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Mintlaw Primary Newsletter

January 2016

Staffing

Delighted to share that following a successful interview, Miss Jill Garden has been appointed to our team here in Mintlaw and will continue to teach in the Primary 4 class. Miss MacKay our ASL teacher is currently absent and due to staffing shortages there is no cover.

Head lice

Please check your child's head regularly (we recommend weekly) and notify the school if you find head lice. Current advice on the treatment of head lice is available from your local pharmacist.

J-ROCK

We start back this week and letters have gone out to the children involved. However, if anyone has access to paints, fabrics or similar resources we will need for the show please contact Debbie Willox or the school office.

Fundraising Committee: date of next meeting is Tuesday 24th January at 6.30pm, we are aware that there is a P7 Parent meeting at the academy on the same night and can appreciate that our P7 parents will make this their priority. Laura will feedback to the rest of the committee any actions that need moved forward.

Reporting to Parents: Sharing the Learning: Burns Assembly

This year we would like to open our doors to our parents to join us in our Burns Assembly, Each class will take a turn at sharing their learning with their poems and maybe a song, at the end of the assembly parents are welcome back to the classes to continue to look at some of their children's learning. This is on Friday 27th January starting at approximately 1.20pm. Doors will open at 1pm. Children are encouraged to wear a touch of tartan and parents are welcome to join in with this too. As it is a whole school event numbers will be tight in the hall and initially will be limited to 2 per family, please complete and return the attached reply slip (emailed newsletters a paper copy of the slip will go home) by Friday.

Cross Country

The next event is 21st January at Catto Park in Peterhead and we would encourage as many P4-7 children to take part. See the Active Schools facebook page for more information and paper flyers have been handed out in school.

World Book Day: 2nd March 2017

This year to celebrate what would have been Roald Dahl's 100th birthday, we would like the children come dressed as a character from a Roald Dahl book, there are plenty to choose from so have fun being creative. There will be prizes for each class. On the following day we have a company coming in to do a whole school presentation and then workshops with each class based on a Roald Dahl book. We are looking forward to these two exciting days.

Respecting Privacy

Our staff work exceptionally hard for all the children in our school, and I am aware that our parents appreciate and support our team. I was therefore disappointed to hear that a member of staff was unable to shop after school without the sensitive contents of the shopping being discussed by parents on social media, this is an infringement on our privacy and I hope this won't happen again. Many of our staff live locally in the community and enjoy spending time in the community because we have such a positive relationship with our parents and community, we want this to continue.

In addition to respecting privacy, as a school we would struggle to deliver all the fantastic experiences we offer our children without the support of parents and parent helpers. A gentle reminder to our parents that as a helper in school or on a trip it is not acceptable to take photos on your own device, either camera or phone.

P1-3 Enterprise Shopping bags

We have our last remaining few bags for sale at the school office, only £5, first come first served.

Kind regards

Sarah Forrest
Head Teacher