ABOYNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

**Newsletter 31st August 2018**

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

New Telephone Number!

01339 26 76 80

 1. Absence line 2. Speak to staff 3. Nursery

**Calling all Skiers!**

On 29th September a fun race event is taking place at 9am Alford Ski Centre. This event is run by Scottish Schools Snowsports Association.  All racers must be able to control their line and speed, link turns and use an uplift tow.  If your child wishes to apply to take part in this event, please email shaeron.smith@aol.co.uk **by Monday 3rd September 2018**.  Skiers from Aboyne Primary enjoyed great success throughout last season in particular and made us all extremely proud. The school greatly appreciates your support with this.

**Staffing Update** – As you may be aware from our newsletter at the end of last session, we are welcoming Mrs Terri Harrison (Additional Support Needs Teacher) to the staff team on Monday 3rd September, which brings our teaching team to a full complement. Mrs Harrison comes to us from Camphill School in Aberdeen, an independent school for pupils with additional support needs. We are delighted to welcome her.

**Scottish Learning Festival, Glasgow** – Exciting news! Recognising the success of our Tech Club and Tech Team which was developed in school by Mrs Lobban (Principal teacher) and Mr Brodie (Parent volunteer) over last session, Aboyne Primary have been invited by staff from Education Scotland to send a small group of children to present at this prestigious event on 20th September. Although we were initially asked just prior to the summer holidays, further information was only released yesterday – so this is short notice. Staff will select pupils on Monday and be in contact with parents. We are hopeful that we will be able to attend, as our school is the only one from Aberdeenshire. Well done Tech Club and Tech Team! Further details next week.

**Reminders:**

* **School Photographs** – just a reminder that our school photographer visit will take place on 14th September. Individual photos will be taken, with an option available for family shots. Please complete and return slips as soon as possible.
* **Annual Data Check Forms** – Thank you to everyone who has already returned their completed Pupil Data forms. As a reminder for those who have not done so yet, please return them to the office as a matter of urgency. It is really important that our records for your child are current.
* **P6 Ski Trip Meeting** –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.
* **School Calendar** – Most key dates can be found on the school calendar which was sent out earlier today. An updated copy of this will be sent out at the start of each term. However, please be advised that this is not a comprehensive list of dates and we would ask that you add any relevant additional dates (from the weekly newsletter) as the term progresses. Examples of this include Parents Evenings, P7 visits from Academy staff and others which are yet to be confirmed. Thank you.

More news next week.

Best wishes

Amanda Whitfield, Head Teacher