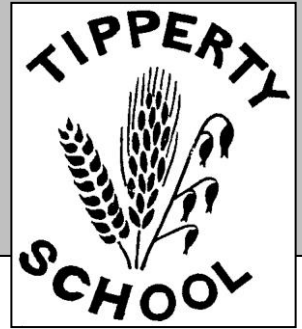


Tipperty School

Newsletter

August 2016



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 6 children in Primary one started full days from Monday 29th August.



Football Player of the Year



The Player of the year was announced at the end of term service in July. Congratulations to Kerr Mann- Michie for this achievement.

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

The first meeting is on Thursday 8th 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. The Parent Council is hoping for new parents to join them.

100 CLUB

The August winners are
£25 – Miss McBoyle (36)
£15 – Richard Cannon Jnr (1)
£10 – Zara Malley-Smith (28)

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

ART - Mrs J Connell - Wednesday pm

French - Miss L McBoyle - Thurs pm

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.

French

All children in Tipperty are learning French. We have started a short lesson with the French teacher every Thursday for primary 1-3. Primary 4-7 continue to receive a longer session each week. This is in line with Education Scotland's policy that all children should be learning another language. The teachers are also joining in for this session.

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.

TECHFEST

All the children had a trip to Techfest and were involved in different activities. Thanks to all the parent helpers who came along to help on the day.

Techfest is ongoing throughout September and parents can attend other sessions with their children. There are brochures in the school office if anyone would like one or details can be found on Techfest website- www.techfest.org.uk

Improvement Plan Session 2016-2017

Staff have identified the priorities for this session as-

1. Reporting to Parents- All schools have to have a new reporting framework for August 2017 so next session will be the opportunity to put this in place.
2. Raising Attainment in Numeracy – Continue to build and share ideas with colleagues in raising numeracy attainment.
3. MLPS 1+2 – All children have to learn a second language from primary 1. Teachers will begin training for this. In Tippetty this will be French.
4. Digital Technologies – This will be developed with the children making more use of Digital Technologies in the school. It will be a busy development year.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

The first Parent Interview this session will be held on **Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th** September for parents of children in primary 4-7 with interviews for Primary 1-3 parents on **Wednesday 28th September** only. Parents of children in Primary 4-7 will be asked to select which day suits them best. It may be beneficial for parents who also have children in Primary 1-3 to select the Wednesday. Letters will be issued nearer the time and parents will be able to choose an afternoon or evening appointment.

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 12th September.

FLU IMMUNISATION

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

FORMARTINE BEGINNING TO BLOSSOM

We have entered the Formartine Beginning to Blossom competition again this year. The judges visited on Tuesday 30th August to see the work we have been doing in the school grounds and with the Local Community. A group of children will attend the presentation ceremony on 29th September to find out how we got on.

PLANTING TREES

Every year Formartine partnership offer up to a £100 grant to benefit the work we do within the garden in school. A grant was applied for and we were able to purchase 3 apple trees. Thanks to Moray Park for helping to plant the trees.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 2nd September - Satrosphere Visit (P4-7)

Thursday 8th September – Parent Council

Thursday 22nd September (P1-3) MacDuff

Aquarium

Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th September –
Parent Interviews

Friday 30th September – McMillan Coffee event

Monday 3rd October - Flu Immunisation (date
may change)

Friday 7th October - End of Term Service

ATTACHMENTS

- Scholastic Book Club magazine
- Aberdeenshire Ranger Events

Lorna Dawson,
Head Teacher