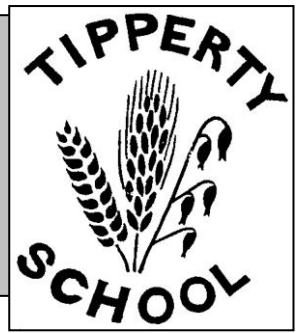


Tipperty School

Newsletter

August 2017



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 4 children in Primary one will be starting full days from Monday 4th September.



PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

The first meeting is on Thursday 7th 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.

Ragbag

From our last collection we received £71.05 from the Ragbag bin in the playground. An easy way to make money for the school fund.

100 CLUB WINNERS

July winners

£25 – Gillian Temple (40)

£15 – Heather Black (32)

£10 – Graham Birnie (53)

August winners

£25 – Craig Emslie (7)

£15 – Fiona Wood (19)

£10 – Richard Connon Jnr (100)

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. If payments are made by cheque it should be made payable to Tipperty School Fund unless otherwise stated, and cash payments should be the **exact money only** as we do not hold a petty cash fund so giving change is very difficult. Your cooperation in this is very much appreciated. 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. Parents should send tape with their child if earrings required to be covered.

Defibrillator Training

Information has been sent out regarding training for the use of the Defibrillator. There are 12 places available and to date 7 places have been filled.

Football Player of the Year

The Player of the year was announced at the end of term service in June. Congratulations to Ross Connon for this achievement.

ECO AWARD

Tipperty School has earned another ECO Award. This is our 5th ECO green flag award. Well done to Mrs Williams and everyone who has worked towards this award.



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.



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.

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 11th September.

REPORTING CALENDAR

Last year we trialed a new reporting calendar and shared this with parents. It proved to be a success. A reporting calendar for 2017-2018 has been drafted and will be shared with parents at the next Parent Council meeting. It shows parents the variety of ways they can be involved in learning about school activities, successes and achievements and progress of their child. Following the Parent Council meeting a copy will be sent to all parents.

Improvement Plan Session 2017-2018

Staff have identified the priorities for this session as-

1. Develop use of Aberdeenshire Frameworks for planning and moderation
2. Accelerated Reading
3. Developing the Young Workforce
4. Implementation of new national assessments
5. First Aid training

It will be a busy development year.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

The first Parent Interview this session will be held on **Wednesday 11th October.**

Letters will be issued nearer the time and parents will be able to choose an afternoon or evening appointment. An interim report will also be issued prior to the interview date.

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 Wednesday 8th November. This date may change but I will keep you updated on this.

School Meals

Paying on line for School Meals is set up through the Aberdeenshire website www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk. First time users simply click PAY followed by the appropriate heading eg school meal payments and register via myAberdeenshire. This lets parents pay securely on line and will also give access to a range of other services, such as notification of school closures and changes to school transport.

FORMARTINE BEGINNING TO BLOSSOM



We have entered the Formartine Beginning to Blossom competition again this year. The judges visited on Tuesday 29th 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 10th October to find out how we got on.

TARGETS

As part of our Reporting to Parents procedures the teachers will be sending home the targets for the children for term 1 shortly. They will be reviewed at the end of term and evaluations will also be shared with parents.

Grant Award

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 2 cold frames.

CLASS DOJO

Teachers are using Class Dojo again this year to share what your child is learning and activities they have been involved in. Just a reminder that any concerns or messages about your child the teacher will need for the day, shouldn't be posted on Class Dojo. Phone the school with any messages or arrange a time to meet the teacher if you have concerns. Thanks.

HEAD LICE

The school nurse has sent a reminder to remember and check your child(s) head regularly. See attached leaflet from nurse. (Reminder only no out-break of head lice)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mondays – 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th September- swimming for P4-7

Thursday 7th September – Parent Council

Wednesday 11th October – Parent Interviews

Thursday 28th September – McMillan Coffee event

Tuesday 10th October- Awards ceremony

Friday 13th October - End of Term Service

ATTACHMENTS

- Scholastic Book Club magazine
- Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service
- Middleton Trust Fun Run
- Active Schools Activities
- Information on Head Lice

Lorna Dawson,
Head Teacher

