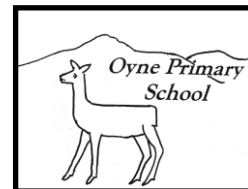


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kindness...respect...tolerance...fairness...achievement...happiness...being included...being listened to...

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,

Thanks for all the responses to the feedback requests over the last couple of weeks. The collated responses for the Big Conversation have been fed back to the Authority and will be used to improve parent partnership. The Two Stars and Wishes that we do in school has been completed with parents and pupils and will support the school and the pupil groups to work on different areas. Unfortunately I can't see the pupil request for a swimming pool being one we can meet!

Parent interviews are taking place on Tuesday 10th October which is a really valuable opportunity for teachers and parents to discuss progress so far and to bring any concerns to the table.

We are also looking forward to seeing parents in at 2.00pm on Thursday 12th October for an End of Term Celebration when the pupils will be sharing songs and learning that they have been working on this term. Then it will be time for a holiday for all!

Regards
Sharon Huxtable
Headteacher

Improvement Planning

Every year we have a plan for improvement in the school. We choose the focus for these areas by looking at parent, staff and pupil feedback over the year and at national priorities and expectations. This year we have three areas that we wish to work on.

- 1) Use of latest self-evaluation procedures from Education Scotland (How Good Is Your School 4) and the reflection questions. These are the questions that I already use at the end of each newsletter but don't be surprised if they pop up at other times.
- 2) Health and Wellbeing. Whole school focus on anti-bullying and wellbeing, restructuring of our Health and Wellbeing curriculum.
- 3) Developing the Young Workforce. Ensuring that our young people have the skills that they will need to succeed in the adult world. Look out for opportunities to come and share your work experiences and skills with pupils. We are also developing our Science curriculum and developing creativity across the school.

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.

Improving our School – Health and Wellbeing



Hello Yellow

As part of our focus on Health and Wellbeing we are holding a Hello Yellow Day on

Tuesday 10th October. Nationally **3 children in every classroom** have a diagnosable mental health condition, and **over 80,000 young people are severely depressed.**

By wearing yellow this Mental Health Day, Tuesday 10th October, we want to show young people that they're not alone when it comes to their mental health. We are asking children to come to school wearing something yellow, (£1 donations will be sent to Young Minds) we have wrist bands and stickers provided by the Parent Council (many thanks!) and we will be running an introductory assembly and classroom activities that raise awareness of wellbeing.

To find out more look on

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

Flu Vaccinations

Just a reminder that these will take place on Wednesday morning in school for those who requested it for their child/ren.

Charity Fundraising

Barnardo's – lots of wee houses have gone home for the year – if your box is full, please return to school so we can empty it and return it to you – Oyne is proud to be one of the best small schools at raising money for Barnardo's!

Poppy Scotland

We will, once again, be selling poppies in school to raise money for Poppy Scotland. These will be available from 1st November.

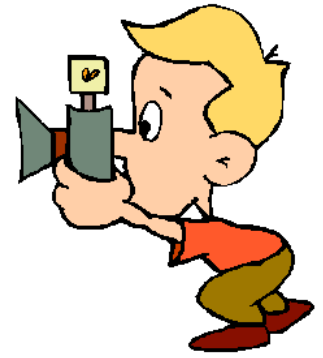
BBC Children in Need

We will be doing something spotacular as usual to raise funds – details to follow!

Improving our School - Creativity

Young Photographers

The Inverurie Rotary Club hold a photography competition each year. To encourage young photographers and develop this aspect of creativity Jim Hatter, local photographer is coming into school to deliver workshops to the P4/5 and P6/7 class. Look out for entry forms that will be coming home soon.



Mr Smith

All classes enjoy our visits from Mr Smith from Lessons for Life. Mr Smith is a local qualified teacher who visits local schools to support their RME curriculum. He shares Bible Stories with songs and stories.

Reminder

Hair tied back

We prefer long hair to be tied back to keep it out of the way during learning activities.

Naming clothes/footwear/bags etc

Please can all items be named to avoid things being lost. Our lost property bin is quite full again!

New Menu

A copy of the new dinner menu will be sent home today.

Rotary Boxes

We are involved in the Rotary Shoebox Scheme again this year. If you would like a shoebox to fill for a child please complete the slip and return it to school. Your child will be given a box to fill up and return by the end of October.

Cyrenians

Please note that donations for the Cyrenians should be brought into school by this Friday (6th) as they are being collected next week.

After School Clubs

Jogging

Jogging will restart on Monday 30th October with p1-3 in the school hall. It will run every week, except Monday 13th November (in-service), and the final week will be Monday 4th December when we are holding our Santa Run (more details soon!)

Football

The last football of this term is this coming Friday, 6th October. Football will not restart until later this session when the days are getting longer again!

Netball

Netball will restart on Tuesday 7th November meeting each Tuesday until Tuesday 5th December (except Tuesday 14th November which is in-service). Can you please register your child/ren for this session online at <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/request/active-schools/active-schools-online-form-inverurie/> before the first session to ensure they're on the register.

Steph would appreciate some more parent helpers. If you can help on any of those days please return the slip below. Thank you.

Digital Leaders

After the October Holidays Mrs Huxtable, with the help of Mrs Cruickshank, will be running a new club on Friday lunchtimes called Digital Leaders. Pupils who are interested in IT will be asked to create a digital presentation. Digital leaders will get involved in promoting IT in school, sharing information with others, trying out apps/games, promoting internet safety, etc.

Diary Dates 2017-18

Date	Event	Times
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

Rotary Shoeboxes

I would like to fill a shoebox for the Rotary, please send one home with my child:

Name _____

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Netball – Term 2 – Parent Help

Name: _____

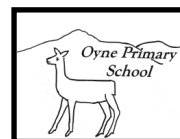
I can help on the following dates:-

7 th Nov		21 st Nov		28 th Nov		5 th Dec	
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PVG required for helping.

Question of the month!

How can we work in partnership to develop creativity skills?



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