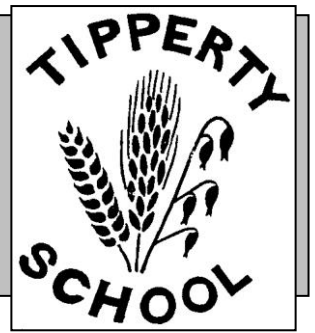


Tipperty School

Newsletter

August 2015



WELCOME

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a lovely holiday and feel the better of your break. A special welcome to our new families who join us this year.

PRIMARY 1

The 3 children in Primary one have all settled into the school routine. They will be in school for full days starting from Monday 31st August.

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

The first meeting is on Thursday 18th September at 6.30pm. All parents and staff are welcome to attend so I hope to see you all then. It will be a chance to meet up with the new parents of the new children who have started at Tipperty. An agenda will be issued shortly.

100 CLUB

The August winners are
£25 – Graham Birnie (53)
£15 – Fiona Wood (19)
£10 – Maureen Birnie (91)

REQUEST FROM OFFICE STAFF

If money is being sent to school could parents please put it in an envelope and write on the envelope what the money is for.

Thank you.

ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school parents should contact the school before 9.15am on the day their child is off. This is to inform staff that your child is safe at home and not 'lost' or 'stranded' on their way to school.

Thank you!

VISITING SPECIALISTS

The visiting specialists for this term are:

PE - Miss K Madigan - Tuesday pm

ICT - Mrs B Keddie- Wednesday pm (P1-3)

French - Miss L McBoyle - Thurs pm (P4-7)

Music – Mrs S Kenyon - Friday am

Teaching staff will take PE lessons weekly. All children will be receiving 2 hours Physical Activity weekly so will require to have their PE kit in school each week. If children are to be excused from a PE lesson a note from the parent or a phone call is requested. For the Health & Safety of every child, children wearing ear rings will have to cover these with plasters and long hair must be tied back.

The PE teacher has also requested children should take joggers, a warm top and change of socks as she will try and take the children outside as much as possible.

VISITING SPECIALIST UPDATE

Miss Thompson our music specialist left at the end of last term and our new music specialist is Mrs Sarah Kenyon.

IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2015-2016

Staff have identified developments to take forward this session.

The developments are-

- Active Literacy – Reading focus
- Numeracy and Maths
- Learning/Teaching Progressions
- Rights Respecting School

If any parent would like a copy of our full Improvement Plan with more details on each area please contact me at school.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

The first Parent Interview this session will be held on Tuesday 6th October. This interview is to discuss how your child has settled into their new class, what the children are working on and a chance for parents to ask any questions about their child's education. Letters will be issued nearer the time and parents will be able to choose an afternoon or evening appointment.

FORMARTINE BEGINNING TO BLOSSOM

We have entered the Formartine Beginning to Blossom competition again this year. The judges will be visiting on Tuesday 1st September to see the work we have been doing in the school grounds and with the Local Community. Carole Baxter a presenter from the Beechgrove Garden will be one of the judges. A group of children will attend the presentation ceremony in September/October to find out how we got on.

IPAD MUSIC

Primary 4-6 are taking part in IPAD music sessions this term. These are supported from the Youth Music Initiative.

ART WORK

We are going to be decorating part of the wall at the back of the school and require bottle tops for this so can you please collect any tops from cartons and send them to school.
Thank you.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

A current brochure is attached. If you would like to order from it please complete the order form in the middle of the brochure and return it to school with a cheque made payable to Scholastic Ltd, or complete your credit/debit card details on the form. No cash please. All orders should be returned to school by Monday 7th September.

SPREE BOOK

Spree Books have arrived in school again. A letter with details of the book is attached along with the book and a tear off slip which should be returned to school by Friday 4th September.

FLU IMMUNISATION

All children in school will be offered flu immunization again this year. Parents will be receiving information about this. We were given the date Thursday 3rd October. This date may change but I will keep you updated on this.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tolquhon Castle Visit –Tuesday 8th September
Techfest – Monday 14th September
Thursday 17th September – Parent Council
Friday 25th September – McMillan/CLAN
Coffee event
Fyvie Castle Visit - Tuesday 29th September
End of Term Service – Friday 9th October

ATTACHMENTS

- Scholastic Book Club magazine
- Spree Book, letter and return slip
- Aberdeenshire Council Ranger – September
- Ellon After Achool Club



Lorna Dawson,
Head Teacher

