



# SCHOOL BULLETIN 2

## Thursday 2nd October 2014

### STAFFING UPDATE

Ms Ruth Thompson is our temporary art teacher at the moment and is likely to be in post until the Christmas Break. Any further changes will be notified in the school bulletin.

### SCOTTISH LEARNING FESTIVAL

Last week 6 children from P7 along with Valerie Thomson from the school and Peter Diamond, Head of Schools attended the Scottish Learning Festival in Glasgow showcasing the Scrapstore Playpod development at Glaithness. Morag Miller was already at the Scottish Learning Festival as part of the local authority presentations and met the children there to promote the work we have been doing on this. The children were playing with scrap and answering questions from the audience about this. Valerie and Morag spoke about the project as well and the difference it had made to the playground. The children did really well showcasing the project and met Mike Russell, the Education Minister and Bill Maxwell, Chief Executive of Education Scotland. A highlight of the trip was Pizza Hut on the Wednesday night though! This is set to develop further with inclusion in 'The Journey to Excellence' website run by Education Scotland for promoting examples of innovative practice in schools across Scotland.

### HARVEST SERVICE

We are having a harvest service on Monday afternoon in the school. Due to the numbers of children there is no space for parents or visitors for this occasion. However, we did want to ask if the children could donate 1 item to the Orkney Food bank as part of the service. If children could take in one piece of food for the food bank on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October, they will have an opportunity to place it in a box or on a table as part of the assembly. We will then ensure that the food bank staff receive the goods.

### PROMOTING RESILIENCE

We are inviting parents of children in P3 - P5 only to a session run by Cathy Lyner, Principal Educational Psychologist to look at how parents can help promote resilience in their children. This is when children are at a key developmental stage and where there are often more challenges with peer relationships.

### SPECIAL DIETS

Please remember that the school kitchen can cater for special diets. If your child has special dietary requirements, please contact the school and we can arrange a meeting with the kitchen staff. Please contact the school or kitchen staff to update any existing dietary requirements, eg allergies.

### LOST PROPERTY

Please can we ask that pupil's names are written on clothing, especially school uniform? This makes it a lot easier to return lost items of clothing to their owners. Thank you.

### HOME TIME

Can we remind parents that they are responsible for their children at home time in the front playground. Please ensure that your children are supervised while out there after the end of the school day.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Service in school
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Council Meeting 7pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term 1 - school closes at 3.30pm
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup> & Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Staff in-service days - school closed to pupils
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	First day of term 2
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	P3-P5 Parent Session - Promoting Resilience 6.30 - 7.30pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	School Bulletin
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Council Bonfire Night fundraising event
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	P7 Nethybridge Trip - Second deposit £60 due
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> & Thu 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evenings 6-8pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	School Bulletin
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	P1 - P2 Christmas Party 2pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Service 11am, St Magnus Cathedral
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	P3 - P4 Christmas Party 2pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	P5 - P6 Christmas Party 2pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Pre-school Christmas Party 9.30am
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	P7 Christmas Party 2pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term 2 - school closes at 3.30pm
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2015	First day of term 3