



### Covid-19 Update

The school's updated risk assessment can be found on our website. Updates are highlighted in blue. We continue to support the children with compliance of routines in school which includes a full run through of risk assessment with all staff and pupils on a termly basis, that is then reinforced daily by staff.

#### Ventilation

Please ensure your child(ren) have suitable jumpers or fleeces to counter the drop in temperatures in class. We would also advise parents to ensure proper outdoor jackets so that the children can get outside at breaks and lunchtimes.

#### Covid Symptoms

A reminder that it is absolutely fundamental that any member of the school community displaying any symptoms of Covid 19 immediately self isolates to help prevent the spread of Covid 19.

- New/continuous cough
- Loss or change of taste or smell
- Temperature over 37.5C

**Remember FACTS for a safer Scotland**

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| <b>F</b> | Face coverings                                    |  |
| <b>A</b> | Avoid crowded places                              |  |
| <b>C</b> | Clean your hands regularly                        |  |
| <b>T</b> | Two metre distance                                |  |
| <b>S</b> | Self isolate and book a test if you have symptoms |  |

### Admin Corner

We continue to encourage parents to use the school phone number, and not SEESAW, to report absences. Many thanks.

### Message from the Head

#### I would like to wish all our families a happy festive period.

The decorations have been up for the past week in the Johnstone household as we are making the most of the festive spirit this year.

In school, we know we need to continue to observe restrictions but our plans for Christmas celebrations continue. We do not wish for the children to miss out on the joy of this time of year.



#### Christmas Lunch

As Mrs McConnach continues to recover from a broken wrist our Christmas lunch will be cooked and provided by Bervie staff. The service of lunch poses dilemmas, as we want the children to enjoy a warm, fresh lunch at a festive table, and to be able to come together for this event.

I have made the necessary communications and can confirm that we will all eat together however the two classes will be distanced apart and the room ventilated.

Following lunch the two classes will enjoy a rota of time outside to play and time inside playing board games or other sociable games/activities.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs McConnach back in 2021.

#### Christmas Parties

We are currently awaiting guidance of which tier Santa will be in come the end of term, but he assured me that if he cannot visit us, he will certainly find time to video conference from the North Pole.

In the event of a visit we'll go outside and see him arrive in the playground, with his little elf, where all of the children's gifts will be ready for them to collect.

As children would need to spend the day in party wear, we are proposing Christmas jumpers/head wear instead. The children can wear warm clothing underneath, but we'll all feel festive with a cosy Christmas jumper on.



#### Christmas Cards

We all love giving out our Christmas greetings but this year we'll need to be a little more careful with exchanging cards.

We will set up a Christmas sorting office where cards will be popped into a box and left for 3 days, before being distributed. This means last post will be **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Children will not be able to hand out their own cards. Please ensure they are aware of this and will follow up in school.**

In line with our goal to reduce the cost of the school day can we please ask that parents do not purchase gifts for staff this year. We feel very strongly that the focus should be on ensuring our children have the happiest Christmas and do not wish to add to the cost of Christmas for any of our families. Some children do feel bad when they do not bring a gift and their friends have. Let's avoid that altogether. Thank you.

### Christmas Performance

Aberdeenshire council have sent strict guidelines that schools should not engage in Christmas performances that involve singing, dancing or bringing parents together this year. So we've had to get creative to ensure our youngsters experience a festive performance that we can record and share with parents. We will not be able to produce a live performance.

P1-4 are taking advantage of the large P1 cohort to bring a traditional nativity to our families.

P5-7 are making a stop motion film of Nativity



### Pantomime

Aberdeen Arts Centre has joined forces with successful pantomime company TaleGale Theatre Productions to broadcast an Aladdin production with a "sprinkling of Aberdonian charm".

The free show is available to schools across Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire and hopes to spread some festive joy during the pandemic.

We will be watching this production on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

The children will enjoy an ice cream tub with the show, and we hope they can wear their festive jumpers as we would normally do.



### School Vision, Values and Aims

- \* Creativity
- \* Confidence
- \* Empathy
- \* Leadership

Using the influences of their research, along with the results of whole class discussion the following aims were agreed:

- \* We are confident, independent learners who know how to support others
- \* We are resilient learners who work well as individuals or as part of a team
- \* We are responsible learners who follow rules and respect others' differences
- \* We are focused, creative learners

### School Vision

## All aboard the SS Success!

We finally have our vision, values and aims, and we have established our pupil leadership groups for this session:

- Ministry of Children
- Baby Shark
- Junior Librarians
- Super Tech School
- Rights Respecting Schools

Our groups will produce a newsletter to update parents on their work so far.

## Ragbag Collection

Our latest Ragbag collection raised

£127





