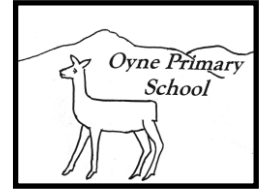


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kindness...respect...tolerance...fairness...achievement...happiness...being included...being listened to...

Our vision for Oyne School is for happy achieving children to be supported to do their very best learning within a caring school and community.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's the fourth week of term and pupils are well settled into their classroom routines. This term we have a science focus and your children will be looking at topics such as forces, electricity and magnetism – see below how your child's class is learning this term.

We are also starting the year with the usual round of feedback and information gathering. The 'Big Conversation' is an authority-wide exercise but also a good opportunity to get together and discuss how our school works in partnership with parents and I encourage you all to come along on the 20th September and get involved. As well as all that we are looking for our usual stars and wishes. Please let us know what we are doing well and what we could do better.



Save The Date – the 12th October when you are invited into school to enjoy your children giving you a snapshot into their learning at an end of term assembly.

Regards
Sharon Huxtable
Headteacher

Class Activities

P1/2/3 are using the context of toys to start off thinking about pushing and pulling forces.

P4/5 have called their project Bright Sparks and have been investigating air resistance by making parachutes for eggs (hard boiled luckily)



The 'Force' is with P6/7 with their Star Wars themed look at the science topic.

Assembly



Our end of term assembly this year will be held on 12th October. Parents and friends are warmly invited to enjoy sharing children's learning in Term One. Note change of date from last newsletter.

Techfest

Our pupils all enjoyed a great day at Techfest this year. It was held at RGU which is great venue. Pupils enjoyed talks from Dynamic Earth about the Polar Regions, learning about codes, the science of flying, wind turbines and space. There was a good variety of topics of all. Thanks to our parent helpers who came and well done especially to our new P1s who hadn't even started full days and who did very well. Thank you for your donations for the bus and to the Parent Council who funded the trip and who topped up the bus cost.



Anna was a super penguin during our Polar Regions talk from Dynamic Earth



Big Conversation

Aberdeenshire Council are holding a 'Big Conversation' this year with parents. Each school is invited to hold a session with parents to specially discuss partnership and what this means to the school and what it means to parents. There is a survey which will be sent out later in the month and this will all feedback into the Education and Children's Service Parent Charter. We are holding our Big Conversation Evening on Wednesday 20th September 6-7pm. Please come and share your views and thoughts – Teas/coffees will be available.

Community Information

Vacancy – Child Care Practitioner

Oyne Out of School Care

Location – Oyne, near Inverurie

3 afternoons per week – 3pm – 6pm

(mornings too if preferred – 7.30-9.00am)

We offer an excellent salary.

Our After School Club is a popular service within the village of Oyne, all children attending Oyne Primary School. We offer a range of activities for pupils from P1-P7.

Although not essential applications should preferably have experience in a childcare setting.

Applicants must also be willing to undergo a full PVG check and attend core training sessions every 2-3 years in Child First Aid, Infection Control, Food Hygiene and Child Protection.

Apply in the first instance to June Cameron

Email: oyneoutofschool@sky.com Tel: 07900 818129

Feedback

Two Stars and a Wish

As usual at this time of year we are sending out a Two Stars and Wish sheet. This gives you the opportunity to comment on things we do well as a school and things that we could do even better.

Here is a brief summary of different evaluations and feedback over the year and some of the things that have happened as a response to your views.



You Said

Two stars and a wish

Stars – meeting pupil needs, good communication, school grounds, good resources, good transition, good inclusion
Wishes – Homework review, more internet safety, better lunches

Reporting Review

Parents found reports, sharing jotters, assemblies, open afternoons, parent interviews, newsletters, etc useful for learning about pupil progress
Target setting jotters were less useful

Questionnaires

Parents were almost all positive in their responses to the questionnaire questions. Responses between 92% - 100%
Pupils' responses were positive with more pupils feeling they were becoming more confident, that they had a say in making the school better, that they can talk to staff and that they feel safe and cared for.

Newsletter Postcard Responses

Good interaction between age groups
Part of the community
Pupils looking out for each other.
Need more support to develop positive relationships
Great after school activities

We did

Two stars and a wish

We held a homework review and refreshed our homework procedures. A more varied diet of homework is being developed and more homework is set for the whole week giving parents more flexibility to fit it in around busy lives.

Internet Safety has a more core role in a refreshed technologies curriculum and Safer Internet Day is embedded in our Oyne Curriculum Framework.
Data is being collated to monitor uptake of lunches – over last year 71% of pupils had a school lunch on average each day.

Reporting Review

We will further simplify written reports to make them more straightforward, we introduced the school Facebook page to share pupil learning experiences more directly.

Questionnaires

We have reviewed how pupils set targets and are aiming to make it more meaningful to pupils in their daily jotters this year. There is a pupil focus this year on Wellbeing and Anti Bullying

Newsletter Postcard Responses

Focus on Wellbeing and Anti Bullying this year to continue to develop positive relationships at all stages.

Scholastic

The latest leaflet is going home in bags or along with this newsletter. Orders can be placed by 29th September either by returning the order form from the leaflet with payment (cheques over £5 payable to Oyne School Fund) or you can order online at

<http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/oyne>.

For every £1 you spend, the school earns 25p in rewards which we can use towards new books for the school.

Raring to Go

The latest edition of this magazine is going home in bags today.

School Phone Number

We apologise for the problems last week with the new school phone number - we were unable to receive or make calls, although messages were still able to be left and we were picking those up. All is now back working so please use 01464 635100 if calling the school. If you press 2 to speak to the office, please be patient as it will ring for around 20 seconds (to give staff time to get to the phone if away from desk) before giving you the chance to leave a message.

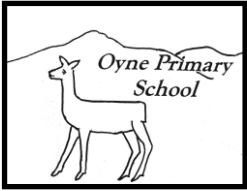
Uniform / Lost Property

We have a missing school sweatshirt which may have gone home in the wrong PE kit in the P1-3 class last week – it is named, so if you could please check and return it to school if you have one that doesn't belong to you. Can we please ask that you name all items so that any items that become separated from their owners can be reunited easily. Thank you!

Diary Dates 2017-18

Date	Event	Times
Thu 14 th Sept	Parent Council meeting	7.00pm – all welcome
Wed 20th Sept	Big Conversation Meeting	6.00 – 7.00pm
Tues 10 th Oct	Parent Interviews	3.30 – 5.00pm and 6.00 – 8.30pm
Thu 12th Oct	End of Term Assembly	2.00pm – all welcome
Mon 16 th Oct – Fri 27 st Oct	October Holidays	
Mon 13 th and Tue 14 th Nov	In Service Days 2 & 3	
Wed 13 th and Thu 14 th Dec	Christmas Performances	7.00pm – all welcome
Mon 25 th Dec – Fri 5 th Jan (inclusive)	Christmas Holidays	
Fri 9 th Feb	Occasional Holiday	
Mon 12 th Feb	Spring Midterm holiday	
Tues 13 th and Wed 14 th Feb	In Service Days 4 & 5	
Thurs 8 th Mar	Open Afternoon Event	2.00pm onwards – all welcome
Tue 20 th Mar	School Reports issued	
Tue 27 th Mar	Parent Interviews	3.30 – 5.00pm and 6.30 – 8.30pm
Fri 30 th Mar	Good Friday Holiday	
Mon 2 th April – Fri 13 th April	Spring Holidays	
Mon 7 th May	May Day Holiday	
Mon 28 th May – Fri 1 st June	P6/7 residential trip	
Mon 5 th June	Occasional Holiday	
Wed 6 th June	Sports Day	2.00pm – all welcome
Thur 5 th July	End of Year Assembly	2.00pm – all welcome
Fri 6 th July	Last day of school year	
Tue 21 st August	First day of school for pupils 2018/19	

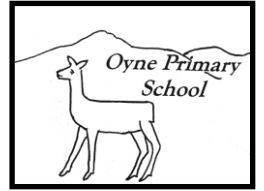
Any new items or changes are in bold



Two Stars and a Wish

What do you think?

2017/18



We are always pleased to get feedback from pupils, parents, staff and the community. Please identify two things you think the school does well (two stars) and something you think we could do better (a wish). Please return by Friday 29th September. .

Thank you

Mrs Huxtable



Please tick the appropriate box

Pupil	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community	<input type="checkbox"/>
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