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*Our School Values: Respect – Responsibility – Honesty – Kindness – Achievement - Happiness*

**Newsletter 24th August 2018**

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*Welcome everyone to the start of the new school year! The long, hot summer dragged by, but at last Monday came around and the entire staff at Aboyne and myself couldn’t wait to come back to school. We began the week with an unexpected change to our class configuration, with P3 becoming P3/4 on Monday during our In-Service day. This was due to a number of new families joining us just before the start of the term. However, the children and staff have all worked very hard to ensure a smooth start to the session and we are off to a great start. Many thanks for your support. We look forward to working closely with you and your children throughout the year.*

**Assemblies** – Last year we included a “Sharing the Learning” assembly every four weeks, as well as an assembly focusing on one of our key values. This year we will be adding to the themed structure. As well as individual class assemblies, Values focused assemblies and Sharing the Learning, our Additional Support Needs team will be leading a “SHANARRI” themed assembly regularly. What is SHANARRI?

GIRFEC (Getting It Right For Every Child) is the Scottish Government’s drive to improve outcomes for all children. SHANARRI is an acronym for the eight wellbeing indicators (see diagram) in the Health and Wellbeing curriculum, which aims to enable every child to develop and achieve.

We hope that you will be able to join us for your child’s class assembly. Parents, family and friends are warmly invited. Further details will be issued by class teachers nearer the time, but each term we will issue a reminder of assembly dates for advanced notice.

P1-3 assemblies are held on Mondays and P4-7 on Tuesdays this session, with some whole school assemblies. Pre-school Nursery children will be joining us for some assemblies.

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| Block 1 | Week 1 | 21 August | Welcome back – whole school |
|  2 | 27/28 August | Values 1 (Respect) |
|  3 | 3 / 4 September | House Assembly – House Captains |
|  4 | 10 / 11 September | Sharing the Learning |
| Block 2 |  5 | 17 / 18 September | SHANARRI |
|  6 | 24 / 25 September | **P5 Class Assembly** |
|  7 | 1 / 2 October | Values 2 (Responsibility) |
|  8 | 8 / 9 October12 October | Sharing the LearningEnd of Term Harvest Service in church |

**Staffing Update – Pupil Support Assistants** – We are delighted to welcome Mrs Linda Rankin and Mrs Nicola Blackhall, both of whom have joined our team on a part time basis this session. Over the holidays we received Mrs Dawkins’ resignation and so sadly she is not with us this term. We wish her all the best for the future and thank her for her hard work during her time in the Aboyne Cluster. The recruitment process is underway to find a replacement. In the meantime, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Sara Hunt back this term who will be with us on a full time basis, covering Mrs Dawkins’ days plus additional days funded through our government allocation for Pupil Equity Funding.

**Class Newsletters** – All class teachers will be issuing a newsletter at the start of next week. This will provide you with key information about what your child will be learning and how you can help, as well as additional information such as timetabling for P.E. We welcome feedback on how helpful you feel these are, including suggestions for any further information which you would like to be included.

**School Photographs** – just a “heads up” to say that letters will be issued next week with details of our school photographer visit which will take place on 14th September. Individual photos will be taken, with an option available for family shots. Look out for letters next week please and return the reply slip within the deadline to avoid disappointment.

**P6 Ski Trip Meeting** – again, a date for your diary with further details to follow next week. The information meeting for parents and pupils in P6 who wish to attend the ski trip this year will take place in school on 20th September at 6pm.

More news next week. In the meantime, if you have any queries regarding your child’s education or any aspect of school, in the first instance please contact your child’s class teacher. As always, my door is open if you feel that there is something which you need to discuss.

Best wishes

Amanda Whitfield