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Dear Parents,

A reminder that on Wednesdays we will have Mrs. Becky Baptie in working with us on fitness skills and running. The first session was last week but a number of our pupils did not have PE kit for the session. Please ensure your child brings outdoor PE kit on a Wednesday as we intend to work outdoors whenever possible. Becky has indicated that this week they may have to kneel on the ground so would benefit from wearing long joggers for this.

Uniform

We have noticed that some of our pupils are regularly not wearing uniform to school. We kindly ask that all pupils wear our school uniform, which consists of a navy sweatshirt, a yellow or blue polo shirt, and either grey, black, or navy trousers/skirt. The only exception to this is during outdoor learning sessions, which take place on Monday afternoons P4-7. For pupils in P1-3, specific instructions regarding clothing for outdoor learning will be shared as needed.

Please pop into school to look at our Swap Shop clothing if you need any items, we have quite a lot of uniform and would be delighted to give this to families to make use of.

New school uniform can be ordered online from Above All Designs <https://www.abovealldesigns.com/>

Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Play Challenge

Please enjoy a little clip of our P4-7 class working on a collaborative challenge to create a Play Park with movable structures. They did an amazing job and demonstrated many of the skills we are working to develop in school.



<https://youtu.be/GCSzEegt7OE>

P4-7 Homework

P4-7 will now be given spelling and maths homework on Monday to be returned on Friday. Please could you support your child by ensuring that homework is completed and ready to be handed in on time. Reading homework continues to be given on Wednesdays and Fridays for our class novels and work is carried out in class on what has been read at home. Many thanks for your support with this.

Community Café – Friday 1st March

Thank you to all those who helped at the recent community cafe, both with the running of the cafe and also in providing all the delicious cakes and snacks. We had a lovely morning working with our community and managed to raise £226.90 of which the school receives a half share of £113.45 for our chosen charity.

Primary 7 Transition

Wednesday 6th March:

P7 pupils will visit Echt School tomorrow morning to share and discuss transition with Mrs Anderson and Mrs Forbes from Alford Academy. This meeting takes place at 9am so please arrive at school by 8.50am if possible. Children will be transported by Mrs Black in her own car.

Thursday 14th March:

Tree of Knowledge workshop at Alford Academy, 11am – 12.30pm. ***Please note change of time from previous correspondence.***

Children will travel to Alford Academy by Premier Coaches along with pupils from Echt, Dunecht, Cluny and Monymusk. Leaving Midmar at 9.45am for an 11am start. Children will require a packed lunch – please let the school know in advance if you would like to order a school packed lunch. Bus will depart Alford at 1.30pm.

World Book Day

To mark World Book Day we will have a whole school paired reading session on Thursday 7th March. Children are welcome to bring their own favourite book to school for this activity.

School Dental Inspections Reminder – Friday 8th March

Dental Inspections for Primary 1 and Primary 7 will take place on Friday 8th March. A letter from NHS Grampian has already been issued separately for this. Please note if you do not wish your child to have this inspection, please notify us.

Rotary Quiz – Wednesday 13th March

A group of P6 and P7 pupils will be attending the annual Rotary Quiz in Alford on Wednesday 13th March. A reminder to those involved that the children need to be in Alford for 3.45pm (see previous email for details). Full school uniform must be worn. We wish them well and look forward to hearing how they get on!

Willow Workshop/Tunnel repair

Deeside Willow will visit school on the morning of Thursday 14th March to do a craft workshop/talk with the P4-7 class. They will assess the willow arch/tunnel in the millennium garden and let us know what it needs to get it back into shape, this may involve pupil/parent help at a later date, provisionally 30th or 31st March. Please let us know if this is something you may be interested in helping with.

Parent Council

The Beetledrive fundraiser will take place on Friday 22nd March at 7pm in Midmar Community Hall- please join us if you can and remember to bring your own snacks. Also, a reminder that our next Parent Council Fun Day planning meeting is on Tuesday 16th April at 6pm in the school hall.

Storage

If any parents have sheds/outbuildings that could home our Goblin cars then we would love to hear from you. These take up a lot of space in our shed and it would be ideal if we could put them into storage for the time being. Please get in touch if you are able to help with this.

Mrs McMillan

Mrs McMillan would like to thank everyone for the lovely flowers and chocolates received on her last day. She says she will really miss Midmar as it is a lovely school. Good luck Mrs McMillan – we will miss you!

Midmar Netball Update

Last Tuesday, Charlotte, Perry, Ruairidh, Frankie, Isla and Sophia attended the Kemnay Fun 5's Netball Festival. There were 22 teams attending which were split into 4 pools. Midmar played six seven minute games against Cluny, Elrick and Meldrum. The team played really well together, showing some great scoring, passing and defending. As the tournament progressed it was possible to see the children's confidence and skills growing.

There are lots more fun tournaments and Fun Days in the calendar, and we plan to restart the after-school netball training, possibly just before the Easter Holidays. Date to follow!

The list below shows all the Fun Fives and Fun days that we may attend.

If there are any other children who would like to try coming to the fun fives competition on 26th of March please let Lynn Worth or Lesley Tierney know.

26/03/2024	Tuesday	Alford Fun Fives	4-5.30
17/04/2024	Wednesday	Westhill Fun Fives	4-6.00
27/04/2024	Saturday	Cluny Funday	Morning
11/05/2024	Saturday	Midmar Funday	Morning
18/05/2024	Saturday	Craigievar Funday	Morning
20/05/2024	Monday	Alford Fun Fives	4-6.00
01/06/2024	Saturday	Skene Funday	Morning
06/06/2024	Thursday	Inverurie Fun Fives	4-6.00
22/06/2024	Saturday	Lumsden Funday	Morning

Houses



We have now voted on names for our new Houses and have decided on Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels. The children have designed their own House boards and will also have a House Point board where they will display a running total of their points. We enjoyed our first inter-house challenge last week where the children had to create a structure out of Kapla. The Eagles were the winners of this first challenge. Their exemplary teamwork, inclusivity, and focus ensured their success. Well done to all involved.



Yours sincerely,

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Diary Dates

Wednesday 6th March - P7 Transition at Echt School

Friday 8th March - P1 & P7 Dental Inspections

Wednesday 13th March - Rotary Quiz at Alford Community Campus, 3.45pm

Thursday 14th March - P7 Tree of Knowledge workshop at Alford Academy

Thursday 14th March – Willow Workshop

Friday 22nd March - Beetledrive 7pm in Midmar Community Hall

Thursday 28th March- Easter assembly 2.30pm

Easter holidays – last day is Thursday 28th March. School reopens on Monday 15th April 2024

Tuesday 16th April - Parent Council meeting, 6pm