**Aberchirder Primary School Term 2 Newsletter**

Welcome back

I hope you have all had a nice October break and are looking forward to the term ahead.

Please see below for important dates:

Thursday 18th November 2021 – Inservice Day, school closed to pupils

Friday 19th November 2021 – Inservice Day, school closed to pupils

Thursday 16th December 2021 – Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 21st December 2021 – Last day of term. School closes at 3pm

Class Newsletters

These will be emailed out to classes next week and will contain information around learning and teaching that is taking place this term. PE times have already been e-mailed out to all parents/carers. Please note that PE is taking the same format as term 1. This means pupils should come to school on the day they have PE before lunch (wearing clothing that are suitable for outdoors) and also have a change of shoes for indoors, and should bring PE kit with them to change into if they have PE in the afternoon. Indoor shoes can be left in school throughout the term and taken home before the holidays.

Weather

Please ensure that pupils come to school each day with a suitable jacket, appropriate footwear and any addition items (hats, gloves etc) for being outdoors, particularly as the colder weather is creeping in. **As mentioned above children should also ensure that they have a change of shoes in school.** This is to allow pupils to change before they come into class, especially if they wear wellies or play in the wood areas to ensure that classrooms are being kept clean and an enjoyable space for using.

Children in Need

This year we are participating in Children In Need. This will take place on Wednesday 17th November 2021 (due to school inservice days the remainder of the week). Pupils are invited to dress as you please, wearing items of Pudsey colours (yellow, red, green and blue) and of course any Pudsey items. Donations are also welcome if you wish and any monies raised will go to Children in Need.

Antibullying Week

As part of school improvement (our you said/ we did approach) we are taking part in Antibullying week which starts on Monday 15th November 2021. During this week pupils, staff and parents will have the opportunity to undertake activities around anti bullying, particularly how bullying is defined and how we tackle bullying at Aberchirder Primary School. More information on parent sessions will follow in due course. As well as this we have PC Fraser visiting the school for sessions with the pupils and a variety of health and wellbeing lessons being delivered across the school.

Interim Reports

Pupils will be issued with interim reports this term as part of our Reporting to Parents Calendar. These will go out towards the end of term and will have an accompanying letter to support with the reports contents.

Christmas Lunch

An email has already been sent communicating that Christmas lunch is taking place on Thursday 16th December 2021. Please can the email be responded to no later than end of day Friday 5th November 2021 to allow the canteen to place food orders and get preparations underway.

Christmas Concert

Unfortunately current restrictions still mean that we are unable to have parents in for shows/concerts this year however we are planning to do a virtual concert. Details on when this will be released will follow in due course and any items which classes are looking for will be emailed out to individual classes.

Christmas Parties/ Pantomime

Christmas parties will take place on the following dates:

P1 and P2 – Friday 17th December 2021

P3 and P4/5 – Thursday 16th December 2021

P5/6 and P6/7 – Monday 20th December 2021

On the day of the party pupils can come to school appropriately dressed for the party as this year we are able to use the hall for some games and dancing. Parties will take place from 11am and will be followed by a virtual pantomime.

I hope your son/ daughter has an enjoyable term and should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Kind Regards

Lisa Campbell

Head Teacher

Aberchirder Primary School