

# Luthermuir Primary School

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## Upcoming Events

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct –  
Halloween Disco

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – ALEC Life  
Education to visit

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Nov – P5 trip to  
Dynamic Earth

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Panto trip  
(am)

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas  
Jumper Day

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of Term 1. The children and staff have had a very busy term and it has been lovely to see their energy and enthusiasm as they settle in to their new classes and routines.

Fiona Thomson  
Acting Head Teacher  
*Fiona Thomson*

## Office Hours

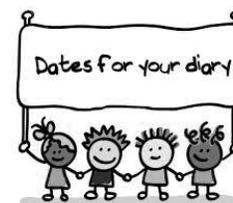
The School office hours are **8.30am – 12.30pm** and **1.30pm to 3.40pm, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**. There is limited cover after 12.00pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. Out with these times your call may not be answered but will instead be forwarded to our answering machine which is checked regularly.

## School Transport



It has been brought to our attention that some pupils are not behaving appropriately on the school bus. We would like to remind pupils that irresponsible behaviour can distract the driver and cause an accident and will not be tolerated. If you have any questions about school transport or would like to raise a concern, please contact Aberdeenshire Council Transport department on **01224 665196**

Transport does not come under the remit of the school but in situations where children's safety is at risk we would appreciate it if you let us know.



## Easy Fundraising

Sign up for the Easy Fundraising app and raise money for school funds when you shop online!

## School Improvement Plan

Our School Improvement Plan this session focuses on Leadership of Learning, Teaching, Learning and Assessment, Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion; and Raising attainment and achievement. It can be viewed on our school website, along with a more child friendly format.



## PTA

Following a successful AGM in September I would like to welcome Faye Jamieson as our new PTA Chair. There was fantastic support at our last meeting and we hope to see more faces at future events. Our chocolate tombola last Saturday raised £130 for school funds and we have just ordered new PE and outdoor equipment for the pupils to enjoy!

## Volunteers

We are delighted to have some new volunteers helping with our Reward Break on Friday afternoons. If you are interested in getting involved then please contact the school office to let us know. Any support is welcome.

*Every child has the right to relax, play and join in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.*

## Pupil Participation Groups

Through our pupil participation groups our children are developing the skills for learning, life and work as they take on roles such as chairing meetings, recording minutes and reporting back to fellow classmates, staff and parents. They will be involved in organising events and communicating with other partners to support the school.

### **Pupil Council**

The role of the Pupil Council is to work together to help make our school the best it can be. We will meet regularly to discuss ideas, share problems and decide on the most effective ways to change and improve our school!

## **School Holidays and In-Service Dates 2017/2018**

Term 1 Ends Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Oct

Term 2 begins Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct

In-Service Days - Mon 13<sup>th</sup>/Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Nov

Term 2 Ends Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec

Term 3 begins Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan

Mid term break Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> – Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb (Inclusive)

In-Service – Tues 13<sup>th</sup>/Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Feb

Term 3 Ends Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> March

Term 4 begins Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

May Day holiday Mon 7<sup>th</sup> May

Term 4 Ends Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July



## **ECO Group**

Our ECO group will be working hard this year to help make a positive change. We are going to work towards Green Flag status.

## **RRSA**

Our aim is to make Luthermuir School a safe & inspiring place to learn, where children's rights are respected, their talents are nurtured & they are able to thrive. We are working towards our RRS Level 2 award. Well done to Islay Carnegie and Alec Barr who won our Article of the month competition.



## **Careers Week**

In January we are hoping to hold a Careers Week. The aim of this week is to develop pupils understanding of the different jobs that people do and the skills that are required for any job, for example, time keeping, communication, listening, manners, good organisational skills etc.

A letter will be coming out with more details shortly and we will be asking for volunteers to come in to school and speak to the children.

## **First Aid Training**

Our P5-7s enjoyed taking part in First Aid training at Fettercairn Primary. Thank you to the MPCC for helping to fund this worthwhile opportunity. The children enjoyed the training although we appreciate it was a lot for them to take in over a short time but still very worthwhile.

## **Parent Contact Meetings/MacMillan Fundraiser**

It was lovely to see all our parents at our parent consultations and MacMillan fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who donated baking and came along to support this worthwhile cause. We were delighted to raise £80 for the charity.

## **Christmas Card Orders**

Please make sure all Christmas card orders are handed in to school. Please note that any late orders will not be accepted.

As always, we value your opinions. Please let us know if you feel we are doing well at something or if there is something you think we could be doing better. You can get in touch by phone 01674 840304 or email [Fiona.J.Thomson@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:Fiona.J.Thomson@aberdeenshire.gov.uk).

Working in partnership achieves the best outcomes for our young people, our school and our community!

Have a lovely October break.

Kind regards,

*Fiona Thomson*

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