# St Andrews Primary School

Newsletter January 2022

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## February Holiday and INSET Days2022

The School will be closed on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2002 for the mid-term break. We have INSET Days on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and the school will be closed to pupils.

The school will return on Thursday 17th February 2022.

#### Staff

We have a vacancy for a P5 teacher and the post is advertised at present, we will let you know once the position has been filled

## **Pupil Support Worker**

We have recruited a new Pupil Support Worker – Mrs Donna Falconer funded through our Pupil Equity Funding to support pupils with Health & Wellbeing and learning. Mrs Falconer was previously working as a Pupil Support Assistant.

#### **Student Teachers**

We have University of Aberdeen MA4 student teachers in school, Miss Natasha Gow working in P4W and Miss Angel McKay working in P5R. we have enjoyed having the students in school supporting our pupils and developing their teaching experience.

## **After School Clubs**

Tuesday

The After School Clubs have started this week and we are delighted that many of our pupils have signed up to attend. The clubs are free and there are still places available:

Monday Basketball P4-7 Yoga P2-3

Football P4-5 (no places)

Yoga P4-7

Games P2-3 (no places)

Wednesday Rugby P4-7



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#### **Parent Council**

The Parent Council have been approached by Parents with concerns about the safety around the school at the start and end of the school day. Traffic issues around the school is mostly being caused by parents dropping off/picking up their children, can we please work together to ensure all our children are safe and to prevent a tragic accident that could easily be prevented.

Last week a child was nearly knocked over at the infant building, this could have been prevented if the child had been left to cross with the lollipop person.

Can we please ask for your patience when picking up your children and to wait until the lollipop person can safely take them across the road. Please also remember not to park on double yellow lines around the school as it blocks the view of the road.

## **Parent Council Meeting**

The next Parent Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 at 6pm on Microsoft teams. Please contact Jodie Summers by email if you would like to attend.

sasafraserburgh@gmail.com

## PE Term 3

PE can take place indoors when the weather is not suitable for outdoors but changing is still not permitted. Pupils should continue to come to school on their gym day wearing the following;

- Trainers
- Leggings, joggers, tracksuit trousers etc
- Minimum of 2 layers e.g t-shirt and sweatshirt
- Waterproof jacket
- Hats and gloves can also be worn if Pupils wish

Can I also take this opportunity to remind parents that;

- Long hair must be tied back
- Jewellery must be removed. If earrings cannot be removed, they can be taped up.

Thank you.

### COVID-19

We continue to follow the guidelines for pupils and staff with COVID as follows:

Should your child be the one who tests positive, they will still be required to self-isolate for 10 days, they can return to school if they take a Lateral Flow Test and is negative on day 6 and 7 of isolation.

If your child is identified as a close contact, and is aged 5 or older, they will need to take a daily Lateral Flow Test for 7 days. If the daily test is negative



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they can continue to attend school. Children under 5 identified as close contacts will be encouraged, but not required, to take a test.

If your child becomes unwell when they are in school with any symptoms including a cough/cold we will contact you and ask you to take your child home. We will ask that you arrange for your child to be tested for COVID and to share the results of the test with us.

# **Staggered Arrival/Departure Times**

We will be continuing with the same start and finish times for all pupils during term 3 and thank you for your continued support.

## Parents/Carers - School Grounds

As part of our risk assessment we have to request that parents/carers do not enter the school grounds or school buildings.

If you need to contact the school or if your child has forgotten something can I ask you to phone the school office and the staff will arrange to help you.

## School Holidays 2021-22

Please follow the link below for information about the school holidays

School Year Calendar 20/21 - 24/25 (aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

# **Calendar 2021-22**

Term 3	
Wednesday 5 January	School reopens
Friday 28 January	Burns/Doric Assembly
Friday 28 January	Dress Down – Wear a Piece of Tartan
Tuesday 8 February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 10 February	Mid Term Holiday
Friday 11 February	Mid Term Holiday
Monday 14 February	Mid Term Holiday
Tuesday 15 February	INSET Day
Wednesday 16 February	INSET Day
Monday 21 February	Fairtrade Fortnight
Friday 25 February	Dress Down Day
Thursday 3 March	World Book Day
Friday 11 March	British Science Week
Friday 18 March	Red Nose Day
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	School closes for Easter Break