



Dyce Newsletter - November 2017



This Newsletter brings some updates for the new term. We are currently awaiting the publication of our inspection report. As soon as we have this we will begin to build on next steps and link these in with our School Development Plan. I will ensure that details of this are shared with you as soon as possible.

Miss Petrie (Acting Head Teacher) ©

MRS PATERSON'S RETIREMENT

After forty years of service Mrs Norma Paterson has made the decision to retire. Mrs Paterson has asked me to convey to you all that she has loved every minute teaching the children under her care and has enjoyed working with her friends and colleagues at Dyce Primary School. Her committed and valued service was recently recognised at a ceremony where she was awarded a long service award.

Mrs Paterson will be missed hugely by both staff and pupils at Dyce and really has had a huge impact on both school development and so many families within the community. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her every happiness in what I hope is a very relaxed but well deserved retirement. I personally would like to thank Norma for all of her support and hard work during my time at Dyce.



DYCE LEARNING - STAFF DEVELOPMENT

This term we will be continuing to work with Juliet Robertson to develop our Outdoor Learning. This has a Numeracy focus, however, staff are now extending this to other areas of the curriculum as well. Every class is being encouraged to access the outdoors to enhance learning experiences so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately, particularly as the weather is somewhat colder now.

All teaching staff and Pupil Support Assistants are attending Emotion Coaching during the upcoming In-service Day. This is being delivered by our Educational Psychology service alongside the Primary Schools in the Bucksburn ASG. Following on from the training we will then look at adapting our Behaviour Management Policy. This will be shared for consultation with pupils, parents and stakeholders as well. Our main focus for Staff Development this session will be continuing to develop our Curriculum Rationale. We hope to be able to host a Curriculum Information Evening in the new year to share our development with parents. Watch this space!

SECURITY

I am delighted to have come back from our holidays to the school fence now completed. We are currently waiting for the padlocks to arrive and then all gates will be locked during the school day. This will mean that parents who are coming into school will need to enter and leave school via the main office.

There have been some teething problems with the Primary 1 pupils moving their line in order to access the Red Unit more easily. Can I please ask all parents to stand back from the line once the bell has gone? Some of our children are finding it extremely difficult to get past other parents on their way in.

It has also been brought to our attention that some parents are taking their dogs into the playground. No pets should be in our school grounds. We would also ask that parents are mindful that some children are scared of dogs and approaching a gate with a dog nearby can be a daunting experience for them.

We will provide an update of some of the issues related to the fence in the upcoming weeks. If there is anything that you feel has perhaps not been highlighted to me then please feel free to put a note into the school office for me.



Comments, Compliments, Concerns...

Please use the space below to let us know if you have any further suggestions for improvement.

If you would like someone to get in touch to discuss this further then please provide your contact details and tick here.