Aberchirder Primary School – Term 4 Newsletter

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and I am delighted to welcome you all back to the final term of the session, especially since we are in a position of restrictions significantly easing in relation to Covid-19 guidelines. As a result of these restrictions we are resuming to some pre covid events which are detailed below.

Lunches

Please find attached the new school lunch menus which were also previously issued prior to the holidays. Could we politely ask parents to ensure that pupils know what is on the menu each day as we have an increasing number of pupils coming to school who then do not like the choices and require contact to be made with home.

Weather

Due to the changing weather could we politely ask that even in nice weather pupils continue to come to school with jackets, even if these are kept in bags. Pupils should also consider taking items such as sun hats and sunscreen with them particularly as we are hoping to be outside where weather allows.

Please note that sunscreen should come to school in a labelled bag (which can be left in trays) and pupils will be encouraged as much as possible to apply this themselves therefore consider what type of sunscreen you are sending in.

PE

Pupils will continue to undertake PE as much as possible outdoors, especially as the nicer weather is hopefully here for the term. Pupils will have access to changing rooms therefore gym kits do no require to be worn on PE days. Instead pupils should take a PE kit to school which can be left on pegs/ in the classroom. Please ensure PE kits consist of a change of top and bottoms which are suitable for movement based activities (t-shirt and shirts/jogging bottoms) as well as a pair of indoor shoes. Outdoor are also suggested if pupils wear shoes/ boots rather than trainers to school. Please also note that pupils are expected to participate in PE unless we have received communication from parents to say otherwise.

Sports Day

Sports days has been scheduled for 3 dates (1st attempt – 11th May 2022, 2nd attempt – 18th May 2022 and 3rd attempt – 25th May 2022). The format of the day will be as follows:

-Competitive races in the morning (9.30am start). Race types to be decided between staff (P1-3 go together and P4-7 go together). Helpers also being organised.

-Potted sports from 1.30pm – 2.30pm approx..

Parents are invited to attend all events but will be required to leave the ground between 12pm and 1.15pm to allow for lunchtime as well as clearing and setting up of resources. Could we please also ask that during events parents stay within the allocated areas and discourage children from leaving their classes.

Leavers Assembly and Prizegiving

The leavers assembly and prizegiving is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 8th June 2022. This is due to start at 9.30am and finish at 11am approx. We are delighted to communicate that this will take place face to face and look forward to seeing you all back for this event.

Jubilee

Parents are invited to come along to the school on Wednesday 1st June from 1.30pm-2.45pm for a fun filled afternoon as part of celebrations for the Queens Platinum Jubilee. This is planned to take place outdoors so please dress accordingly.

End of Year Pupil Reports

Pupils will be issued with end of year reports towards the end of May/ start of June. An email will be sent to communicate when these are issued.

Transition

Transition paperwork and activities have already started taking place for our Primary 7 pupils and information in relation to our new Primary 1 starts will follow in due course. In addition throughout the term we will also be making arrangements for transition meetings with families where appropriate as well as implementing some transition activities for all pupils.

Key Dates

Tooth Varnishing Nursery & P1 – P4 - Tuesday 26th April 2022

Tooth Varnishing Nursery & P1 – P4 - Wednesday 27th April 2022

Blood Donors - Thursday 12th May 2022

Summer Fayre - Friday 20th May 2022

Jubilee and Occasional day holidays (school closed) - 2nd, 3rd and 6th June 2022

Leavers Assembly - Wednesday 8th June 2022

P7 Trip to Greenwood Loch - Thursday 9th June 2022

P7’s Last Day - Friday 10th June 2022

Whole School Activity Day - Wednesday 15th June 2022

Last day of term - Friday 1st July 2022

I hope you are all looking forward to the term ahead and we are delighted to be able to welcome you back into the school for the various events we have planned. Class newsletters will follow next week detailing more specific class related information but in the meantime if you have anything you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to contact the office to make arrangements.

Kind Regards

Lisa Campbell