

Auchterellon Primary School

Newsletter September 2018



H.S. A. and Parent Council

The AGM for both groups has been held. **Mrs Leigh Wetherly** has been elected Chair of the HSA. Best wishes for the coming year Mrs Wetherly.

We have a vacancy for chair of the Parent Council. If anyone is interested in becoming involved in this very important role on behalf of the Parent body please could they contact either myself or Mrs Sarah Duncan, the interim chair

Dates for next Meetings

- The HSA will meet on **Wednesday 3rd October** at 6.45pm in the school staffroom.
- The Parent Council will meet on **Friday 9th November** at 1.30pm in the school staffroom.

I would like to offer my thanks to **Mrs Lorraine Groat** and **Mrs Sarah Duncan** for all the support, hard work and commitment to the school over the past years. It's been a pleasure working with you and please stay around to pass on your advice to our new committees.

Important Dates for your Diary include:

October Holidays

School will close on **Friday 12th October at 3.15pm** and resume **Monday 29th October 2018**.

November In—service

School is also closed to pupils on **Mon. Nov 12th** and **Tues. Nov 13th 2018**

Thursday 22nd November 2018— Interim School Reports out to Parents.

Friday 30th November 2018 – St Andrew's Day. Please wear a 'Touch of Tartan'

Car Park

Our car park is a small but busy area, fraught with potential accidents. It is for the use of staff and deliveries during the school day. **(8.00am – 4.30pm)**. We have had a number of 'near miss' accidents recently so Police are patrolling more regularly. Please make use of the car park behind the school.

Children should not be picked up or dropped off in the school car park

Child/Parent Conferences

These were very successful evenings. It was great to see you all. Parents and children reported very positively on the opportunity for a discussion on learning targets. I hope you found it useful.

Sumdog App

During the Parent/Child conferences many of you spoke about the success of the **Sumdog** app.in motivating your child in Maths. Sumdog recently wrote to us to let us know that our pupils answered an incredible **8544** questions over Scottish Maths Week with an average accuracy of **82%!** How amazing is that!

Our top Class was P7C.

I know that technology and 'screen time' can be an area of conflict in households but this is one app that has great benefits for children. Well done everyone!

Dogs in School Grounds

Parents/carers are reminded that they should not bring dogs into the school grounds during school time and in particular, at the start and end of the school day.

Children and dogs are not a good mix at these very busy times and it is important we keep our children safe.

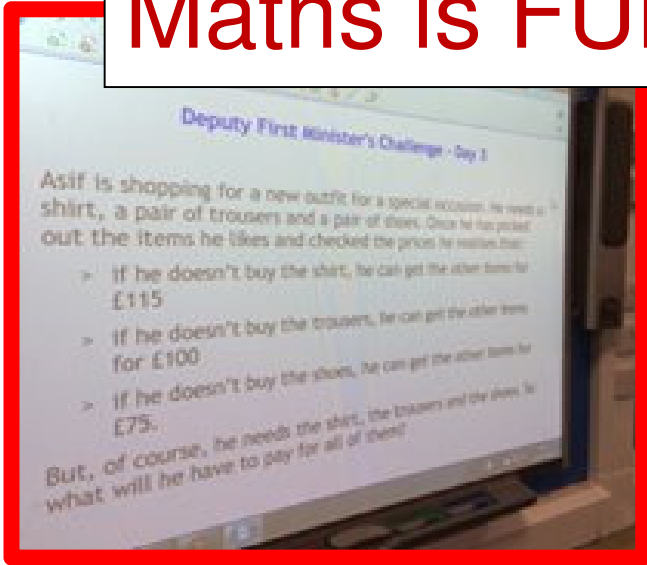
There has been a significant increase in the instances of dog fouling in the playground, particularly on the grassed area. Whilst the janitor and staff do their very best to clear this up sometimes it does mean unfortunately that children have to be excluded from areas of the playground.

A neighbour has also been in touch to say some children are teasing her dog through the fence. This is happening as the children are on their way to school. Please could you remind the children this is not a good idea.

Yours sincerely,

Morag McGowan
Head Teacher

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...at Auchterellon!