

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



1st February	6.00pm Parent Council
Thurs 1 1th Feb	In Service day
Fri 12 th and Mon 14 th Feb	Mid Term Holiday
Monday 16 th —18 th May	Supported School Review

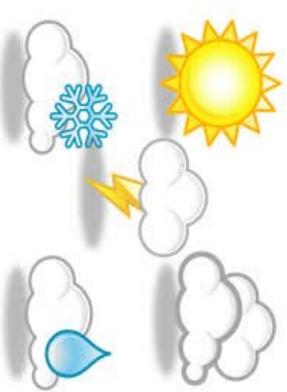
Dates to be confirmed Burns cluster competition at Glamis
(P1-3 winners to attend)
Burns cluster competition at Glamis
(P4-7 winners to attend)

16th March	Parents Evenings P1 – P7
17th March	Parents Evenings P1 – P7
Fri 25th March	END OF TERM

School resumes Monday 11th April 2016

Mrs Natasha Hutchison

Airrie Primary School and Nursery



January 2016
Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I would like wish you all a belated Happy New Year. It has been quite an unusual start of the year with weather from all seasons and more!

Clothing For Winter

At this time of year the children love to get outside in the playground and play in the snow. Can you therefore please ensure children come suitably dressed in cosy clothes, a waterproof jacket with hood, hat, gloves, and waterproof footwear. As the children may get wet, please send a spare pair of socks and trousers or jogging trousers that the children can change into. I would also like to remind parents that we do not allow snowball throwing in the playground due to health and safety reasons.

Burns Poems

Your children will be busy learning their Scottish poems. We are aware that this can be tricky for some children and appreciate the support that parents give their children to achieve this. This year we will be celebrating on Friday 5th February and we will be identifying Burns Poem winners on this day. Good luck everyone!

PE Kit

I am aware that there are a significant amount of children without gym clothes after the Christmas Break. Please can you ensure that all children have their gym kit in school for use during PE. If your child brings their kit home for washing, please can it be returned as soon as possible.

Supported School Review

We are having a Supported School Review on the 16th—18th May. We will have visitors from other schools and the local authority during this time. They will be supporting our own self-evaluation of where we are as a school and where we are going. As always we appreciate your feedback so please feel free to contact us.

Sports Leaders—Emily, Callum Loghan and Catriona

The Young Sports Leaders (YSL) joined forces with the Junior Young Ambassadors (JYA) and Mr Moncrieff, our Active Schools Co-ordinator, to organise an athletics event in school. Pupils from P1-P7 participated in four athletic events to earn points for their house teams. The events were; shot put, javelin, obstacle course and shuttle runs. The event was enjoyed by everyone and was a great success. The YSLs and JYAs are now in the process of totalling the points and calculating the final scores.



School Absence

The school is working to update the attendance and absence procedures policy. A leaflet will be available in due course. In the meantime can we please remind parents and carers to ensure their child arrives at school before **9:10am** and if they are late to report to school office.

If your child is unwell please can you ring the school between 8:30am—9:15am

Visiting the School—Please could we remind parents to come to school via the main entrance. The cloakroom door is locked once all the pupils are in school in the morning. If you need to speak to a member of the teaching staff, Mrs Colville or Mrs Geddes will see if they are available in order to avoid any disturbance in the classroom or they will make an appointment for you.

Pupil Council

At the last Pupil Council Meeting we produced ideas of what the Pupil Council could achieve and are in the process of producing an action plan.

The Representatives are—

P1 William, P2 Jake, P3 Arran, P4 Camryn, P5 Bria & Libby
P6 Alex, P7 Aidan

We are currently looking at: Our current Homework Policy and Growth Mindsets

Junior Young Ambassadors - Catriona and Paige

Hi, We're Paige and Catriona. We are the Junior Young Ambassadors for Airlie Primary School. We will help Mr Moncreiff organise festivals and lots of other opportunities to represent the school. We hope to put achievements up on a notice board, we will update the school website and we will do questionnaires and talks at assembly. Last but not least, we will do a survey to see what sports are popular in our school. Hopefully you now know a little more about what Junior Ambassadors do.



Emergency Weather Arrangements

In the event of snow, decisions to close or keep Airlie School open prior to the school day will be posted to the Angus Council web site (www.angus.gov.uk) on the "School Status" page. If a decision has been taken the previous day, information will also be available on Tay Connect (0844 855 1724) and/or Angus Council's ACCESS line (08452 777 778) and will also be broadcast on Radio Tay (Tay AM NW 1161/1584 KHz or Tay FM 102.8/96.4 MHz) when available. If a decision is made to close school during the course of the day we will inform parents by calling the main contact's mobile phone or emergency contact to collect children, or an announcement will be made on Radio Tay. **Please ensure all emergency contacts and mobile numbers are up to date.**

In service Days and Mid Term Holiday

The school will be closed on Thursday 11th February for Pupils for In Service Day. On Friday 12th February and Monday 15th February the school will be closed for our mid term break. I do hope you all enjoy your long weekend.

Student Placement—There will be a PGDE Student in school from 25th January—4th March. Mrs Eadie will be in the Nursery 25th January—29th January and in the P1-3 class 1st February—4th March

Parents Evenings - will take place as follows:
Wednesday 16th March and Thursday 17th March

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

We are delighted to welcome Grace Myllie and her family to the Nursery this term.

The children have been looking at the disruption and damage that the recent flooding has caused within the local area and have been finding out about all the people who have helped with the clear up operations. This will lead on to investigating about others in our wider environment who help us in our daily lives.

The children have also been busy looking after the birds in this unsettled weather and have made some very tasty fat balls to put into their feeders in the garden.

Callum, Diana, Archie and Mollie making the fat balls



Farmhouse Breakfast 29th January—Tayside Contracts and the RHET are organising this event in school. The aim is to promote breakfast not only as an important start to the day but also to show how to make it an easy quick meal as well. All produce on offer will be produced in Scotland were possible. Children will be encouraged to try as many things as they wish. Products will include different types of bread, cereals, yoghurt and juice. There may be photos taken for publicity purposes **if you do not want your child** to be in the photo please contact the school.

Anti Bullying Policy Update

As you will now I am keen to meet with parents on Monday 1st February at either 2.30pm or 5.15pm to discuss what bullying and behaviour, what bullying looks like and gain views on how we deal with these issues in school. If you can please come along and support us in improving our school. The sessions will be no more than forty five minutes. The second session will be before our Parent Council meeting which starts at 6:00pm

Children in Need—Although this seems a long time ago now the final total raised by the school was £1110.06 which was fantastic. Mrs Pattullo organised a Children in Need donation box at the Christmas Fayre held in Airlie Hall. This raised £43.00 which she kindly added to the schools collection. Making the final total £153.06. Well done everyone and thank you for your generosity.