

Cairney School aspires to be a happy, safe and inclusive learning community where everyone is treated fairly and with respect and encouraged to be the best they can be. Through high-quality, enjoyable, learning experiences, we strive to inspire and challenge our learners to achieve their fullest potential. In our school, learning is an active, exciting, positive experience. We work in partnership with parents, carers and the wider community to enable our children to become

- **Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Responsible Citizens and Effective Contributors.**



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## Cairney School Newsletter No. 3: 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

A busy term is ahead of us culminating in our usual Christmas activities and celebrations! The children will soon begin to learn songs for this year's Christmas Show. Please help them to learn the words at home.

### News from the classroom

We are learning to write instructions this term and in Maths we are learning lots of different things including number work, money and how to collect and use data. We will also be learning about healthy eating.

### News from the staffroom

We are delighted to welcome back Mr. Main, the music visiting specialist teacher, who will be working with the children on Tuesdays up until the Christmas holidays. We are also delighted to welcome Mrs. Sutherland who was successfully appointed to fill the vacancy created when Miss Thomson retired at the end of September. Mrs. Sutherland was a regular visiting teacher to the school during the summer term last year so has worked with the children before. Mrs. Polson, who has worked in the school office for 15 years, is leaving us on 10<sup>th</sup> November. We will really miss her and thank her very much for all her hard work and everything she has contributed to the school. We all wish her all the best for the future. Mrs. Holt will be working four days in the office rather than two from 13<sup>th</sup> November.

*Learning about food webs with Steven from the NTS*



John, our STEM ambassador has been back in school this week. John will be in a regular visitor to school over the year and is going to help us build an electric powered car! We will keep you updated with our progress!

Steven Reeves, a NTS ranger, will also be a regular visitor the school. Steven will help us to learn about the living things in our local environment (possibility including wild cats!). We will be comparing it to the living things found in the grounds around Leith Hall and working towards achieving our John Muir Award.

### School closures and transport changes

The winter term has arrived! The children will be bringing home an activity booklet very soon which can be used in the event of the school being closed.

Aberdeenshire Council has changed the way parents/carers receive online alerts about school closures and changes to school transport. You can now sign up for these notifications through

*myaccount* on the Aberdeenshire Council website – if you currently pay for school meals online, you will already be registered. *myaccount* is a simple, secure way of accessing a range of Scottish public services using just one username and password and 13,000 parents/carers across Aberdeenshire are already enjoying the benefit of it. As well as being able to sign up for alerts, your home page will automatically give you handy information such as your bin collection days, where your nearest recycling centre is and the names of your local councilors.

So if you want to be kept up to date and take advantage of the other *myaccount* benefits, sign up to the new system by going to the Aberdeenshire Council website and clicking on the red **register** button in the top right-hand corner.



*Learning our 'common' words*

### Digital Leaders

We will be welcoming P6 and P7 pupils and their parents to our school next week when Eva, Matthew and Findlay, our digital leaders, will be showing them how to use our 'Green Screen app.' to create interesting pictures and videos. Great ambassadors for the school – well done to the three of them!

### Extracurricular activities

We have been very lucky for the last couple of years having an after school club run by Ms. Mackrory. Does anyone else have a talent or interest that they would be willing to share with us to enrich the children's experiences? This could be after school or at lunchtimes or during Golden time on a Friday afternoon. If so, don't be shy – please let us know!! We would love you to share your hobby or interests with the children!

### Dates for your diary

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November: In service days. School closed to pupils

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Show at 7.00pm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Party (pm)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: School closes for Christmas.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January: School opens for Term 3

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Kim C Aplin  
Head Teacher



*Goodbye Miss Thomson! We will miss you!*



*Listening to our class novel and learning to express my opinion with reasons why*

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**Parent comments and Ideas**

**Please share your child/children's out of school achievements**

Name: .....

Signed: .....