

Tarves Primary School Newsletter



Tuesday 1st March 2022

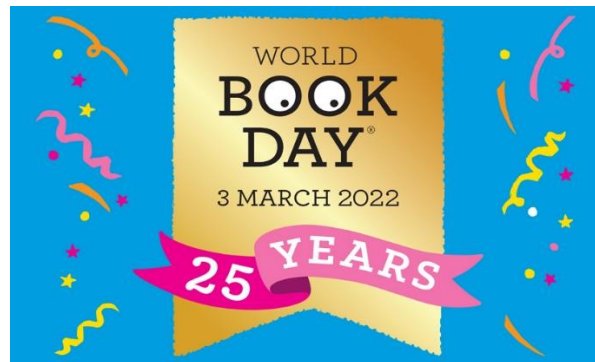
Dear Parents/Carers,

A word from Mrs Conn

It is starting to feel like Spring has sprung! Our pupils have been so excited about reading outdoors in the sunshine and have been busy making reading dens and shelters in which to tell and share stories. This is so wonderful to see!

We love reading and promote it as much as possible, wherever possible! World Book Day 2022 falls this week on Thursday 3rd March and is the 25th anniversary of the event. The children will be taking part in lots of different reading and book-related activities, celebrating and enjoying this special day together. Our Literacy Team have organised Book Reading Bingo, Live Author sessions, quizzes and a treasure hunt, to name but a few! Find out more here [Families - World Book Day](#) including the official World Book Day song from MC Grammar.

As a staff, we have been working hard to continue to improve our whole-school approach to teaching, learning and assessment. During the Inservice days, we focused on Literacy and improving opportunities for our learners. We have recently purchased a wide range of new reading books, online materials and resources for the children to use. Your feedback on these is always appreciated!



Mrs McLean and Primary 7 are looking at ways to expand our Library and reading materials. They would happily accept any suitable leaflets, children's magazines and comics which have been finished with that we could use. If anyone has any at home gathering dust on a shelf, please could you donate to us? Thank you in advance!

Finally, Online Bookclub has been set up again if you wish to make any purchases. Primary 7 will issue more information, but the deadline for ordering is 22nd April. Here is the link for anyone interested - <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/tarves/digital-book-club>

The school receives a percentage for every book you buy to invest in reading materials for the children. A worthy cause and a great excuse to get reading! 😊

SNSA Testing

Over the coming weeks, Primary 1, Primary 4 and Primary 7 will be undertaking SNSA testing. These are Scottish National Standardised Assessments, and they are carried out by every Primary 1, 4 and 7 pupil across Scotland. This data is then used to create a National picture of assessment and pupil achievement across the country.

All assessments are online based, are completed on the laptop (or iPad for our younger pupils) during school time and are conducted by the Class Teacher. These assessments are nothing to worry about and will be carried out in the usual, informal and routine method we have always used.

Parent/Carer Consultations – March 2022

In the last newsletter, I mentioned we will be holding Parent/Carer Consultations via Google Classroom. This is confirmed and specific dates/time slots for each class will be issued to you in the coming weeks. Each appointment will be a video call with the Class Teacher and will be 10 minutes long. The Class Teacher will talk through your child's progress thus far. You will also receive a full, written progress report for your child/ren at the end of the academic year.

Red Nose Day – Friday 18th March 2022

Primary 1/2 are leading the fundraising efforts for Comic Relief this year on Friday 18th March 2022. We are pleased to say that the classic red noses are plastic-free and will be on sale in school! Great news. More information will follow from Primary 1/2.



Newsletter Refresh

We have decided to give our newsletter a bit of a refresh and include news and information sections from our House Captains and our respective councils; Pupil Council, Rights Respecting Council and Eco Council. It will also include a special mention for those pupils who have worked really hard to produce exceptional pieces of work, have gone the 'extra mile' and shown amazing acts of kindness etc. We look forward to the next issue!

Homework Reminder

We have recently reviewed how we issue homework. A reminder that work is posted on Google Classroom for all children to access. We strongly encourage that spelling, numeracy and other activities posted are accessed as frequently as possible. Reading homework is compulsory.



Adverse Weather Reminder

We have had an unusual run of challenging weather conditions recently. A reminder that all parent/carers contact details **must** be up to date – please advise us if you have changed address or phone number recently. Information regarding school closures and weather updates can be found at [Aberdeenshire Council - School Status and Transport Notification, School Closures](#), on the My Aberdeenshire App, on Northsound Radio and by calling 0870 054 4999. The pin for Tarves School is 022680. All of this information is also on our website: [Adverse Weather/Closures | Tarves Primary School and Nursery](#) and on Twitter using @TarvesSchool.

Staff

A warm welcome to **Miss Nuttall** in Primary 1/2 with Mrs Anderson, and **Mrs Cottiss**, our PGDE student, who will be in Primary 3 with Mrs Keith and Miss Craft for 10 weeks. We are thrilled to have you at Tarves Primary School and Nursery!

Attachments Galore!

There are a lot of attachments to this newsletter, for your information. Please take the time to read through these carefully. I would like to draw your attention to the **Social Media Privacy** document which may be of particular interest to you as parents/carers to help keep your child/ren safe online. There is further information regarding free bus travel for children and activity camp details from Active Schools.

Dates for the Diary

- **Last Day of Term** – Friday 1st April 2022
- **Return to School (Summer Term)** – Monday 18th April 2022
- **Holiday – school closed to staff and pupils** – Thursday 2nd June 2022
- **Queen's Jubilee Celebration Holiday** – Friday 3rd June 2022
- **Holiday – school closed to staff and pupils** – Monday 6th June 2022
- **End of Term** – Friday 1st July 2022
- **Inservice – school closed to pupils** – Monday 22nd August 2022
- **First Day of Term (Autumn Term)** – Tuesday 23rd August 2022

Kind regards,



**Lara Conn,
Head Teacher**