



Dear Parents and Carers,

I have had a wonderful first month at Dyce School and have been very impressed by the behaviour, positive attitude and hard work of the pupils.

Our Children in Need was organised by our Primary 7 pupils and they most certainly rose to the challenge and created a fantastic day for the whole school. As well as raising over £700 everyone had lots of fun and enjoyed a treasure hunt, a 'beat the goalie' challenge and Pudsey art competitions. The Virtual Bake off was a huge success. Well done to Primary 7 for your shining bright with your leadership skills and to all our pupils for their excellent behaviour throughout the day.



Children in Need Winners

Congratulations to everyone and particularly to our winners!

Virtual Bake-off

Ashton Mewse, Chloe Jappy and Bethan Frost

Pudsey Art Competition

Sky George, Lucy Duff and Kaydee-Leigh Esson

Outdoor Learning

I have been joining classes across the school on their daily outdoor learning and have enjoyed the creativity and variety of learning across the curriculum as well as the very obvious fun and enjoyment. We are looking to further develop the many learning opportunities outdoors. Please make sure your child comes to school with warm clothes and a change of indoor shoes as we continue with our outdoor learning.

Staffing updates

We are delighted to welcome Mr Sturrock to our staff. Mr Sturrock has two roles - two days as our DHT and three days as class teacher. Mr Sturrock will be supporting classes across the school. At times this will be working with small groups of children or team teaching with class teachers.

Mrs Shinnie will be returning to her role as Deputy Headteacher after being on maternity leave with Aodhán her beautiful baby boy. Mrs Shinnie will be in school every Wednesday until the end of this term and then will return full time after the February mid term break.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Milne, who has recently been appointed as our School Office Support and will be in our school office supporting Mrs Reynolds.

Respect for others

At the heart of Scotland's Curriculum is the development of the four capacities.



During December, we will be focusing on Responsible Citizens and helping our school community understand and demonstrate respect for others. This will include encouraging all our pupils to take responsibility for their own learning, look after the school and community environment and be responsible for their own behaviour. We will also be respecting different ways of celebrating.

As a school community, please help us to reinforce the message of respect for others. We would greatly appreciate the support of our parents and carers not to stop, drop off or park on the double yellow lines around the school. This has resulted in numerous complaints to the school from concerned parties about the health and safety issues.



Christmas at Dyce School

Christmas might not look the same this year at Dyce School, but we are all determined to aim high and shine bright. The Parent Council has generously paid for the online panto, Jack and the Beanstalk, which includes a Dyce School Special virtual meet with the main characters. They have also given each class a donation to help towards the class parties and craft materials. Please can children come dressed in their own choice of clothes on the day of their party. They will not be able to change in school and will be outdoors at breaktimes.

Please can you help us by considering the following -

Christmas cards - think about making one card for the whole class or perhaps make a natural decoration for the Winter Wonderland.

If you were thinking of a present for your teacher, maybe make a donation to the local food bank instead?

We are looking for unwanted ceramic tiles for the children to decorate for our Winter Wonderland. If you have any, please leave in the crate outside the school office.

Makaton

On our journey towards becoming a Makaton Friendly School all classes will have workshops with an Ambassador from The Makaton Charity. The children will be learning Christmas related Makaton signs and symbols and even learning to sign some of their favourite Christmas songs. We look forward to sharing this with you.

Contexts for learning

Our Autumn Leaves in the field created a wonderful context for learning across all stages. [Click on this link to find out more.](#)

Our Winter Wonderland will provide a rich context for this and classes will all be taking responsibility to help create and care for this. We look forward to working with several different partners who will be working outdoors with classes. Primary 7 will also be organising whole school outdoor challenges.

Medication Consent Form

A Medication Consent Form form has been attached and can also be downloaded from the school website. Please note that school staff will not, as a matter of course, administer medication to pupils. Agreement has to be authorised by the school. The form must be completed and emailed to the school and medication must be taken to and collected from the front reception by the parent or carer.

Homework

P7 will share a Twelve Days of Christmas whole school homework challenge next week. Families are invited to join in with their children to complete as many of the twelve challenges as they can over the next three weeks and share on their Google Classrooms. The only other homework during this time will be reading and spelling.

Thank you

All the staff at Dyce would like to thank the school community for adapting to the current restrictions. Our pupils have shown incredible resilience as they have taken onboard the routines of regular handwashing, staying in their own playground zones and entering and leaving the school responsibly. Thank you for all your support in making Dyce School a safe and happy place for the children.

Jenny Watson, Head Teacher

11th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
14th Dec	Blue Unit Party
15th Dec	Red Unit Party
16th Dec	Green Unit Party
16th Dec	School Christmas Lunch
18th Dec	Last day of term
5th Jan	First day of term