

# Glenlivet Primary School

## SUCCESS FOR ALL OF US

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### Dear Parents

We hope everyone has had a great, action packed holiday and is looking forward to coming back to school. We certainly could not complain too much about the weather this year!

As the weather has been so dry it was perhaps not ideal for planting and growing the wildflower seeds we sent home at the end of last term. However, I know some of you will have been successful so please send in or email us the photos; we would love to see them.

### Staffing

As you know, Mrs Woodcock will not be starting with us this term as she is on maternity leave. The position of Principal Teacher to cover Mrs Woodcock's leave has been advertised twice but there have been no applicants. The post will be re-advertised this week but, until it is filled, I will be class committed at Glenlivet Primary. I am looking forward to working in class with the children. To allow me one afternoon non-contact time Mrs Irving, Primary Science Development Officer, will come to school and will teach Science.

### Staffing (August 2018)

Mrs Fraser – HT, Mrs Irving – Supply Teacher, Mrs Carvell – Support for Learning Teacher, Mrs Gillies – Music Instructor  
Support Staff – Mrs Balfour, Mrs-Durno, Mrs Irvine and Mrs Wright  
Primary School Administrator – Mrs Belford  
Bus Drivers – Mrs Clark and Mrs Durno  
Catering Assistant – Mrs Taylor  
Cleaner – Mr Mackie

### School Improvement

Through self-evaluation we have identified the following as areas for development within the school:

- To integrate Developing the Young Workforce within planning for curricular progression.
- The development of Progression Pathways for all curricular areas.
- Raising Attainment in Literacy, Language and Communication: Taking a Developmental Approach to Emerging Literacy.
- Involvement in the Rights Respecting Schools programme.

The full 2017 – 2018 Standard and Quality Report is attached to this newsletter.

### Parent Council

There will be a meeting of the Glenlivet Primary School Parent Council on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 6pm. Agenda items for this meeting will include:

- Staffing Update
- Consideration of Pupil Equity Funding

Please contact Stella Taylor, Secretary, with any other agenda items you would like included: [ms\\_stella\\_taylor@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ms_stella_taylor@yahoo.co.uk).

### 120 Club

For many years we have successfully run our 120 Club. How it works is that we sell tickets that cost £1 per month. These can be bought monthly, quarterly or annually. However many tickets we sell, we give half their value in prizes each month. For example, if we sold 120 tickets (£120) we would offer prizes totalling £60. If you do not already have tickets for yourselves, friends and family, please consider investing. Just send an email or call the school office and we can help with this. All your donations would be gratefully received and would help to pay for trips out of school such as to the pantomime or Landmark that the children enjoy so much.

### Dates for the Diary

August	
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	Term 1 starts
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	School photos
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council, 6pm
September	
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Child Smilè
October	
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term 1
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Term 2 starts
November	
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	In-service
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	In-service
December	
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	Soup & Sweet
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Flu Vaccines
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pantomime at Eden Court Theatre
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Term 2 ends
January	
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	Term 3 starts
February	
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday
March	
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Term 3 ends
April	
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Term 4 starts
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday holiday
May	
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	In-service
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	In-service
June	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Holiday
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Term 4 ends
2019 – 2010 Session starts 19 <sup>th</sup> August	

### **School Photos**

School photographs will be taken on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August. Any parents who would like to bring preschool children or would like family photos should come to school at 1.15pm. Any other family or friends are also welcome to come along. This year we will have individual and family group pictures taken for every child. You will be sent proofs of the photos but there is, of course, no obligation for you to buy.

### **Homework**

Generally speaking your child will have homework to complete each week. This will come home in a homework jotter with clear accompanying instructions from your child's teacher. Almost always children complete homework successfully and parents appreciate the regular contact homework provides. However, we understand that homework does sometimes present difficulties. If you do experience any difficulty please get in touch with us so that we can discuss this.

### **Learning Logs**

Every child has a learning log that is used to help them reflect upon their learning – what they have been learning about, what progress they have made and what they need to do next. There is also space on the learning logs for parents to comment. This is a great way for parents to feed back to the child in terms of offering praise, encouragement or asking questions. It also offers an ideal opportunity for parents to communicate anything that the child has been doing at home. We really appreciate it when parents add something to their child's learning log and the children are really proud of their parent's contributions. If you are still not so sure what sort of thing to write, please just get in touch and we will help.

### **Fluoride Varnish & Flu Vaccines**

Any fluoride varnish treatments or flu vaccines will only be administered with parental permission. If you have questions about these treatments, please get in touch and we will be able to help.

### **PE**

Teachers will let you know your child's PE times. Whenever possible we will do this outside so you may wish to provide your child with tracksuit trousers rather than shorts when the weather becomes cooler. It is really important that your child has good fitting shoes for PE as loose ones often cause accidents.

### **Coats**

Please make sure that your child brings a jacket to school every day. Even if it is fabulously sunny before they leave for school there is no guarantee that it won't be torrential rain by playtime!

### **Photographs and Filming**

We regularly take photos and films to record and celebrate each child's attainment and achievement. Similarly, when parents come to school events they may take photos or record performances. Please do not share photos or films of other people's children on websites or any form of social media without first asking the parent/child for his or her permission. We have asked for permissions and know whose images we can or cannot use.

### **School Lunches**

All children are eligible for free school meals until they reach P4. From P4, school meals tickets can be purchased from the school. These cost £2.30 per day. Some P4-7 children may be eligible for free school meals. Please use this link to check if this applies to your child.

[http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray\\_standard/page\\_55486.html](http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_55486.html)

Please make us aware of any allergies or intolerances your child has. We can arrange to have a meeting with you to discuss meal options. The school meals service will always try to accommodate all types of special diets in our school meals, including gluten free, dairy free, etc.

The ways in which school meals can be paid for will be changing in the near future and we will put out more information about this as we get it. In the meantime, it would be really helpful to us if the children could buy their dinner tickets for the week on a Monday morning. This link, <http://www.moray.gov.uk/downloads/file106142.pdf> will take you to the menu. Please let us know if you have difficulty accessing it and we will provide a paper copy.

### **Data Capture Forms**

You will receive data capture forms from us. Please read these carefully and make sure we have up to date information for your child. Details of your child's emergency contacts are particularly important and these should include a relative or friend as well as yourselves.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Nancy Fraser  
Head Teacher