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| Hello and welcome back to Term 2.We hope you all had a lovely holiday. This term will be extremely busy with lots of exciting events including Halloween, Bonfire Night, Outdoor Classroom Day, Anti-Bullying Week, Book Week Scotland, St Andrew’s Day and, of course, Christmas! Please see below for a list of dates associated with these and look out for more information via See-Saw, email and letters. We are entering the season of lost gloves and hats so it would be greatly appreciated if you could try to label items of winter clothing so that lost items can be easily reunited with their owner. Can you also please ensure children have suitable warm/waterproof clothing for the winter weather. Thank you!Please note there is a change in date for the school show performance which will now be on Tuesday 10th December due to the general election being scheduled for the 12th when the hall will be in use as a polling station. The afternoon performance will be on Tue 10th and evening performance on Wed 11th.We are looking forward to a full and fun term ahead. Please get in touch if you have any comments or questions!Kind regards,Lindsey McBride |
| **School Improvement Plan Update**Maths and NumeracyLast term our main focus for improvement was the learning and teaching of maths and numeracy. Staff have participated in a range of professional learning activities to develop their knowledge and understanding of the Maths Mastery approach which helps children develop an understanding of number by using concrete materials and pictures. This approach was developed in Singapore and research shows it supports children in developing essential problem solving skills and a positive attitude to maths and numeracy. We intend to hold an information/workshop evening related to this on 15th January where we will give more information and answer any questions about the approach. |
| **Celebrating Success**Our pupils did us proud putting on a fantastic display of learning and talent at our end of term Celebration Assembly. The event was a great success and a lot of fun! Thank you to all who were able to make it along and share it with us. Amongst other great performances, Emily Duncan shared her talent for writing by reading a piece she had written about a fictional survivor of the Titanic. Emily is, without a doubt, an author of the future so we wanted to be the first to publish her work! We hope you enjoy reading Emily’s writing which is attached to this newsletter. |

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| **Outdoor Tidy Up**Thank you to all who came along on that rainy Saturday last term to help us tame our willow tunnels. Everyone, including the children and I was amazed at what we achieved in a short space of time. We will be continuing to work on our outdoor spaces in order to provide great learning and play experiences for our children. Please let us know if you have a particular interest in gardening or the outdoors and would like to be involved in helping to maintain and improve our outdoor areas. We are always on the look out for extra helpers! |
| **Oyne Parent Council:**Four new laptops have now arrived in school and are currently being set up for use in class. This has been possible because of your support and donations to numerous OPC fundraising events and activities. The recent Fish and Chip night was a huge success raising almost £700 which is a fantastic start to our Outdoor Classroom Fund! Thank you again to all who organised and supported this, and our other events.The next meeting of the OPC takes place on Tuesday 12th November at 7pm. Please come along if you can. The OPC can be contacted at oynepc@yahoo.com. |
| **Pennies for Pencils - UPDATE**A group of people standing in front of a crowd posing for the camera  Description automatically generatedMrs Smith has returned safely from Uganda after a very busy 12 days delivering bags of clothes and other items around the schools. The children of St Andrew’s Monde Primary school (and all the other schools) were delighted to receive their pencils from Oyne – every school received lots of pencils in their bags. The children of St Bonaventure Primary school were delighted with the letters they received from the Oyne pupils and Mrs Smith has brought replies from them which will be shared with the children next week! |
| **Outdoor Classroom Day**Outdoor Classroom Day celebrates outdoor play and learning – on the 7th November thousands of schools around the world take lessons outside and prioritise playtime. The campaign is about more than just one day – it is a catalyst to inspire more time outdoors every day, both at school and at home. We will be spending as much time as we can outdoors on Thursday 7th November. We will keep our fingers crossed for good weather but we would appreciate it if children could come to school with warm and waterproof clothing.  |
| **Christmas Fair**We plan to hold a Christmas Fayre on Thursday 5th December. The children will help to plan the activities and stalls and will be making lots of things to sell. We would also love to hear any ideas that you have which will help to make this event a success. If you have any ideas or contacts for local businesses that may like to help or host a stall, please can you complete the slip at the bottom of this newsletter or drop an email to the office. Many Thanks! There will also be a Scholastic Book fair in school with lots of discounted books to help with some Christmas shopping! |
| **Clubs**Active Schools – Dance Fitness – Mondays (except 25th November)This term’s Monday afternoon class is Dance Fitness which will run every Monday until 9th December (inclusive) except Monday 25th November.Mr Adey will be joining our staff as specialist PE teacher for P3/4 and P5/6/7. PE for these classes will now take place on Wednesday afternoon. Mr Adey is also going to lead a juggling club for P5/6/7 which will take place after school on Wednesdays. Please look out for more information about this. In addition to our Monday lunchtime Jog Club, we will also be running a range of pupil led lunchtime clubs. This term these will be Reading, Board Games, Dance, Arts and Crafts and Football and Sumdog Clubs. We aim to have these clubs up and running next week.  |
| **Book Week Scotland**Book Week Scotland takes place from 18th -22nd November. Please note that 18th and 19th are In-Service Days and so we will be encouraging children to be doing lots of reading even though they are not at school. We will be celebrating Book Week Scotland on Friday 22nd November and would like to invite family members to come along and celebrate with us from 2pm – 3:15pm. Children in P1-3 will be also be gifted their Book Bags containing books and activities which they will then take home to enjoy. We will be running a second-hand book shop from Wed 20th – Fri 22nd and would appreciate donations of any books that your children have finished with. Our older pupils will sell these at 50p each with the proceeds being used to buy new books for the school library.  |
| **Winter Weather Arrangements:**Please see letter attached with details of how to find out about school closures in the event of bad weather. If the school has to close during the school day, we will contact all parents via Groupcall/email/text. If there is bad weather overnight, we will update the Aberdeenshire School Closures website and information phone line so that parents can check these locations if the weather is poor. Please note that if Oyne School is open but Rayne North School is closed, we may not be able to provide school lunches, so please be prepared to provide a packed lunch if necessary – this happens very rarely but it is worth being aware of just in case! |
| **Council Review of Local Bus/Dial-a-Bus services**The Council is undertaking a ‘clean-sheet’ review of the Local Bus, and Dial-A-Bus, services that it financially supports, to assist the decision-making on how to prioritise spend. This is **not** a review of Mainstream School Transport or Music Centre Transport. A survey seeking the views of Aberdeenshire residents and communities to identify travel priorities and preferences is being launched later this month. It is vital that the consultation survey attracts not just existing passenger transport service users, but engages with as wide an audience as possible in order to help the Council understand the areas where provision of bus services is affecting people’s ability to access key destinations and activities. The questionnaire focuses on ascertaining views on how best to provide supported bus services and can be completed as individuals or on behalf of an organisation. A link to the questionnaire will be available on the Council’s web site **from 28 October** **2019** (<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/public-transport/policies-strategies-and-contracts/>), with printed copies planned to be available in local libraries, Aberdeenshire Council offices, Ellon Park & Ride, and Peterhead Interchange, from 2 November 2019, for those who cannot access the web site. The survey will run until Monday 9 December 2019. |
| **Term Dates 2019-2020**We have had a few folk asking for a reminder for the dates for this session – this term’s in-service days are Mon 18th and Tue 19th November. Last day of term 2 is Friday 20th December. First day of Term 3 is Monday 6th January 2020. Term 3 mid-term is Thu/Fri/Mon 13th, 14th, 17th February followed by in-service days on Tue/Wed 18th and 19th February. Last day of term 3 is Friday 3rd April. Term 4 begins on Monday 20th April. School is closed on Friday 8th May for the May Day holiday and also on Monday 1st June for the final occasional day. Last day of term 4 is Friday 3rd July. Please pop these dates in your diary! |
| Dates for your Diary

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Times and arrangements** |
| **Friday 1st November** | OPC Halloween Party | 6pm – 8pm: Village Hall Tickets £3 |
| **Wed 6th November** | Road Safety Magic Show | P1-3 School Hall 1:30pm |
| **Thursday 7th November** | Outdoor Classroom Day | All classes |
| **Saturday 9th November** | OCA Firework event |  |
| **Monday 11th November** | Anti-Bullying Week begins |  |
| **Tuesday 12th November** | OPC AGM Meeting | School Hall 7pm |
| **Monday 18th November** | In-Service DayBook Week Scotland Begins | School closed to pupils |
| **Tuesday 19th November** | In-Service Day | School closed to pupils |
| **Wednesday 20th November** | Second Hand Book Shop Opens | Books 50p each on sale at break and lunchtime |
| **Friday 22nd November** | Book Week Scotland Celebration | 2pm – 3:15pm All Welcome |
| **Tuesday 3rd December** | Book Fair Arrives |  |
| **Thursday 5th December** | Christmas Fayre | School Hall 1:30pm |
| **Tuesday 10th December** | School Christmas Show | Village Hall - afternoon |
| **Wed 11th December** | School Christmas Show | Village Hall - evening |
| **Friday 13th December** | Christmas Jumper Day | Raising funds for St Kizito Schools & Community Uganda – suggested donation £1/pupil |
| **Thursday 19th December**  | School Christmas Party |  |
| **Wednesday 15th January** | Maths Open Evening | Details to follow |
| **Friday 24th January**  | Rabbie Burns Assembly | School Hall – pm All Welcome |

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Please let us know if you have any ideas or contacts which may be useful for planning out Christmas Fair:

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