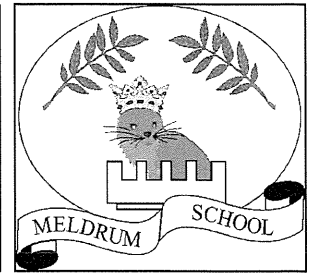


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Meldrum School Newsletter No. 3

7th November 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a good October Break and your children are ready for a busy term ahead. Later this term, P5-7 will be performing 'Primary School Christmas Musical', P1 will host a Christmas Singalong for their parents/carers and P2-4 will invite parents/carers in for Christmas Craft afternoon. All dates remain as per the school calendar.

Staffing

Alastair Beaton remains absent from work and last week, we appointed Hazel Fraser as Acting Depute Head Teacher and Katrina McCartney as Acting Principal Teacher.

Last week, we welcomed teacher Sally Eames to Meldrum School. Sally will be providing non-class contact time for teachers across the school 4 days a week. Also starting with us last week was Leigh Tough in her role as Pupil Support Assistant. This is a temporary post and Leigh will be with us until the summer holidays.

After 12 years at Meldrum School, Carol Holmes has resigned her position as PSA. The post is being covered temporarily by Tanya Doig until an appointment is made. Last week we also said goodbye to PSA Fiona Joss who left us to take up a permanent position elsewhere. This post is currently being advertised and will be covered temporarily until an appointment is made.

Book Bags

Each year, the Scottish Book Trust gives a book bag to every Ante-Pre School Nursery child and every P1-P3 child in Scotland. The bags include a book and other items to share with your child. The book bags will be coming home during week beginning 21st November.

Scholastic Bookfair

Once again our Scholastic Book Fair proved very popular during our recent parent consultations. Purchases over the two evenings totalled an impressive £1684.62 giving us £1010.77 in commission. This money will be used to purchase additional books for our school and class libraries. Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair.

Harvest Donations

A big thank you to everyone who donated items for Aberdeenshire North Foodbank.

Rotary Shoe Boxes

We have been notified by Rotary that Shoe Boxes now need to be returned to school by Wednesday 9th November. If you have requested a shoe box, please ensure it is returned to school by this date. If you are unable to do so in time, please return the flat box for re-use – thank you!

Meldrum Musical Society Donation

A big thanks also to Meldrum Musical Society for their generous donation which we received before the October holiday. Unfortunately, the society is disbanding and were keen to distribute funds to the community. The money will be used over the coming years to support musical performances in school.

School Dinners

Just a quick reminder that school dinners are currently £2.15 and can be bought online or daily from the school kitchen.

Children in Need

On Friday 18th November we plan to have a 'dress as you please' day to raise money for Children in Need. Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes and bring a suggested donation of £1 or more for Children in Need. In addition, our Tuck Shop will be selling yummy home bakes on Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th and Friday 18th November to raise additional funds. Items will be priced at 40p each.

Home/School Communication

In order to improve communication processes and do our bit for the environment, this term we will begin emailing most home/school communications. If a return slip is required, the letter will be emailed as normal but you will also receive a paper copy so please continue to check school bags.

This newsletter will be the last you will automatically receive on paper. Should you wish to continue receiving paper copies, please complete the return slip below and return to the school office. Please note, you do not need to return the slip if you are happy to receive only emailed letters.

It is important that parents inform the School Office of any changes to their email address.

ES Playground Gate

Following a further concern raised by a parent, we once again ask parents using Early Stages Playground in the morning to stay clear of the playground gate area on Commercial Road. This will allow children arriving on the bell to safely enter the playground.

Website

A reminder that the school website is updated regularly with newsletters, class termly updates, Active Schools information and MPiP information and minutes of meetings. <http://meldrum-pri.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/>

Yours sincerely



Jane Brown and Carol Harper
Acting Head Teachers

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I wish to continue receiving paper copies of home/school communications

Child's Name/Children's Names _____

Child's Class/Children's Classes _____

Signed _____

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