



# - ABOYNE PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL NEWSLETTER -

## A WARM WELCOME FROM OUR CHAIR:

I have been a parent at Aboyne Primary School for seven years and in October I took on the role of Chairperson. I must confess, I had not previously realised the ‘behind the scenes’ work involved by an amazingly committed & dedicated group of parents who form our Parent Council. Each one of them give up their time to deliver great things for our school, I would like to use my role to highlight the work they do to benefit our pupils.

As part of our constitution, one of the areas we concentrate on is communication. This is a matter that I am passionate about and it’s very important to me to get it right. Together with our staff team, we are going to pay particular attention to this area. Our first step is the introduction of our new-look monthly newsletter. We are all working together for the same thing, our children! So let’s do this, our journey starts here!

I hope you enjoy our run up to the Christmas holidays and delight in the excitement that Christmas brings, my girls can’t wait for their Christmas show! On behalf of the Aboyne Primary Parent Council we would like to wish you all a magical Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year.

Leanne

## A LOOK AHEAD:

13th	Nursery Christmas Show: 10:30am & 2pm
16th	Santa Dash - Village Green
17th	P1 Party - am / P2 Party - pm
18th	Concert Dress Rehearsal - 10:15am P4 Party - pm
18th	CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 6:30pm
19th	P3 Party - am / P5 Party - pm CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 1:15pm
20th	P6 Party - am / P7 Party - pm Nursery Party - am/pm
21st	Church Service - 9:30am Festive Dress Down Day

## CHRISTMAS CONCERTS:

This year we have managed to secure the use of the theatre for our Christmas Concerts!

Please note that the concert dates have now changed to the last week of term...

Evening Performance - Tuesday 18th

Afternoon Performance - Wednesday 19th

## ABOYNE PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON:	LEANNE DUNCAN
SECRETARY:	ANGELA FLETCHER
TREASURER:	JULIE REID
TEACHER REP:	FIONA WALMSLEY
FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATOR:	BECKI REDMOND
CLASS REP CO-ORDINATOR:	LUCY WISELY
CURRICULUM SUB GROUP:	CORRI O’SHEA

### ORDINARY MEMBERS:

ABI TURLEY | CLAIRE WALLACE | JAMES FLYNN | JEMMA MOIG |  
LAURA ROBERTSON | NICOLA EWEN | SHAERON SMITH | VALERIE HOSSACK

### FUNDRAISING TEAM:

ABI TURLEY | BECKI REDMOND | CLAIRE WALLACE | ELAINE WALKER |  
FIONA WALMSLEY | GILLIAN BRYNES | JEMMA MOIG | JENNY BLAIR |  
NICOLA EWEN | SARAH SARGENT | SHAERON SMITH | SHARON BARR



Congratulations to **Donna Lee**  
who won the family ticket for Santa’s Train at Crathes!  
Raising **£128** towards Parent Council funds!

If you would like a hard copy of our newsletter or would like to speak to us about your views please contact us by email:

[aboyneprimaryparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:aboyneprimaryparentcouncil@gmail.com)

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE STAFF TEAM:**

Festive Greetings from Aboyne Primary. We are all getting into the spirit of the season with the sound of children singing in preparation for the Christmas Show. We know that all families are looking forward to seeing their children perform on stage at the Community Centre.

Following on from very positive feedback, "Week in A Jotter" will be taking place in December. Once the jotter has been sent home, we would encourage you to sit down with your child and spend time talking about the learning that has taken place.

As the weather turns more crisp and wet, we would certainly encourage families to help all children dress appropriately for all types of weather. Wellies, saloppettes, snow boots, gloves and hats will quickly become part of the "getting ready for school" routine each morning. Please feel free to put an extra pair of socks in the ruck sack just in case your child's feet get wet. We hope you and your family have a very happy holiday and a restful break when it comes.

Cheryl Sharp, DHT

**Don't forget...  
Wrapper free Wednesday!**



## **Christmas Grand Raffle**

Drawn on 16th December

Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of December from our P7 pupils in the playground after school at £1/strip.

## **Festive Dress Down Day**

21st December

We are inviting all children and teachers to wear Christmas themed clothing on the last day of term. Donation towards the Parent Council funds welcome

*Christmas Dinner  
will be served on  
Thursday 13th  
December!*



## **READY STEADY READ:**

Together we raised a whopping £1200 through our sponsored Ready, Steady Read. Usborne have also gifted a further £720 of free books!

Special thanks to Emma Gauld who co-ordinated our event, Usbourne & every one of you who took part!

£1920 has been split evenly between each year group

## **NURSERY NEWS:**

Thank you to all those that helped raise money for the sponsored read and listen. Ms Finney and Ms Davenport have been busy flicking through the catalogue, organising a list to order and we look forward to having lots of new literacy resources. These resources will help support our literacy activities in nursery.

At the moment we only have one class rep for Nursery. Milly Leggat has volunteered for AM nursery. Could you help aid communication, be an additional link between staff and parents and help to encourage parent helpers for trips, etc? If you're able to help please get in touch with Lucy Wisely (Mum to Innes in AM nursery) or speak to a staff member who can pass on the message.

Mr Redmond

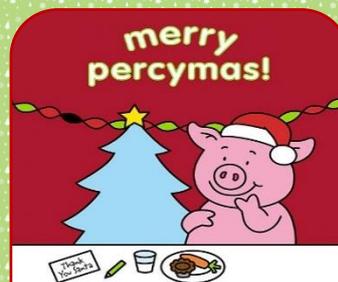
## **PARENT COUNCIL SPENDING**

Each year the Parent Council raise £3000 through various different activities which are kindly supported by our parents and our community.

With the money raised we were able to provide calculators for pupils use, fund the Christmas parties for all children and can purchase leaving presents for our P7's. We also gift each class £60 to spend on classroom supplies and £200 to spend on class outings or visitors to the class.

We have an additional annual target of £5000 for our Playground Improvements, can we hit our target again this year?

We will update you using this newsletter to let you know what our teachers and children have chosen to spend their money on!



Lucky squares are still on offer to win our M&S Christmas Hamper £1 per square available at the Boat Inn!



Over the winter months our classrooms would very much benefit from donations of boxes of tissues to try and keep those pesky germs at bay (... and little sleeves clean!)