

## Dates for your diary

Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service, Church Hall, 10.00am
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of Term 3
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Term 4
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	P5 trip to Environmental Centre
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	BINGO NIGHT 7.00pm Ashvale
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> April	P6/7 Residential Trip to Glenshee
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Stakeholder Meeting, School Hall 7.00pm followed by School Council meeting
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	P3/4 Special Assembly
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Holiday
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> May	P7 Technology Day, Banchory Academy
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Parents' Evening 4.00-6.00pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Parents' Evening 4.00-6.00pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	P5 Special Assembly
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Sponsored Walk
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Occasional Day Holiday
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	School Sports Day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term 4

## TOYS AT SCHOOL

It has been decided that no toys from home will be allowed to come to school. After several problems connected with toys, the decision that toys must stay at home was shared with children this week.



## School Council Events



### BINGO NIGHT - FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

7.00pm Ashvale Restaurant, Great Western Road.  
Raffle, bingo, supper, good company - a great fun night out, as all who've been before will tell you.

Ticket (£15.00) includes Ashvale Supper.

Contact Shelagh Marr on 01330 811024 / 07773778422

## EASTER NEWSLETTER



We have enjoyed another busy and productive term. The snow has never been far away, but hopefully we can enjoy some Spring sunshine over the Easter break.

### Staffing

The staffing changes that took place in February have had a very positive effect on the whole school. Class teaching is now as follows:

P1/2	Mrs Service/Mrs Lindsay (week/week, changeover day Wednesday)
P3/4	Mrs Watt (Mon, Tues, Fri)/ Mrs Engel (Wed, Thurs)
P5	Mrs Redman
P6/7	Mr Hughes

Mrs Edward, who has been a Pupil Support Assistant at Drumoak for nearly 7 years, has resigned from her post and will leave at the end of term on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. She will be sadly missed by pupils and staff and we wish her well in the future.

Mrs Innes joined us on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, as Pam's assistant in the Kitchen. We welcome her.

### Easter Service

The Easter Service will be led by Rev. Dolly Purnell at Drumoak Church on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am. All parents are welcome to attend.

## New P1s welcomed to Drumoak

Our new P1 pupils coming to school in August are invited to the following events as part of our Nursery-P1 Transition Programme

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May, 9.00 - 11.00am	Visit 1	Assembly Visit followed by Teddy bears' Picnic
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> May, 9.00-10.30am	Visit 2	Playground Activities
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> May, 9.00-10.30am	Visit 3	Hall Activities
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> June, 9.00-10.30am	Visit 4	Classroom Visit
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> June,	Visit 5	Sports Day

A formal invitation will be sent out to all pupils before the Easter Holidays.

## Security in Drumoak School

In Drumoak Primary, we follow Aberdeenshire Policy on school security. All staff members have a key card to allow entry into the main building and both classes in the portacabins have a key card available to use if they require entry.

Visitors to the school can gain entry to the main building only by ringing the buzzer. The buzzer rings in the School Office and a member of the office staff will meet the visitor. All visitors are asked to go directly to the School Office.

## School Website

Our new school website is currently under construction. Mrs Trish Amundrud has been assisting Mrs Service with the initial set-up, and we look forward to launching the site in Term 4.

### Plea from Pam

Every fortnight on a Tuesday pupils in P1/2 and P3/4 are given menu sheets to make their lunch choices for the following fortnight.



Please, please ensure that the sheets are completed and returned by the **Thursday**. Pam has to count up all the orders and get the numbers to the kitchen on the Friday. Don't let your child go hungry!

## First Aid Training

The First Aid Training sessions for pupils in P5, P6 and P7, which was postponed in March, will now take place in Term 4. Details will follow after the holidays.

## New Resources

We are delighted that our new furniture and resources are arriving, and immediately improving the learning environment for our children. During the Easter holidays, an outside storage facility is being erected to help us with the problem of storing equipment. This will allow us then to set up the Library and Literacy base in the double portacabin.



### SPONSORED WALK - CHANGE OF DATE



Please note that due to a clash of dates with a Small Schools Cluster event for P3 pupils, the Whole School Sponsored Walk will now be held on **FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> May**. Please adjust your calendars appropriately.

## Whole School IDL Topic

Next term we are implementing a 4-week Interdisciplinary Learning Topic on Scotland - *Mountain to Sea*. Each class will take a different focus on Scotland and will share their learning with each other and with parents at the Open Evening.

The topic will include two trips: one to the mountains - a walk up Scolty and a Highland Games Event at Bellfield Park, and one to the sea - a beach trip, destination yet to be decided.

We would be very keen to include visits from parents who feel they could add to the topic in any way. Some of the classes will look at Famous Scots and their place in the world, great Scottish technologies as well as exploring the landscape, wildlife and the stores of Scotland. Please let Mrs Service know if you could assist in any way. We hope this experience will allow our pupils to see Scotland's place in the world and appreciate the country we live in.