

September/October 2017

# Marykirk Primary



## Holidays

Term 1 Ends Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Oct

Term 2 begins Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct

In-Service Days - Mon 13<sup>th</sup>/Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Nov

Term 2 Ends Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec

Term 3 begins Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan

Mid term break Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> – Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb (Inclusive)

In-Service – Tues 13<sup>th</sup>/Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Feb

Term 3 Ends Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> March

Term 4 begins Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

May Day holiday Mon 7<sup>th</sup> May

Term 4 Ends Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July

## Other Diary Dates

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Oct – Flu vaccinations in school

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Oct – P5 and P6 First Aid Training at Fettercairn Primary.

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Oct – P7 First Aid Training at Fettercairn Primary

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Oct – Parent consultations and MacMillan Coffee Evening

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – MPCC Halloween Disco 6:30-8pm @ Village Hall

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Nov – P1-3 Class Assembly (All parents welcome)

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> November 11-12 – Kodaly/Choir/Recorder showcase

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – P4-7 Class Assembly (All Parents Welcome)

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Christmas Coffee Morning @ Village Hall

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Panto trip (am)

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Jumper

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the last newsletter of Term 1. The children and staff have had a very busy term and it has been lovely to see their energy and enthusiasm as they settle in to their new classes and routines.

## Celebration Assembly

The following pupils were given a special mention from staff at our last celebration assembly:

Amber and Emma (P1) - both girls have been working hard and being very independent young learners.

Charlotte (P4) - for being responsible and reliable and showing effort in everything she has been asked to do.

Arianna (P7) - for being a good 'buddy' to her younger peers.

Rebecca (P7) - for settling in to P7 so well and continuing to be a superb role model for others.

## Pupil Participation Groups

Through our pupil participation groups our children are developing the skills for learning, life and work as they take on roles such as chairing meetings, recording minutes and reporting back to fellow classmates, staff and parents. They will be involved in organising events and communicating with other partners to support the school.



## **Pupil Council**

The role of the Pupil Council is to work together to help make our school the best it can be. We will meet regularly to discuss ideas, share problems and decide on the most effective ways to change and improve our school!



## **ECO Group**

Our ECO group will be working hard this year to help make a positive change. We are going to work towards Green Flag status.

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## RRSA

Our aim is to make Marykirk School a safe & inspiring place to learn, where children's rights are respected, their talents are nurtured & they are able to thrive. We are working towards our RRS Level 2 award.

## Right of the Month - ARTICLE 24

*Children have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment and information to help them stay well.*

## Road Safety News

Following last week's community meeting around road safety in Marykirk, we are in the process of appointing our Junior Road Safety Officers. We are keen to work with our parents and the community to make Marykirk as safe as possible. We plan to get pupils involved by conducting road traffic surveys, revisiting road crossing safety and creating posters to encourage drivers to stick to speed limits.

## Reward Break

We are now referring to Golden Time as 'Reward Break'. Following discussion at the Pupil Council and votes in class the following activities will be available for children to opt in to next term:

Cross Stitch (Mrs Cooper)

Baking

Outdoor play

Arts and Crafts

Free choice - own toys can be brought in but NO electronic devices

Computer Technology

## Careers Week

In January we are hoping to hold a Careers Week. The aim of this week is to develop pupils understanding of the different jobs that people do and the skills that are required for any job, for example, time keeping, communication, listening, manners, good organisational skills etc.

A letter will be coming out with more details shortly and we will be asking for volunteers to come in to school and speak to the children.

## Photography Permission Forms

Thank you to everyone who has returned their permission forms so far. If you have not already returned your form please can you do so as soon as possible. Should you require another copy please contact the school office.

**First Aid Training**

Our P5-7s will be taking part in First Aid training at Fettercairn Primary. Thank you to the MPCC for helping to fund this worthwhile opportunity.

**Parent Contact Meetings/MacMillan Fundraiser**

Our parent contact meetings are being held in school on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Appointment times have been issued. Please make time to come along and support our MacMillan Fundraiser in the school hall which will be running from 3:30-6:30pm. Any donations of home baking would be greatly appreciated and can be handed in to the school office on the day. Any baking left will be available for children to purchase on Thursday morning.

**Christmas Card Orders**

Please make sure all Christmas card orders are handed in to school by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October to enable us to process the order before we break up for the holidays. Please note that any late orders will not be accepted.

As always, we value your opinions. Please let us know if you feel we are doing well at something or if there is something you think we could be doing better. You can get in touch by phone 01674 840200 or email

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Working in partnership achieves the best outcomes for our young people, our school and our community!

Have a lovely October break.  
Kind regards

Fiona Thomson  
Head Teacher

**MPCC  
NEWS**

Hallowe'en Disco – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Coffee Morning – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Next MPCC meeting – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 6.30 pm in school. All welcome.