

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. 1: 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Week two already! Welcome back to everyone - I hope you all had a very enjoyable summer holiday. We also extend a warm welcome to Cairney School to all our new pupils and their families. The children are looking really smart in their school uniforms. Thank you for supporting the wearing of our school uniform - we discourage the wearing of fashionable clothing and accessories. Please could you make sure all clothing is clearly labeled. Thank you.

### CHILD PROTECTION

To ensure our children's safety, it is important for us to have your help with the following:

- Please keep the school up to date with your telephone number, including mobile phone if you have one, and other details for emergency contacts.
- Please inform the school of any prearranged absence, e.g. attendance at a hospital appointment or other unavoidable event, prior to the absence-taking place.
- Please inform the school of your child's absence by 9.15 a.m. on the morning of the first day of absence. For afternoon sessions, inform the school no later than half an hour into the afternoon session.
- Respond promptly to contact from the school.



Landscapes and maps

### Attendance at school (Aberdeenshire Policy August 2016)

The school monitors attendance at school and will discuss this with pupils and parents as appropriate. We deal sensitively with a pupil's needs and concerns and try to address any needs identified at an early stage, involving parents/carers and other sources of expertise as appropriate.

As a parent/carer, you will be informed of concerns about the level of your child/children's attendance (**i.e. when attendance falls below 90% as of August 2016**) at an early stage and invited to a meeting to discuss how we can work together to support your child's attendance and to draw up a plan of support. You and your child will always be asked about what kind of support you think is needed. Further information is provided in the leaflet attached to this newsletter.

If you are planning to take your child/children out of school during school time for e.g. a holiday, family event etc., we would ask that you put **this request in writing** stating the dates of intended absence. Thank you. *Please note: holidays taken during term time are recorded as unauthorised absences.*

If your child/children have sickness and/or diarrhea, they should be kept at home for 48 hours to help prevent the infection spreading to their classmates and staff.

### **School closures and transport changes**

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.

### **Improved reporting to parents: Sharing our learning - school Twitter Account**

As part of the on-going process of regular sharing of information about the children's learning and what is going on in school throughout the school year, a school 'Twitter' account has been created. **This is a closed account and only those given permission to access to it will be able to see the content.**

If you wish to follow us on Twitter, please search for Cairney School and click on the request to follow us and we will give you access to the account.

The number of people following us on Twitter is growing! Thank you to those who are already following us– we hope you are enjoying finding out what we are learning in school and seeing what we are doing in the classroom!

### **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 Tuesday mornings up until the October holidays. Mr. Carnegie is taking the children for Kodaly Music on a Friday morning. Mrs. Morrison is now well and is phasing back into working full time. With Mrs. Morrison's return to work, we have to say goodbye to Mrs. Paul in another couple of weeks. Mrs. Paul has worked with us for the past year and we wish to thank her for all her hard work and wish her all the best for the future.

### **News from the classroom**

We have started the term with looking at our local area, energy and technologies and children's Rights. We are learning to write stories with a dilemma and in Maths we are working on counting and sequencing numbers.

### **PE kit**

Pupils should have their PE kit in school every day. Ideally they should bring their kit in on Monday and leave it in school until Friday when it should go home for washing. If for some reason your child cannot take part in PE they should bring a letter of explanation to school. Long hair should be tied back and all jewelry removed. If earrings cannot be removed then they should be covered with tape.



Learning to play the keyboard in music

**Dates for your diary**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October: School closes for the October Holidays  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October: School re-opens for Term 2  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November: School closed for In-service days  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December: School closes for Christmas.  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January: School opens for Term 3

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Kim C Aplin  
Head Teacher



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**Parent Comments and Ideas**

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

Name: .....

Signed: .....

