

Meldrum School

Newsletter

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This is our festive and last newsletter of 2017. Where has the year gone!

This term it has been incredibly busy with Christmas Performances, sing-alongs, Craft Afternoon and of course the added drama of the recent fire!

Recent Events - appreciation

I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers for their words of support during what has been a very challenging couple of weeks for Meldrum School. It is very heartening that so many parents and carers were appreciative of the efforts made to re-open the school.

Staffing

Mrs Eleanor Shurmer, currently based in Room 8, will be leaving us next term as she takes up a new teaching post at Gordon Primary School. Mrs Shurmer's last day will be Friday 26th January. We thank her for her contribution to Meldrum School and wish her well for the future. We are currently advertising for her replacement and will fill this vacancy as soon as possible.

Admission to P1

Session 2017/18 Registration Week for children starting Primary 1 in August 2018 will be from Monday 15th January to Friday 19th January 2017. All children who reach their fifth birthday by 28th February 2019 are invited to register for Primary 1 for admissions in August 2018.

Aberdeenshire Education and Children's Services has a common starting date for all its schools in the middle of August in any particular year. You will be informed of this year's starting date at the time of registration at school.

Parents are asked to visit your zoned primary school during Registration Week. If this is not possible, parents should try and visit the school by the end of February 2018. To register for Primary 1 the child's birth certificate is required as evidence of their date of birth.

Aberdeenshire Education and Children's Services make no provision to admit any children who are five after the end of February, unless that child has previously been registered and has commenced full-time attendance (excluding induction) in a state supported or forces school and is transferring into Aberdeenshire. In this case, the local authority can exercise discretion. Registration for a nursery or playgroup does not count for the purposes of this exception.

Enrolment forms will be distributed within our Nursery for in zone pupils and will also be available at the School Office from Monday 15th January.

Christmas Performances

Well done to all of the children from P3, P5 and P7 for a brilliant performance last week. Also a huge thank you to all who managed to join us for our Christmas Jigsaw Performance. The new arrangement of P3, P5 and P7 pupils worked well. Also a big thank you to Mrs Brown and Miss Harper for coordinating the event.

Christmas Crafts and P1 sing-a-long

P1 performed their entertaining Christmas sing-a-long to a packed audience followed by a very successful craft afternoon on Monday. Well done to all.



Thanks to your donations for these events the school has raised just under £500 for Wateraid.

Nursery Enrolment

Nursery Enrolment for session 2017/18 runs from Monday 22nd January to Friday 2nd February.

Children who are three before 31 August 2018 are eligible for a funded Early Learning and Childcare place in August 2018; children who are three before 31 December 2018 are eligible for a funded Early Learning and Childcare place in January 2019 and children who are three before 28 February 2019 are eligible for a funded Early Learning and Childcare place in April 2019 either at a local authority provision or with a playgroup or private nursery (partner provider) commissioned by the authority. Parents should enrol by completing the relevant form in the application pack. Application packs for admission to local authority nurseries and to commissioned playgroups and private day nurseries will be available from the 22nd January 2018. These can be obtained from all participating Early Learning and Childcare providers and online from

<http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/admissions/early-learning-and-childcare/>

Parents should remember to bring their child's birth certificate and evidence of home address (e.g. recent utility bill no more than three months old) when coming to register.

Parking at School at Early Years Playground

Unfortunately we have had some complaints in school from our neighbours close to the entry to the Early Years Playground, who are concerned that some people are parking unsafely on double yellow lines.

We would appreciate your support by avoiding any areas where they may be potential unsafe parking e.g. double yellow lines. This would be very much appreciated.

Dates for the diary

Fri 22 nd Dec	End of Term
Mon 8 th Jan	New Term begins
Mon 15 th Jan	MPIP Meeting – 7.00pm
Fri 9 th Feb	School Closed-Occasional Day
Mon 12 th Feb	School Closed-Midterm Holiday
Tue 13 th Feb	INSET Day – closed to pupils
Wed 14 th Feb	INSET Day – closed to pupils
Mon 19 th Feb	MPIP Meeting -7.00pm

Thur 29th Mar End of Term

Further calendar details can be found on the Meldrum School website below.

<http://meldrum-pri.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/School-Calendar-2017-18.pdf>

Finally, everyone at Meldrum School would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy 2018.

*Look after yourselves!
Keep safe and we look forward to seeing all the boys and girls back on Monday 8th January 2018 at 9.15am sharp.*

