

**Hatton School  
Parent Newsletter  
June 2013**

Dear Parents

The weeks have fairly flown past this term and it's hard to believe that we are going into the last few weeks of the school session. The children have all had a successful year in their own different ways and we are all proud of what they have achieved. Several visitors to the school over the last few weeks have commented on their enthusiasm, good behaviour and willingness to engage with their learning.

### **Satrosphere Visit**

Primary 2/3 had a really enjoyable and worthwhile visit to Satrosphere last week. The children were keen to tell me all about it when I went to their classroom and each of the 20 children told me something different about what they had learned during their science activities.

### **Visit to Auchmacoy Estate**

Primary 5/6 is to visit the Auchmacoy Estate on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June. The children will be taking part in activities related to forestry, farming and conservation.

### **Parent Council News**

The Parent Council is organising an exciting Fun Day for the children on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. They have booked the highly regarded Theatre Modo Company to deliver circus skills workshops for the children in the morning followed by a performance by the older children in the afternoon. Primaries 5/6 and 6/7 will have workshops in the village hall in the morning and then give a performance in the afternoon to the other classes and to any parents who wish to come along. There will be workshops and craft sessions for P1/2, P2/3 P4/5 in the morning. Parents will be asked to make a contribution of around £6 towards the total cost and it will also be subsidised by Parent Council Funds. This event is being planned instead of the annual summer outing of previous years.

The Parent Council would also like to organise a family coffee afternoon leading on from the Theatre Modo event. They will shortly be asking for helpers for this and would welcome any donations of home bakes and tombola items.

### **New Entrants Induction Afternoon**

Our new entrants to P1 in August will be visiting the school on the afternoon of Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, when they will visit the Primary 1 classroom and meet up with their new teacher. Parents are invited to attend a meeting at the same time to discuss practical information about starting school in August.

### **School Concert**

The dress rehearsal will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 1.45pm in the school hall and the evening performance will be at 7pm on the same day. All parents, family and friends are most welcome to join us.

### **Dalguise Residential Trip**

Senior pupils are going off on their residential trip to Dalguise Activity Centre from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. If it is as good as it was when I took part in this trip two years ago then the children are in for a fantastic adventure. Mrs McQueen and Miss Charlton will be accompanying the children on the trip. The children remaining in school from the P5/6 class will join Mrs Stewart in the P7 classroom for the week. I will be looking after the P1/2 class on the Monday, Tuesday and Friday, and Mrs Common will be teaching then on the Wednesday and Thursday of that week.

### **Ellon Academy Visit Week**

Our Primary 7 children will all be taking part in their transition visit week to Ellon Academy during the week beginning Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June. This will involve following their first year timetable and meeting new classmates and teachers.

### **Talent Show**

The Pupil Council is organising a school Talent Show on the afternoon of Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. All children can take part if they wish and there will be an opportunity for prize winners to earn House Points.

### **UNICEF Day for Change**

The school Citizenship Group is organising an event to support UNICEF's Day for Change, which has a focus on hunger this year. The group is planning activities linked to this theme on the morning of Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July. The children can come along to the library and try out the activities and are asked to please bring a donation for UNICEF.

### **End of Term School Assembly**

The end of term assembly will be led by our Primary 7 children, who are leaving us to move on to Ellon Academy. This will take place on the last day of term, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 1.45pm. Again, all parents, family and friends are most welcome to join us.

### **Staffing and Classes for next session**

Our projected roll for next session is 92 children so we will have four classes. Miss Charlton is leaving us to take up her new post at Port Erroll Primary, and Mrs McQueen also will be leaving us to take up her new post at Balmedie Primary. They both go with our very best wishes for the future. Miss Smith will be teaching the P1/2 class, Mrs Taylor will be teaching P4/5/6 and Mrs Stewart and I will be teaching P6/7. A probationer teacher will be allocated to the school to teach P2/3 – I will provide further details as soon as I have this information. A letter will be sent home on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June to inform you of your child's class for next session. This term, a new support for learners teacher, Miss Craig, has started her new post at Hatton.

### **Parent Feedback**

We are asking parents to give us their views on the school by completing the questionnaire attached to this newsletter. This feedback is important as it helps us to decide on improvement priorities for the school. Please let us know what you think! All responses are anonymous and can be placed in the tray outside the school office. Many thanks for your support with this.

### **Calendar Dates**

The last day of term is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, when the school closes for the summer holidays. The first day of term in the new session is Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August for pupils. School staff return on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August, which is an In-service day.

If you would like more information on any of the above, or if there is any other matter that you would like to discuss with me, please do not hesitate to contact me in school.

Kind regards

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