The website is available to all parents and can be accessed at [www.ParentzoneScotland.com](http://www.ParentzoneScotland.com)

### Reading, Writing, Counting

P1-P3 parents/carers will receive a leaflet with this newsletter to promote Read, Write, Count. This is a Scottish Government- led campaign and the leaflet provides further information and links to the Read, Write, Count website, facebook and twitter. The P1-P3 pupils will all receive a gift bag in the autumn with books, writing materials and counting games.

**School Events: August - October 2016**

Date	Event
<b>Holidays &amp; INSET Days</b>	
<b>10<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 inclusive</b>	<b>October Holiday</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> November 2016</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> November 2016</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 – 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 inclusive</b>	<b>Christmas Holiday</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> February 2017</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> February 2017</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> February 2017</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> February 2017</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017 inclusive</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July – 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017 inclusive</b>	<b>Summer Holiday</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> August 2017</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017</b>	<b>School Starts for 2017/18 session</b>

**Rosehearty School Values**


**H**onest  
**E**ndeavour  
**A**chieve  
**R**espect  
**T**rust