



NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Retirement

Today I am announcing my date of retirement as Head Teacher of Drumoak School. My last teaching day will be Friday 29 March 2019. I have chosen to inform you today so that Aberdeenshire Council will have sufficient time to advertise and appoint a new Head Teacher.

I have decided to retire at the end of term 3 as my successor will have the opportunity to learn about the school community during the busy term 4 and start planning for a successful new school session.

I have had many enjoyable years at Drumoak and will continue to work hard for Drumoak's children and families in the forthcoming weeks.

School Website

We are adding materials to the school website almost on a weekly basis. It will become a useful reference point for accessing information. We will be adding this term's class curriculum newsletters in the next few days.

Please look at our website <http://drumoak.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/>

PUPIL SAFETY

Please be very careful when entering and exiting the school grounds and the car park. Please give way to pupils and each other. During rainy and windy days there is a greater volume of traffic and the potential for an accident increases.

Please adhere to the speed limit of 20mph and please be completely focussed on your driving when leaving the school environment.

Nut allergy statement - Please do not add any nut products to your child's packed lunch or snack.

Events in November

We have already had quite a number of significant events in November. These have been very enjoyable and memorable.

Thank you for your attendance at our Commemorative Assembly and for your donations to our Annual Poppy Appeal.

Children in Need Spotacular Day - Friday 16th November 2018

Friday 16th November 2018 will be a non-uniform day. Please bring a donation for Children in Need and wear something yellow and/or spotty. Children In Need wristbands will be on sale for £1 each from 14th November 2018. These will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Pam has kindly agreed to bake for a special Children In Need tuck shop. Please note this will be instead of the usual Friday tuck shop. Each item will cost 50p. All proceeds will go to Children In Need. There will also be a 'Guess Pudsey's Birthday'. It will cost 20p per guess and the winner will be the person with the exact date or the date closest to Pudsey's birthday, if the exact date isn't chosen. The prize will be a cuddly Pudsey Bear. There will also be a Talent Show. Auditions will take place on Wednesday 14th November and the finalists will perform to the whole school on Friday 16th November 2018.

Week beginning 19th November

Next week is Scottish Book week and we will have our "Half - Price " Book Fair. Leaflets will be forwarded to families today.

The Book Fair will be open on Wednesday after school, Thursday before and after school, Friday before and after school.

Monday 19 November - Primary 3 children will be travelling to Banchory library for a session with Sheena Blackhall with their cluster peers.

Wednesday 21st November - Rotary Shoe Boxes can now be handed back until this date. Thank you for all of those received so far.

Friday 23rd November - Primary 2 will be presenting their **Sharing Assembly** in the School Hall at 2pm; Parents from this class are invited to watch the Assembly and to join the class afterwards to view their school work.

Wednesday 28th November - The pupils will be competing for the Indoor Curling House competition. We will have two teams from each house. There will be a P1-4 competition and a P5-7 competition.

Friday 30th November - Pupils can wear some tartan on this day. We will be doing a whole school assembly about Scotland. This is a pupil only assembly.

Attachments/handouts:-

School Council	Minute attached - a copy is also on the school website.
Adverse weather arrangements	A paper copy of the adverse weather arrangements has been issued to each family today.
Christmas lunch	Our whole school Christmas will be on Tuesday 11 December an order form has been issued today for each child.
Book Fair	Leaflets will be handed out today (1 per child)
School Photographs	These have been issued today to all that have purchased them.
Trip letter	Primary 3 pupils should have a letter about the visit to Banchory library.

This term's visiting specialists are:-

Monday - French - Laureen Canessa	Tuesday - Drama - Mrs Jardine
Wednesday - Science - Mrs Stutter	Thursday - P.E - Mark Witt

Lunchtime Yoga club has recommenced on Wednesdays for P4 -7 and Thursdays for P1-3.

December

Enterprise Fair

The classes are beginning to prepare for our Enterprise Fair. This will be a chance to purchase Christmas gifts and enjoy some refreshments. The event will be in the school on **Wednesday 5th December** from 6pm. We hope that you are able to attend and all profits will go to the school fund.

Monday 3 rd December	Our Primary 7 pupils will be visiting "The Friendship Club"
Tuesday 11 December	Our Christmas lunch
Friday 14 th December	Interim reports will be distributed
Friday 14 th December	The nursery Nativity will be held
Friday 21 st December	Christmas Church Service and End of term

Christmas party week and Church Service will take place during the last week of term. P6 and 7 pupils will be visiting Aberdeen Curl in December.

Term dates

Monday 7th January	Start of Term 3
Friday 8 th / Mon 11 th February	Mid Term Break
Tues 12 th February	In Service Day
Wed 13 th February	In-service Day
Friday 29th March	End of Term 3