



Lairhillock School Newsletter

30 November 2015

We have had a busy month, what with the unexpected fire evacuation and the power cut. The children coped well with both events. Despite having had to evacuate the building in both terms 1 and 2 there is no plan to have the fire brigade visit us every term!

ALLERGIES

We have a number of children in school who are allergic to nuts and nut products. In the interest of their safety we would request that your child does **not bring nuts to school** for snack or lunch.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

The school meals service have updated their online information and now have a new web address for the lunch menu:

<http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/meals/primary-and-special-school-meals/>

They have also provided a QR (Quick Response) matrix for the Primary. Smartphones with the QR reader app can scan a matrix and instantly access their web pages



Quick Response Matrix

EVENTS

Thank you for the contributions to the **Rotary Shoebox appeal**. We managed to fill 26 boxes for a range of ages.

Messy hair was the order of the day on 20th of the month to support Tara McKinney's chosen charity, Little Princess Trust. The 'mess' raised £116.50. In total Tara has raised £530!



The **swimming** lessons for Primary 4/5 are going swimmingly and the students on placement in the class have been most helpful during these sessions. The most recent lesson involved synchronised swimming, which Mrs Hodge assured me was the best thing she had ever seen. (She was certainly smiling a lot whilst telling me!)

Mr Neil Tattersall from **North East College** is in school on a Monday afternoon with 4 of his PE students. They are delivering a series of lessons to Primary 1-3. Both children and students seem to be enjoying these sessions.

Mr Jim Savage, **Chief Executive of Aberdeenshire Council**, visited us and was very impressed with the school and the large group of volunteer mums working with the children doing Christmas craft and baking.

Primary 4/5 organised our **Children in Need** day and we raised £647.23. Pudsey was so pleased with the support his campaign received from Lairhillock School that he came in person to say thank you to the children.



With **Christmas** approaching we have had many busy **volunteers** in the school. The wonderful aromas that permeated the building were a great advert for the edible treats being created. On top of that the children were crafting away with the help of parents and Fiona Paterson of Mearns Art House. The latter worked with P4-5 to create fabulous glass Christmas tree decorations and whole class plates (more information about the plates will come out later!) All of these events led up to the most successful **Christmas Fayre** to date, raising in excess of £5,000.

Primary 5/6 have been planting purple crocus bulbs with Mrs Oakey. If you would like to **purchase** any of these **planted bulbs** please send a donation to school. All proceeds go to the Rotary Purple Pinkie charity, which supports the eradication of polio. Thank you to those of you who bought bulbs at the Christmas Fayre.

Miss Murray has done an excellent job this year again with the photographs for the school **calendar**. Copies are available from the school for £7.00.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The rescheduled parental input on our new **Pupil Profiles** is on Thursday 10 December.

All parents are welcome to attend the end of term **Christmas service** at Maryculter Church on Tuesday 22 December. The service starts at around 10.00. There will be no nursery that morning but nursery children are welcome to attend the service with their parents.

Christmas party dates and events are listed in the 'Dates for your diary' at the end of this newsletter.

In term three all of the children will be engaging in the **Kodaly music** programme with Mrs Janet Okumu, who will be in school all day on a Friday working with the children.

Also in term three on a Friday we welcome Mrs Winnie Shepherd, who will instruct Primary 4-7 in basic **sign language**.

STAFFING

Class teachers are:

P1/2 Mrs Campbell - Monday, Tuesday and alternate Wednesdays
Mrs Begg - alternate Wednesdays, Thursday and Friday

P2/3 Mrs Blair – Monday – Thursday
Mrs Strachan – Friday

P4/5 Mrs Hodge – Monday –Thursday
Mrs Saunders (Supply) – Friday

P5/6 Mrs Bosson – Monday
Mrs Kirk – Tuesday – Friday

P6/7 Mrs Gill - Monday, Tuesday and alternate Wednesdays
Mrs Fish - alternate Wednesdays, Thursday and Friday

With Mrs Morag Officer joining us, we now have our full complement of cleaners.

PARENT COUNCIL

The next Parent Council Meeting will be held on **Monday 11 January 2016 at 7.30 p.m.** All parents of children from Nursery to P7 are invited. Items for the agenda should be forwarded to the secretary, Mrs Joanne Owen.

Christeen Saward
Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary (Dates may have to change but you will be kept informed)

TERM 2			
10 12 15	THURSDAY	09.15	PUPIL PROFILE INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS
		19.30	PUPIL PROFILE INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS
11 12 15	FRIDAY	12.45	WHOLE SCHOOL AT PANTOMIME IN ABERDEEN
14 12 15	MONDAY	P.M.	P4 & P5 PARTY
16 12 15	WEDNESDAY	13.45	'LAIRHILLOCK HAS THE X-FACTOR'
17 12 15	THURSDAY	12.20	CHRISTMAS LUNCH
		18.30	'LAIRHILLOCK HAS THE X-FACTOR'
18 12 15	FRIDAY	P.M.	P6 & P7 PARTY
21 12 15	MONDAY	A.M	NURSERY PARTY
		P.M.	P1-3 PARTY
22 12 15	TUESDAY	10.00	CHURCH SERVICE
TERM 3			
11 01 16	MONDAY	19.30	PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
21 01 16	THURSDAY	TBC	SUITCASE SALE
25 02 16	THURSDAY	TBC	FAIRTRADE CAFE
TERM 4			
26 04 16	TUESDAY	19.30	PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
SESSION 2016-2017			
31 08 16	WEDNESDAY	19.30	PARENT COUNCIL AGM

SCHOOL HOLIDAY / TERM TIME DATES

SESSION 2015 – 2016

Term 2 26/10/15 - 22/12/15

Term 3 06/01/16 - 01/04/16

Term 4 18/04/16 - 01/07/16

In-service Days

16 November 2015

17 November 2015

16 February 2016

17 February 2016

Public Holidays

15 February 2016

25 March 2016

02 May 2016

Occasional Days

11 February 2016

12 February 2016



COMMENTS, COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS

We welcome feedback on how we are doing and will use this to plan for improvements. Please note any points in the space below and return to the school office. Please sign your name if you wish someone to respond to your comments.

Signature: _____ Date: _____