

# Gourdon Primary School Newsletter



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Welcome back everyone! We hope you have had a fantastic summer, and we are looking forward to working with you all again this session. Plans and activities will be shared in due course, as usual, via the children's learning journeys throughout this session. As always, we are aiming to plan ahead as much as possible and keep everyone informed of events this session. I also wish to remind you all that this newsletter and all future letters will be posted on our school website along with a calendar of events which will be updated each month.

On behalf of all the staff, many thanks for your gifts and good wishes at the end of last session, it was a pleasure to teach your children and to watch them develop and progress across all aspects of school life.

If you wish to find out more about any of the items in this newsletter or have questions about anything else, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Miss Angela Wells (Head Teacher)

## SPECIAL WELCOMES

A very special welcome and well done for making such a super start to their first term in Primary 1 goes to Isla, Eva, Ava, Matilda, Innes, Max and Cameron. Welcome also to Ivy, Hannah, Robyn and Freya.

Our current role is 86.



## **MEET OUR STAFF**

Our classes for this session are:

P1/2 - Mrs Cormack  
P3/4—Mrs Boyd & Mrs MacFarlane  
P5/6 - Mrs Christie  
P7—Ms McDonald  
NCCT—Mrs Cook

Our Visiting Specialists for this Term are:

**MONDAY**

Ms Russon (Kodaly)

**WEDNESDAY**

Mrs Gray (Additional Support for Learning)  
Mrs Campbell (Strings)  
Mrs Collett (Intervention and Prevention Teacher)  
(IPT)

A full break down of all staff is available on our school website.

## P.E.

This term, PE will take place outside and so outdoor PE shoes and suitable clothing should be in school everyday for pupils.



P3/4 pupils will have PE on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 09:15. P3/4 are invited to come to school dressed in their outdoor PE kit with their school uniform in their school bags for changing into after their lesson.

Earrings can only be taped if ears are newly pierced; in all other cases they any other jewellery must be removed. Your child must be able to do this independently as staff are not allowed to.

This is Aberdeenshire policy.

## PUPIL VOICE

This session we have planned for each pupil in our school to be involved in a pupil voice group, led by a member of staff.

This session our Pupil Voice groups are:

- Right Respecting Schools
- Junior Road Safety Officers
- Eco Warriors
- Sports School Award
- Health and Wellbeing

Each Pupil Voice group will be meeting weekly to plan and take forward their action plans as part of our whole school improvement plan. If anyone can lend their support to any of our working groups, we would be delighted to hear from you.



## PARENT VOICE



This session we are asking for your thoughts as we evaluate and update our homework policy.

We will also be asking the pupils for their thoughts regarding homework and aim to produce a homework policy which reflects pupils, parent and staff's thoughts.

As a result, no formal homework will be sent home at the beginning of this term, but please, as usual, contact class teachers if you wish to have further details of the learning planned for your child as detailed in the Pupil Learning folders.

## PUPIL LEARNING PROFILES

Pupil Learning Profiles will be sent home with this term's planning and we ask you to discuss with your child the learning taking place. At the end of the term the profiles will be shared with home again to allow yourself and your child to have the opportunity to share and reflect on their learning. Any Learning profile folders that did not make it back to school at the end of last session, have been replaced but if they are found at home or similar, it is never too late to bring back to school!



## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Our weekly celebrating success assemblies are planned for each Monday afternoon. All pupils are invited to share any celebrations they have achieved outside of school, e.g. earning badges in Brownies or progressing through swimming lessons.

We are also continuing with our house points this session and each marble earned also earns a house point which are recorded by House and Vice Captains weekly. House and Vice captains will be voted for by the whole school this year. P7 pupils will also be invited to apply to become Prefects.



## BIBLE ALIVE

P5/6 and P7 will be working with Bible Alive this term each Tuesday morning in our school hall as part of their RME curriculum learning. We look forward to welcoming Bible Alive back to Gourdon.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



### MONDAY

Cross Country for P3 to P7 pupils at 15:30 to 16:30, outdoors with Mrs Boyd and Mrs Cook supporting.

### THURSDAY

Scottish Country Dancing for P3 to P7 at 15:30 to 16:30 with Miss Wells and Mrs Lawson.



Registration forms for both clubs will be sent home and confirmation of starting dates will follow.

## COMMUNICATION



If you have any concerns about any aspect of your child's schooling, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher or myself. Please note, Mrs Boyd is in class every Monday and Tuesday, Mrs MacFarlane is in class every Thursday and Friday. They work alternative Wednesdays. All staff are only too happy to see you or speak to you out with class time. Your support and involvement in your child's learning is not only welcome, it is vital to ensure they enjoy a positive school experience.

If for any medical reason your child is unable to participate in any area of the curriculum, please contact us by phone or a written note is required. Please also update us on any medical requirement, e.g. inhalers or glasses to worn etc.

All pupils also require an old outsize shirt or t-shirt to protect their clothing during art lessons. Water bottles are most welcome for all pupils as they can be re-filled throughout the day from the water fountain. Many thanks for your support.

## GENTLE REMINDERS

### LOST PROPERTY



We are starting to collect a number of lost items, jumpers, shoes and even the odd sock! Please ensure everything that your child brings to school is clearly labelled and encourage your child to take responsibility for their property.

Property not claimed at the end of term will be recycled.

### NO DOGS ALLOWED



Also to comply with Aberdeenshire's Dog Policy, no dogs are permitted within school grounds at any time of the day.

Please do not bring dogs into the school playground, this includes the school lane from McGill Terrace to Bank Street.

### NO SMOKING POLICY

Aberdeenshire COUNCIL



Smoking is not allowed on this site including buildings, grounds and car parks

In line with Aberdeenshire Council's non smoking policy, could I ask that we keep our school and school grounds a non-smoking area.

No smoking is permitted anywhere within our school grounds.

### SCHOOL CAR PARK



A gentle reminder that all adults and pupils should walk behind the railings beside the paths and not cut through the school car park at any time of the day.

# Dates for your Diary

August		September		October		November	
T 1		S 1		T 1		F 1	
F 2		M 2		W 2		S 2	
S 3		T 3		T 3		S 3	
S 4		W 4		F 4		M 4	
M 5		T 5	P1 pupils start full days	S 5		T 5	
T 6		F 6		S 6		W 6	
W 7		S 7		M 7		T 7	
T 8		S 8		T 8		F 8	
F 9		M 9		W 9		S 9	
S 10		T 10		T 10	Term 1 Ends	S 10	
S 11		W 11		F 11	In-Service	M 11	
M 12		T 12		S 12		T 12	
T 13		F 13		S 13		W 13	
W 14		S 14		M 14		T 14	
T 15		S 15		T 15		F 15	
F 16		M 16		W 16		S 16	
S 17		T 17		T 17		S 17	
S 18		W 18		F 18		M 18	In-Service
M 19	In-Service	T 19		S 19		T 19	In-Service
T 20	In-Service	F 20		S 20		W 20	
W 21	Term 1 Begins	S 21		M 21		T 21	
T 22		S 22		T 22		F 22	
F 23		M 23		W 23		S 23	
S 24		T 24		T 24		S 24	
S 25		W 25		F 25		M 25	
M 26		T 26		S 26		T 26	
T 27		F 27		S 27		W 27	
W 28	Lunch for P1 Pupils & Parents	S 28		M 28	Term 2 Begins	T 28	
T 29		S 29		T 29		F 29	
F 30		M 30		W 30		S 30	
S 31				T 31			