



Newsletter November 2017

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From Mrs Buchan

Welcome to our November Newsletter, once again filled with a snap shot of all the learning that has taken place this month and plans for the coming month. Even though we also share our learning with you via facebook and the school Xpressions app, may I recommend that you explore our website which is being regularly updated. Recent additions include the school improvement plan and school handbook alongside photos of activities taking place in school.

Please remember that you are welcome to call me at any time but my Open Surgeries for December are Tuesday 5th 8.30am-9am and Thursday 21st 3.30pm-4.30pm

Children in Need

Thank you to all who contributed to our fundraising for Children in Need. We raised a fantastic £400 from the sale of merchandise, a lucky square competition and a dress down day. Well done everyone!



St Andrew's Day Lunch

On Thursday 30th of November we will be celebrating St Andrews Day with a St Andrews Day Lunch – see the menu below. Pupils may wear a touch of tartan to school if they wish.

Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards can be taken into school by pupils if they wish to give to their friends but they should be posted into our school Christmas Post Box in the school foyer. The cards will be sorted out by our P7 pupils and distributed for pupils to take home to open. The Christmas Post Box will be available from Monday 4th December 2017.

Scottish National Standardised Testing (SNSA)

Please find attached a leaflet regarding SNSA assessments which will be introduced shortly. Some children will be involved in testing studies and have been selected randomly. These will replace the INCAS we currently use but this year both systems are in place.

First Aid P5-7

On Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th, P5-7 pupils will be taking part in first aid training as part of our annual curriculum programme. Look out for photos on our website and Facebook page.

Well Done!

A huge well done to Isabella for being sponsored to have her hair cut for the Little Princess Trust. Not only did she donate her very long hair but she also raised £480 in sponsorship. I wouldn't be brave enough to cut mine!



We also want to say well done to Tilly, Madison and Erin for their wider achievements in their out of school activities.



Reporting to Parents

Both Primary 6 and Primary 7 have held their open afternoons this month which were very successful. It was great to see so many parents. Thank you for coming.

P6 – Natural Disasters

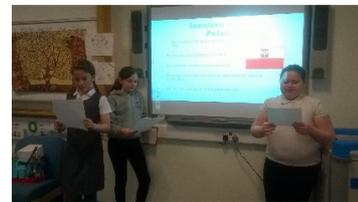


"Amazing amount of work the children have done in this project, very interesting and enjoyable"

"Very informative! It's Obvious that a lot of work has gone into it."

"Very good open afternoon, very well presented by the children"

P7- World War Two



"Thoroughly enjoyed the presentation, they've all worked very hard!"

"I am very pleased with the work they have done. Each and every one of them have worked very hard. The presentations were fantastic and full of information."

Christmas Fair

May we remind you that our annual Christmas Fair is taking place on Wednesday 6th of December from 3.30-5.30. There will be craft stalls, pupil stalls, Santa's Grotto, lucky squares and a hamper raffle, glitter tattoos and of course teas and fine pieces! **Please put the date in your diary. More craft tables are available. Bottles for the bottle stall would be greatly appreciated.**

School Choir

The school choir is gearing up for a very busy season. They will be singing at Rosehearty Church on Friday 1st December at 7pm (flyer attached) and at Fraserburgh West Church

on Saturday the 9th at 1.30pm. They will be holding a choir parents night followed by carol singing in Rosehearty Village on Tuesday 12th December. We have also been invited to sing carols with Santa for the Rosehearty Santa parade on Thursday 21st at 7pm. We will be collecting for the choir on that occasion. Details will be given at choir.

Nurture Supports for Pupils.

At Rosehearty School we recognise that pupil mental and emotional wellbeing is very important as a basis for learning. Last month programme. This will now begin in January. We have also been exploring a programme called Rock and Water which helps children build their own resilience in situations which they find challenging. Mrs Pirie will be trying out some of this programme informally on small groups of pupils in the next fortnight and then we will give more information about how we will use this in school in the next newsletter.

School Christmas Lunch

We will be holding our School Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 12th December during our usual lunch hour.

School Parties

Class Christmas Parties will take place in the last week of term – dates at the bottom on this newsletter. Pupils may bring clothes to change into at lunchtime or may go home to change at lunchtime. The Early Years party will be held in the morning for both Morning and Afternoon settings. More information will be given by the Early Years Staff. The parent council will be generously providing the food and treats for these parties.

Attendance

Following the Aberdeenshire Attendance policy, we will be checking attendance on a fortnightly basis. Informal contact will be made when children's attendance drops below 90%. 90% equates to 1 half day a week absence from school. Should there not be improvements, there are a series of letters and meetings which then take place. **May I also remind you that arriving after the bell has gone will result in pupils being marked as late.**

At Rosehearty we want to work with parents to support their children to attend school as much as possible.

Christmas Service

Our Christmas Service will take place at Rosehearty Church on Friday 15th November 2017 at 9.30am. All are welcome but we ask that should parents need to leave the service before it is finished, that they sit towards the back. Early Years pupils from both sessions will take part but those from the afternoon session will need to be collected after the service and can come back to school for their usual afternoon session.

Christmas DVD

We intend to record a DVD of the Christmas Service again this year however this will be recorded on the Thursday morning to allow for any interruptions. Early years from both sessions will take part and leave again once their part has been recorded. We hope this will also allow us to edit and copy the DVDs to make them available as soon as possible.

Homework

Thank you for the positive response received so far for the trials of Preview as a way forward for homework. It is very early days and a wider consultation will be offered in January. Please do ensure your children read every day.

Christmas Jumper Day

We will once again be supporting Save the Children by wearing Christmas Jumpers to school. However, we will do this on the last day of term, rather than the official Save the Children date. On that day we will also be watching a Christmas movie for the whole school chosen, from a shortlist, by the winning house for this term.

Children's University

The Children's University is changing. All children will have to complete a new form when the changes take place and a new web based system will be available. I do not know yet what this will look like. Children who are already part of children's university should ensure their records are up to date before the changeover. This is particularly important if they did the October Holiday Challenges. If

you need help with this, let me know and we can learn together. A number of changes will take place with the new system so I intend to hold a meeting to discuss these with pupils and parents on Monday 18th December at 3.30pm. However, if the new system is not up and running by then this will be postponed. In the future the Children's University will be open to P6 and P7 only. However, we currently have pupils in P4 taking part so we will open it to P4 and P5 this session.



"I liked it when he tapped the pictures and they turned the colour for stop or go." Gordon.
 "I learned to stop, listen and think" Emily
 "I learned to stop, look, listen and think to cross the road" Sophie
 "We learned to wear bright things when out in the dark so we can be seen." Noah

Book Fair

A big thank you to all who bought books at our Book Fair during parents' night. Our commission from that event was one of the best ever, £619 which we intend to spend on dictionaries and a range of books which are high interest but provide support for readers who need extra help.

Juice/Water in the playground

Please could I remind you that children should only have water in the classroom. Juice should only be for break time or lunch time. Water keeps the body hydrated, juice bathes the teeth in sugar all day leading to increased decay.

Disco

A record number of pupils came to our recent disco. Thank you to all parents who supported this and the parent council for organising it.



Roadshow

On Thursday 2nd of November, Alan's Road Safety Magic Show visited school to share a Road Safety message with P1-3. Pupils from P1-3 at Sandhaven joined us for the event.

Frozen Fraserburgh

We have been asked by the team at Super Saturday to advertise Frozen Fraserburgh on the 8th and 9th of December. Saltoun Square will be turned into an ice rink which will be FREE for everyone to use. There will also be a Santa parade and grotto, live music, a free bouncy castle and lots of stalls.

Friday 4pm-10pm, Saturday 10am-4pm

Adverse Weather Arrangements

Whilst every attempt will be made to keep the school open in the case of bad weather, or indeed technical issues such as power outage or no heating, we will make contact with you in the following ways should we have to close.

- Our facebook page
- School information line
0870 054 4999 (Pin 022520)
- Aberdeenshire Council's Website
www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/school closures

The School may be closed to

- Bus pupils only
- Pupils Only
- All pupils and staff

If your child usually comes to school on the bus and the bus does not run, please do not bring your child to school as you are responsible for ensuring they can get home safely.

School Events: December –January 2017

Date	Event
30 th November 2017	St Andrew's Day - Touch of Tartan
7 th December 2017	Christmas Fair 3.30-5.30pm
12 th December 2017	Christmas Lunch
15 th December 2017	Christmas Service at the Church 9.30
18 th December 2017	Christmas party Nursery, Children's University Meeting (TBC)
19 th December 2017	Christmas party P5-7
20 th December 2017	Christmas party P3-4
21 st December 2017	Christmas party P1-2
22 nd December 2017	Christmas Movie for Whole School, Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
8 th January 2018	Term 3 begins
Holidays & INSET Days	
25 th December 2017 – 4 th January 2018 inclusive	Christmas Holiday
9 th February 2018	Holiday
12 th February 2018	Holiday
13 th February 2018	INSET Day
14 th February 2018	INSET Day
30 th March – 13 th April 2018 inclusive	Easter Holiday
7 th May 2018	May Day Holiday
11 th June 2018	Holiday
7 th July – 17 th August 2018 inclusive	Summer Holiday
20 th August 2018	INSET Day
21 st August 2018	School Starts for 2017/18 session

Rosehearty School Values


Honest
Endeavour
Achieve
Respect
Trust



St Andrews Day Menu



30th November 2017

*Braised Steak Mince
Haggis
Mashed Turnips
Creamed Potatoes
Sweetcorn*

*Shortbread
Ice Cream*

*Sandwiches: Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise
Salad Bar/Cheese & Biscuits*



Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 12th December 2017

Roast Turkey with Stuffing
Gravy
Chipolata Sausage
Brussels, Neeps, Sweetcorn
Mashed & Roast Potatoes

Ice-cream & Jelly

Cheese & Biscuits

Sorry No Alternatives Available