



South Park School



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Issue 1

Welcome back everyone! I am not sure where the holidays have gone but we are all back, full of energy for the term ahead.

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Class	Teacher/s	Pupil Support Assistant
1S	Ms A Stephen Mrs J Taylor	Mrs D Stewart
1T	Mrs C Taylor Mrs E West	Mrs D Stewart
2A	Mrs K Abernethy	Mrs D Stewart Mrs J Runcie
2M	Miss N McLean	Mrs B Tait
2S	Mrs M Simpson Mrs C Trail	Mrs B Tait
3M	Mrs M Mowat	Mrs A Duthie
3W	Miss W Munnoch	Mrs A Duthie
4H	Mrs N Harvey	Mrs C Watson Mrs K Buchan
4T	Miss J Taylor	Mrs E Mutch Mrs D Buchan
4/5	Mrs A Esson	Mrs E Campbell
5M	Miss R Miller Mrs K Strachan	Mrs B Tait
6L	Miss K Lumsden Mrs L Reynolds	Mrs M Reid
6C	Mrs S Clubb	Mrs M Reid
7G	Mrs W Gibson	Mrs M Gordon
7M	Mrs C Marshall Mrs L Anderson	Mrs M Gordon



Progress Last Year

You will find our Standards and Quality report on the website and attached to this newsletter. It indicates our strengths from last session and what we plan to work on in the coming year.

Website

Please remember to check our website for updates, calendar dates and copies of bulletins etc.

Reporting Calendar

You will find attached to this email our reporting calendar for the year ahead.

Parent Helpers

We always rely on our parent helpers for many things. We have parents who help out on a regular basis in classes, in the library or on one off occasions for trips etc. If this interests you please reply using the attached slip. We will send home a PVG form for you to complete which can be returned to the office.

Wow Board

Children can continue to bring in achievements from out of school on a Friday so they can be photographed and placed on the Wow Board. We have celebrated many achievements including football, swimming, horse riding, gymnastics, karate etc. We love seeing what they can do!

Class Charters

As part of our ongoing work on Restorative Practice and Rights Respecting Schools we have introduced a new Class Charter which will be our school rules. They are available on the school website. We will be working on developing an understanding of these with the children over the coming weeks.

School Grounds

Just a reminder that in line with Aberdeenshire Council policy, the school grounds are a no smoking area. Please adhere to this.

Gym Kits

Please ensure that gym kits come in on a Monday EVERY week. They will come home at the end of the week.

Flu Vaccines

Pupils from P1 - P7 will be offered the flu nasal spray again in school. Information has already gone home, please ensure you return the form by FRIDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER.

House Captains

House Captains for the year ahead were voted in before the holidays by pupils and staff, they are as follows:-

Fraser

Shayne Watt and Romani Buchan

Kinnaird

Zak Harvey and Brodie Buchan

Philorth

Brody Tocher and Beth Ross

Mormond

Ed Wisely and Mackenzie Murray

School Meals

Parents and carers of school pupils in Aberdeenshire can pay for school meals via the Aberdeenshire Council website (www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk). Simply click PAY and then School Meal Payments. Once registered you can pay securely and access a range of services including **notifications of school closures** and school transport changes, using a single name and password via your myAberdeenshire account.

The cost of a school meal this year is £2.20. Please contact the school office if you have any problems with your account.

Lateness

By the end of last term we had a huge number of children late every morning. We really do not want this to continue in Term 1. Please try to ensure your child arrives on time in school in the morning. A new attendance policy is in place by Aberdeenshire Council and lateness and continued absence is now being progressed more quickly than before.

Cycling

P6 pupils are currently undergoing their bikeability training. We are very grateful for our PSA's and parent helpers who run this for our pupils. If you think this is something you would be interested in helping out with in the future, please complete the reply slip. Training will take place this year at some point.

Dates For Your Diary

A calendar is attached with the dates for the term ahead.

Tuck Shop

Please see attached price list.

Car Park

Please remember not to walk through the car park at any time of the day and also park in a considerate manner outside of school. Do not park on corners and for the safety of the children please try not to park in Philorth Avenue. We would also encourage parents and children to walk to school or park and stride especially this term when we still have good weather.

Staff Training

On our Inservice day in August all our PSA's and several teaching staff attended Diabetes training.

Staffing Changes

We welcome Miss Kate Lumsden to P6L and Mrs Brenda Tait as PSA in the Extension and P2. We are sure they will enjoy their time at South Park and fit in really well.

P2 and P3 Routines

In the morning we would ask that all P2 and P3 children remain in the infant playground until the hurry bell rings at 8.57am. At this time P2M and P2S should then make their way around to their door independently. Thank you for your support.

At lunchtime Primary 2 and 3 home dinners will exit via the front door. At the end of the day Primary 2 will leave via the P1 door and Primary 3 will leave via the fire door that opens out into the senior playground.

End of the Day

Please remember do not enter the playground until the end of the day as we are often still using the outdoors during this time to teach.

Scoters, Skateboards and Bicycles

To encourage active travel we would be delighted if children and parents either walk, scoot, skate or bike to school. There is a huge bike enclosure to leave scooters, skateboards and bikes in. Infant pupils can leave them in the bike shed area and then make their way back around to the infant playground. Please support us by making the journey to school safer and taking an active way to school.

School Contact

As always we encourage open communication between the school and our parents. If you ever have any concerns please contact the school office who will be happy to arrange for you to either speak to your child's teacher or arrange an appointment. Your child's teacher should always be the first port of call, however if you do feel you require support from a member of the Senior Leadership Team then listed below you will find the year stage responsibility for this year:-

Miss Irvine Nursery, P1 and P2

Mrs Taylor P3, P4 and P5

Miss Miller P6 and P7

We look forward to working with you this year.

Sustrans iBike Project

We are very excited to share that Sustrans iBike project will be working with South Park School to promote cycling, scooting and walking to school this year.

Phil Thornley, the iBike officer for Aberdeenshire will be working closely with the school to develop a tailored programme of cycling related activities and classroom sessions including assemblies, bike breakfasts, bike skill sessions, led rides, bike clubs, bike maintenance and mapping sessions.

Following the assembly that took place in week one to introduce the project, we are in the process of recruiting a Bike Crew (P4-7 pupils) who will promote the project, attend regular meetings, support the running of different events and make decisions on events and activities that would suit the school.

Application forms will go out to any pupils interested in week 2 to be returned by the end of the week, selection for interview will be done in week 3 and interviews will take place on the 13 September. The newly recruited iBike Crew will then be responsible for promoting and running our Bike Breakfasts this term to launch the project. The P4-7 Bike Breakfast will be held on Wednesday the 27 September and the Nursery-P3 one on Thursday, 12 October both from 8:15-8:50am in the canteen. This breakfast is FREE for any pupils and parents that cycle, scoot or walk to school that day! Look forward to seeing you then.