

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



19.11.15	SSPCA talk in all classes
13.11.15	BBC Children in Need
24.11.15	Parent Council Snowman Drive
26 & 27.11.15	In service Days
30.11.15	St Andrews Day Holiday
7.12.15	Dundee Rep Workshop in school
08.12.15	P7 visit to Webster's
09.12.15	Pre-school to Newtyle PS M&M productions
11.12.15	P1-7 Dundee Rep The Witches
16.12.15	Christmas Show
18.12.15	P1-3/Pre-school Nativity
18.12.15	Nursery and P1/2 Christmas Party
21.12.15	Christmas Parties P1-3 / P4-7
22.12.15	Pre-school party
	End of Term School finishes at 3pm



Parent Comment

If you have any comments you wish to make, issues you would like to raise or successes you would like to share, please do so below and return the slip to school.

Comments :

Airlie Primary School and Pre-school



November 2015 Newsletter

*Dear Parents,
Welcome back to our new term leading up to Christmas. We are well into Autumn with cold and wet weather being thrust upon us. If the weather forecasters have got it right we are due for cold winter months ahead! Please can you make sure your child/children have warm jackets, hats, scarves and gloves so that they can continue to have an enjoyable term. Please also can these items be named, lots of these clothing do end up in our lost property box!*

Coming into school/ communication.

Can I ask that all parents/visitors to the school please come to school via the main entrance, especially at the start / end of the day. If you should need to speak to your child's teacher or head teacher please call at the school office where a mutually acceptable time can be arranged. Equally a message may be left at the office for a member of staff

PE/ Indoor Shoes

Please can you to check that all **named** PE kits are in school at the start of every week and that your child also has suitable indoor shoes to wear during the school day and for PE. Also if your son or daughter has long hair it should be tied back during PE so your child will require a hair bobble and if your child cannot take out pierced earrings, plasters should be provided.

Dalguise visit 9th – 11th September

P7 visited children Dalguise for 3 days of activities accompanied by Miss Robertson and Mrs Mapping. The highlights were Jacobs Ladder Zip wire, Climbing wall, the Catwalk and Canoeing. They were all very enthusiastic about their visit and meeting pupils from other schools. We were also highly praised for the excellent behaviour of the children, which is wonderful news. Many thanks to Miss Robertson and Mrs Mapping for supporting this worthwhile trip.

Parent Council Halloween Party

On Thursday 29th October the Parent council invited all pupils to a on a Halloween Party. The children all made a fantastic effort with their costumes and some wonderful pumpkin lanterns were entered into the competition. Many thanks to all the helpers who helped with the preparation and organising the party.

Nativity/Christmas Show

The Christmas show this year will be Hansel and Gretel on **16th December** at 7:0pm in Airlie Hall. The Preschool and P1-3 class will be doing The Bossy King **18th December** at **11:00am** in School. A list of items required for costumes and set decoration will be sent home soon.

Christmas Parties

Pre-school Christmas party will be on **Monday 21st December**. The P1-3 pupils will have their party in the school hall and P4-7 in Airlie Hall. The idea is for there to be no school dinners on that day and ask children some bring in items for the party. More details on this will follow nearer the time. Pre-School party will be on **22nd December**

School Photos

We must apologise again for the mix up with the date of the school photos. David Lozowry came today and the photographs will be ready to be purchased in time for Christmas.

Parent Council Snowman Drive—24th November Letters were sent home asking for help and interest in this Fund Raiser.



Dundee Rep 11th December

*This year the P1-7 classes are going to Dundee Rep to see *The Witches*. The cost will be £7.50 per child and the Parent Council are very kindly paying for the cost of transport. All children will need to arrive at school no later than 9:00am as the bus will leave sharp at 9:15 am*

Open Afternoon 11th November

Miss Robertson informed parents, carers and grandparents about Growth Mindsets and Miss Robertson will give a presentation on the Day in Airlie School. Parents were then be given the opportunity to see their child working in class.

Growth Mindsets

We have introduced Growth Mindsets at assembly and this has brought about some excellent conversations. You will have received with this this newsletter information about what a Growth Mindset is. In reading it I am sure you will be thinking about which mindsets we as adults have also. Please feel free to get in touch and ask questions about this exciting development.

Language of Learning

We have been introducing the Language of Learning to children. You may have heard your children talking about the Learning Pit and tools they will need to get out of the pit. Real meaningful learning is not easy so we are exploring this with the children and identifying the feelings the children will have when they are learning. In school we are developing our display boards with the children, looking at our brain. More information can be found on the following website: <http://vimeo.com/128462566>

Vision Values and Aims

Many thanks to all the parents who completed the questionnaire on what is important to them. I am keen to get as many parents opinions and would ask if you could complete the sheet coming home with your child next week. We are trying to create a short but interesting motto for our school. The children are coming up with some lovely interesting mottos but we would also love your ideas. Be creative please. I would love it if it was inspirational i.e. One of the children's suggestions was 'Reaching for the Stars.' I am hoping to put all the suggestions to the pupils for a vote.

Rag Bag

Thank you to everyone who donated their old clothing/linen. We have not received a cheque yet but a total of 145kg was recorded

Recycling

In a drive to cut down on the quantity of rubbish we have as a school we are trying to recycle as much as possible. In order to maintain this I am proposing that the children recycle juice cartons etc. at school. The only concern we have is for yoghurt pots which need washing before being recycled. Please can I ask that the children take home any finished yoghurt pots for parents to recycle at home. Any yoghurt not finished will be put into the food waste bins in school. Please let me know if there are any issues with this.

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 MW 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 text message to the main contact's mobile phone where possible to collect children, or an announcement will be made on Radio Tay. **Please ensure all emergency contacts and mobile numbers are up to date.**

Absences

We are becoming concerned about the number of children who are coming into school late and having days of absence for non medical reasons. We are developing the childrens skill for work, learning and life and also exploring the skills and attributes that they require both now and in the future. One of the skills we are exploring is time keeping and we hope that you can support our child further by developing this skill by having them in school regularly and on time. Attainment is linked to regular, punctual attendance and it is very disruptive for the teacher when children come into school late and have missed teaching input. As always please let me know it we can offer additional support with this.

Webster High School Transition

I am delighted to inform you that our P7 children attended the first of their transition days at Webster's High School on Monday 21st September which they all thoroughly enjoyed. They will be back at Webster's for another day on Tuesday 8th December. The arrangements for this day will remain the same. Parents of P7 and S1 pupils were also invited to a Parent Information Evening. I have had a very positive feedback from this. Both Airlie School and Webster's High are keen to continue to improve P7 to S1 transition. We received excellent feedback from last years P7 children but would be keen to have any feedback positive or negative.

Survey Monkey

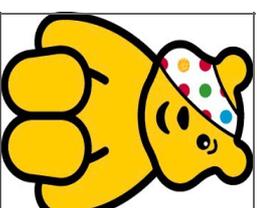
Many thanks to all parents who completed the survey monkey questionnaire. The results showed that 100% of parents strongly agreed that we make their child/children feel confident. 100% of parents who responded said their child/children enjoy learning at school, was progressing well and was encouraged and stretched to work to the best of their ability. 100% of completed returns indicated that we treat their child fairly at school, that we know their child as an individual and support them well and that they were happy overall with the school. 17% of parents would like more information on their children's progress and this will be discussed further in order to provide parents with more information. As always we appreciate your feedback.

School Lunches.

Can I please remind P4-7 parents to hand in lunch money along with Dinner slips every Monday. This greatly helps with any confusion as to what children are having for lunch. Thank you for your co-operation.

Christmas Lunch - date to be confirmed

Our Christmas Lunch is always a very festive occasion. We hope as many children as possible will decide to have Christmas Lunch on the day. It will be turkey, sausages and all the usual trimmings followed by ice cream and a shortie biscuit. Everyone has a cracker to pull and there will be Christmas songs.



CHILDREN IN NEED. Friday 13th November. Pudsey Hunt/Ramble

This year the staff will organise a Pudsey Hunt for the children to take part in. They will go out for a walk on Friday afternoon and look for Pudsey signs that will have been posted along the walk. There will also be a Tasty Tuck shop with pots of jelly, pancakes, Party ring biscuits and some other tasty snacks available. The most expensive item will be 30p for fruit flakes. Pupils can pay a £1 to come dressed as they please on Children in Need day. All proceeds from the "dress as you please" and the tuck shop will be sent to Children in Need. There will be no merchandise on sale.