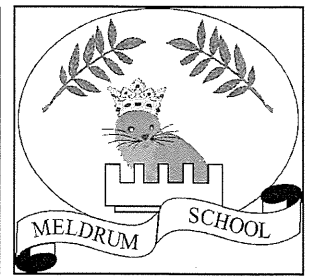


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## **Meldrum School Newsletter No.1 23 August 2016**

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to a new school session. We hope you had lovely Summer Holiday and your children are ready for a new school year

### **Staff Update**

Alastair Beaton remains absent from work. We have been asked by Sheila Marr, our Quality Improvement Officer, to manage the school in Mr Beaton's absence as Acting Head Teachers. All other staffing remains as notified before the Summer Holiday.

### **School Calendar**

Diary dates for the year ahead are attached with this Newsletter. As well as detailing the usual holiday dates and school closures, the calendar details our Reporting Schedule for the year ahead including regular opportunities for parents to find out about their child's learning and achievements. Also included is a link to the term dates for session 2017/18 and beyond to help parents/carers plan family holidays and reduce the number of requests for unauthorised term-time absence from school.

### **Termly Update**

Class Termly Updates will continue to be posted on the school website <http://meldrum-pri.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/> during the second week of each term. If you would prefer a paper copy, please let your child's class teacher know.

### **Tuck Shop Price List**

Our Healthy Tuck Shop is open at breaktime each day. Prices are as follows:

Item	Cost
Apple or orange cuplet*	20p
Carton of milk (plain or flavoured)*	25p
Bottled water (still)	25p
Aqua juice (orange, apple, forest fruit)*	25p
Fresh fruit – prepared or whole	25p
Homebake of the day	20p

\* These drinks are available for the children to purchase at lunchtime in the Dining Hall. Please note that not all items listed above are available every day.

### **School Meals**

A reminder that the cost of school lunches is now £2.15.

### **PE Kit**

This session we continue to teach PE both indoors and outdoors so please ensure your child has suitable indoor and outdoor gym kit in school at all times. It is helpful if all items are named. Please also remember that in the interest of safety jewellery, including earrings, should not be worn during PE lessons. Children unable to take out earrings by themselves should bring plasters, micro pore tape etc with them on PE days so that earrings can be taped over. Children with long hair should ensure that it is tied back during PE lessons to avoid any collisions or accidents.

### **Start of School Day**

May we take this opportunity to remind parents of the importance of ensuring children arrive at school on time. This allows them to have the best start to the school day.

### **Early Stages Playground**

A reminder that parents/carers are respectfully asked to leave the Early Stages Playground when the first bell rings at 9.13am. We also ask that parents stay clear of the gate area on Commercial Road to enable children to safely enter the playground.

### **School Car Park Safety**

Our school car park remains a very busy place particularly at the beginning and end of the school day, and just ahead of the afternoon Nursery session. This session we continue to have a number of taxis dropping off and collecting children so please do not park in the dedicated disabled parking areas without good reason. We would also once again remind parents not to park in the dedicated bus parking bays, up on grass verges or on the access road leading from Provost Florence Drive to the school car park. Please be aware that the turning circle should be kept clear at all times. It has also been brought to our attention that a number of cars are stopping to drop off and pick up children on Meadowbank at the school gate causing a potential risk to children walking to and from school. Instead, please consider using the school car park.

### **P1 Induction Phonics Workshops**

A reminder that, as detailed in P1 Induction information, P1 Induction Phonics Workshops take place tomorrow at 9.30am and 6.30pm. Workshops will be in the GP Room. Please enter via the gate between Early Stages Playground and Rainbow Nursery entrance.

### **Working Together**

As always, good communication between home and school is essential in supporting your child. If you have any queries or concerns about your child, please contact, in the first instance, their class teacher.

### **Aberdeenshire Council Communication for Parents**

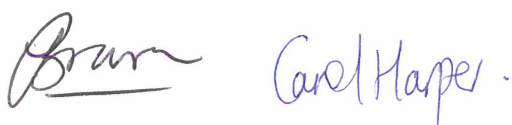
Aberdeenshire Council has changed the way parents receive online alerts about school closures and changes to school transport. You can now sign up for these notifications through *myaccount* on the Aberdeenshire Council website – if you currently pay for school meals online, you will already be registered.

*myaccount* is a simple, secure way of accessing a range of Scottish public services using just one username and password and 13,000 parents across Aberdeenshire are already enjoying the benefits 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 councillors.

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.

Yours sincerely



Jane Brown and Carol Harper  
Acting Head Teachers