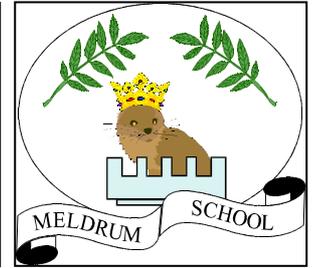


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Meldrum School Newsletter 4 10th November 2015

Dear Parents

Staffing Update

I'm delighted to advise that Nursery Nurse, Mrs Morag Reidford, has returned to Meldrum Nursery on a permanent basis. This means that, for the first time since December 2014, we are fully staffed across our two Nursery settings.

I'll also pleased to welcome Mrs Karen Renwick back to Meldrum. Mrs Renwick replaces Miss Harper in our P1 class with Mrs Young from this Thursday, 12th November, and will be teaching every Thursday and Friday for the remainder of this school year.

We welcome three student teachers to Meldrum this week for the first of two, four week placements in the school. Mrs Emily Pressley will be working with Ms Gordon in P1/2G, Mr Cameron Price will be in P2H with Mrs Harvie, and Ms Dale Kerr will be working with Mrs Calder and Mrs Reid in P3CY through to Friday, 4th December.

Authority Consultation

Aberdeenshire's Education and Children Service is currently undertaking a review of Pupil Support Assistants (PSAs) across the Shire.

Part of this process is the gathering of information to try to ascertain the impact of the new post. This information will be gathered through on-line surveys, focus groups and other discussions e.g. visits to schools.

The Review Group has developed an on-line questionnaire through Survey Monkey to enable them to gather feedback from Parent Councils.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TTYTNSL>

The survey link is open to Parent Council members until Sunday 22nd November 2015.

Early Stages Playground

A big thank you to all parents who use the Early Stages Playground for supporting our new playground protocol at drop off and pick up time.

Restorative Approaches

As part of our School Improvement Plan for this year, school staff will undertake initial Restorative Approaches training during the November In-Service days. This training will provide staff with a fresh approach to supporting pupils to manage their relationships with one another and find more effective ways to deal with tricky situations between one another. In the coming weeks, House Captains and Vice Captains will become upskilled in Restorative Approaches and will support the delivery of the new approach to pupils and there will be the opportunity for some parents to become involved in training sessions and communicating the new approach to the wider school community.

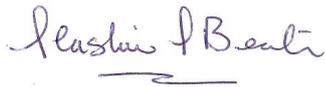
Rotary Shoe Boxes

For those who requested a Rotary Shoe Box can I remind you that they are due back to school by Friday 13th November. Many thanks for those who have already returned their box.

And finally....

Just a reminder that the school will be closed to pupils on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th of November for In-Service days.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Alastair A Beaton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Alastair A Beaton
Head Teacher