

## Newsletter

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### From Mrs Buchan

What a quick term it has been! A lot of exciting learning has been happening in the classrooms and out in the grounds and in the village. I hope that when you visited for Parent's night you could see all the learning in which your children have been engaged, supported by all our staff. Do keep an eye on the website as we develop it to showcase our learning. I wish you all a safe and relaxing October break and look forward to seeing everyone back on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October. A quick look at the diary dates shows it's going to be another exciting term! *Anita Buchan*

### School Behaviour Policy

Along with this email you will find a copy of this year's behaviour policy. We continue to support all our children to behave respectfully in order to become responsible citizens.

### School Dinner Menu

The School dinner menu for Autumn and Winter 2017/2018 was sent home today. Please do check the meals with you children, particularly the younger ones so they know what they are ordering.

### MacMillan Coffee Event

Thank you to all who came to school to support our recent MacMillan Coffee Event.

We are delighted to say that we have raised £341.89. As in previous years a cheque will be presented to the local MacMillan Support Group. Thank you to the staff and pupil council for all your efforts.



### Xpressions App

As you know we can now communicate with you via text, email or the Xpressions app. Sending emails or notifications to the app does not cost us any money. To use the App your mobile number and email address must match our records. Please could I encourage you to download the app for easier communications. If you have any difficulties check your contact details with the office initially.



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### Halloween Disco P1-P7

A reminder that the Halloween Disco will take place on Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup> of October in school from 4.30 – 6pm, entry £1.

### Students

We would also like to welcome Amanda Smart, NESCOL student who will be working in our Nursery for the week of 30th October and every Friday thereafter until June 2017.

### Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will be held in school on Wednesday 1st November 2016 at 6pm. The meeting is open to all Parent Council members and all parents of Rosehearty School.

### Ibike

The ibike project has got off to a great start with a breakfast last week. Thank you to the bike crew and staff who came in early to set up. Thank you also to Tesco and Asda for providing a huge choice of foods for our breakfast. Phil provided a Dr Bike session to help children fix some problems with their bikes and some classes have had adventures out and about. P6 and P7 were geocaching round the village while P4 and P5 took part in a led scoot. The children learnt the importance of wearing a helmet for both cycling and scooting. We strongly encourage all children coming to school on their scooters to wear helmets. **May I also remind parents and children that scooters should not be ridden outside the school while other children and adults are walking around.**



### Knitting Club

Our lunchtime knitting club for P5-7 will start again after the October holidays on a Tuesday from 1.00-1.30 Thank you to Mrs Abernethy, Mrs Duncan and Mrs Brown for offering their support again this year. We would really like some extra help from more parents – ideally experienced knitters. (I'm afraid I only crochet!)

### Children in Need

We will be supporting the Children in Need charity from 15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> November 2017. More details to follow.

### Seasons for Growth

Seasons for Growth is a programme which guides children through thinking about their emotions when upsetting events happen such as a bereavement, family illness, divorce et. We have run this programme in school before and Mrs Pirie will begin to run this again after October. I have briefly spoken to all children about the programme. If your child would like to take part and you think they would benefit from it, please complete the form attached and return to school as soon as possible. Places will be allocated with teachers' advice as well.

### £1 coins

The old £1 coins will be decommissioned on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October. We will not be able to accept them next term.

### St Andrew's Day

We will be celebrating St Andrew's day on Thursday 30th November 2017 with a lunch in the canteen and we are inviting pupils to wear a touch of tartan to school if they wish.

### Class Newsletters

Class Newsletters for Nursery to P7 will be issued during the first week after the October Holidays with information about the pupils learning in term 2.

### Visiting Specialist Teachers

Next term the visiting specialist teachers will be:

Tuesday Health and Wellbeing – Mrs  
Buchan

Wednesday ICT- Mrs Grant,  
Music – Ms McConachie

Thursday Art – Mrs Campbell Drama – Ms Potts



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### After School Clubs

The after school clubs for next term are:

Tuesday      Choir  
 Wednesday   Netball  
 Thursday     Basketball

*New members welcome especially to Netball and Choir!*

### Reporting to Parents

Following the consultation with parents about the changes to reporting for 2016/17 at parents meetings a copy of the reporting calendar is being sent out with the newsletter and will also be available on the school website. Reporting to parents about their child's learning will take place in term 2 by an open afternoons, either to look at jotters or learning in the classroom. Invitations will be sent out later. In addition to our open door policy, I intend to offer open surgeries from 8.30am -9am 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month, (7<sup>th</sup> November) and 3.30-4.30pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month (16<sup>th</sup> November). Concerns or suggestions equally welcome. Just drop in or call the school.

### P7 Visit to the Gordon Highlanders

P7 had a fantastic trip to the Gordon Highlanders Museum in Aberdeen to support their learning about WW2.



"I enjoyed seeing the fantastic medals" Kye  
 "I liked seeing all the guns" Isla  
 "Fantastic Venue" Zac

### Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 from 3.30-5.30pm in the school. More Details to follow.

### Christmas Lunch

The school Christmas lunch will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

### School Uniform

It's great to see nearly every pupil wearing school uniform every day. Please make sure

your child wears a warm waterproof jacket to school as the weather will be a bit colder this term.

Please remember to take PE kits into school on a Monday each week and they will be returned home on Friday. Thank you for your support.

All uniform should be clearly labelled.

### Girls Football

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> of October, a team of P6 and P7 girls represented Rosehearty at an interschool girl's football event and came third! Kalli was awarded a certificate for player of the team and Tilly was awarded a certificate and medal for great sportsmanship and player of the tournament. Well done to all the players who took part!



### 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](http://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: November – December 2017

Date	Event
31 <sup>st</sup> October 2017	Halloween Disco (PTC)
1 <sup>st</sup> November 2017	Parent Council Meeting 6pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2017	Visit from the Road Safety Magic Show P1-3
10 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	PTC Bingo Night
13 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	INSET Day
14 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	INSET Day
15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Children In Need
30 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	St Andrew's Day - Touch of Tartan
7 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Christmas Fair 3.30-5.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Christmas Lunch
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Christmas Service at the Church 9.30
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Christmas party Nursery,
19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Christmas party P5-7
20 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Christmas party P3-4
21 <sup>st</sup> December 2017	Christmas party P1-2
22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2017	Christmas Movie for Whole School, Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Holidays &amp; INSET Days</b>	
14 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	INSET Day
15 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	INSET Day
25 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 – 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 inclusive	Christmas Holiday
9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Holiday
12 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Holiday
13 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	INSET Day
14 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	INSET Day
30 <sup>th</sup> March – 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 inclusive	Easter Holiday
7 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	May Day Holiday
11 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Holiday
7 <sup>th</sup> July – 17 <sup>th</sup> August 2018 inclusive	Summer Holiday
20 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	INSET Day
21 <sup>st</sup> August 2018	School Starts for 2017/18 session

#### Rosehearty School Values



Honest  
 Endeavour  
 Achieve  
 Respect  
 Trust