

Hatton (Cruden) School Newsletter

August 2023

A warm welcome to all families after the summer break. We hope you all had an enjoyable summer! We would also like to say a big welcome to our new P1's and their families. Our new Primary 1 pupils have worked really hard during the first few mornings at school. They have settled into school amazingly well. Also, we all hope our former Primary 7 pupils, now S1 at Academy pupils have enjoyed the first week at the Academy.

You can expect periodic newsletters from myself to keep you up to date as to what is happening here at Hatton (Cruden) School.

School Office Hours

Please see the times below for when our school office will be open.

Monday 08.30 - 14.30

Tuesday 08.40 - 15.20

Wednesday 08.30 - 14.30

Thursday 08.40 - 15.20

Friday 08.40 - 15.20

Staffing

This year we have all composite classes and more information regarding composite classes can be found here - [Composite Classes Information – Hatton Cruden School](#)

Class teachers for this session are as follows

P1/2 – Miss Natasja Kaminski

P2/3 – Miss Olivia Crockett

P3/4 – Ms Susan Miller & Mrs Gillian Macdearmid

P5/6 – Miss Natasha Clueit & Mrs Julie Kelman

P6/7 – Mrs Lynne Stewart

Our PSAs for this session are Mrs Duncan, Mrs Smith, Mrs Pearson and Mrs Penny.

Mrs Kenyon and Mrs Macdearmid will provide non-class contact time for our class teachers on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Our class teachers will issue out a class newsletter on Monday 4th September which will give you more information specific to your child's class and what they will be learning this term.

School Calendar

An updated copy of our school calendar for the year has been sent out at the same time as this month's school newsletter. Please note that not all planned events are on this calendar yet but will be updated when they are, and these dates may be subject to change.



IMPORTANT DATES:

Wednesday 4th Oct

- Pupil interim reports will be sent to parents

Wednesday 11th Oct

- Parents Evenings

Thursday 12th October

- Winning House Treat

Monday 16th October

- October holidays begin

Monday 30th Oct

- First day back for term 2

Snack

We do not have a healthy tuck option currently here at our school, therefore if your child would like to have something to eat at breaktime can you please provide them with a healthy snack. I request no chewing gum or lollipops please. Pupils are to only take water to school to drink.

Communicating with our School

For reporting absence and/or appointments please contact the school via email Hatton.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or via telephone 01779 403710. You are not to pass on absence or appointment information to the class teacher or Head Teacher without also contacting the school office, as if this is the case you may still receive a phone call from Mrs Reid on the morning of the absence or appointment. Please ensure you let us know about an absence by 09:30.

If you have any concerns about your child in school or questions about their learning, please contact the school via email Hatton.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or via telephone 01779 403710 and the information will be passed on the class teacher in the first instance. There may be times you require to speak to myself, Mrs Beattie and if so, please follow the same process as above.

Information from our school will also be shared on our school website (www.hattoncruden.aberdeenshire.sch.uk) and on our Hatton (Cruden) School Facebook and Twitter pages. Our social media pages are to share learning and are not a means of communication. Therefore, we request that if you have questions or comments that you please contact our school office.

Visiting our School

All visitors, including parents, are to report to the main office when coming to our school. If your child is in the annexe building, please first report to the school office and someone will call across to the annexe building to make the staff aware you are coming. No visitors are to enter our school building without first signing in or being greeted at the door by a member of staff. I would like to thank you in advance for your co-operation on this.

What to do if the weather is very poor before school starts?

We always recommend that children come to school dressed appropriately for the weather, however we recognise that sometimes the weather can be extremely bad. If it is raining very heavily prior to school starting, our main entrance door to our school building will be opened from 08:45 onwards to allow children to enter and **all** pupils (including P1.2 & P2.3 pupils) are to enter this door. The pupils will then head to the hall and will be escorted by an adult to their class when the bell rings at 9:00am. The side hall door will no longer be used as an entrance point during poor weather conditions.

Parent Council

We have had an extremely supportive parent Council here at Hatton (Cruden) School for many years who helped to provide incredible experiences for our pupils. As we start a new academic session, we would love for new parents to join our Parent Council team. If you would like to join the parent council, please follow the link to our school website which gives you more details on how to contact the Parent Council or alternatively contact our school and we can pass your information on. If you already know someone on the Parent Council please do get in touch with them too, and I am sure they would be happy to give you more information.

[Parent Council – Hatton Cruden School](#)

Aberdeenshire Children & Young People's Service Plan 2023 - 2026

The Aberdeenshire Children and Young People's Service Plan 2023-26 is now available on the GIRFEC website and can be viewed by following the link below.

<https://www.girfec-aberdeenshire.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Aberdeenshire-Children-and-Young-Peoples-Services-Plan-2023-2026.pdf>

<http://www.hattoncruden.aberdeenshire.sch.uk>

House System

When each pupil arrives at our school, they are placed into one of our 3 houses – Aldie, Ardiffery or Auchlethen. Each week, our pupils work towards earning points for their house and at the end of the year we announce who has earned the most points. To celebrate the house points earned throughout the year, each term the house with the most points will receive a reward, and this is led very much by our House and Vice Captains. P7 pupils who would like to become our House and Vice Captains this year will soon begin to prepare speeches and in a couple of weeks will present in front of our school assembly to find out our House & Vice Captains for the year.

Winning House for 2022 – 2023

A huge well done to all pupils in the Auchlethen House as they were our overall House Winners for last year. Here is a photo of our House & Vice Captains from last year with the winning House Shield.



Hatton's Highlights & House Treats

To celebrate the wider achievement of our pupils, we have created a Microsoft form survey for pupils to complete so that we can celebrate their achievements in schools. Pupils can also share their achievements in class, and this will be passed on to Mrs Beattie. You can access the link via our school website and this link will take you directly to where the Hatton's Highlights link page is. Please click on the link in our website and fill in the form. [Hatton's Highlights – Hatton Cruden School](#).

Fun31 Time – We Need Your Help!

Every Friday afternoon our pupils have the opportunity to participate in a range of play activities and this year we would like to reinstate Fun31 time across the school, so that pupils have the opportunity to choose an activity and play with children in different classes too. We would also like to ask if any parents or members of our community have a particular skill set that they would like to share with the pupils and this can be one of our Fun31 time options. For example, if you are a keen sportsman or have a love for taking part in art & design/craft and would like to help teach the pupils your skill then please contact the school via email Hatton.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or via telephone 01779 403710. At the school we have some woodwork tools, sewing and crochet equipment so even skills like this could be explored if this is something you are interested in. Please do get int touch!

Relationships, Sexual Health & Parenthood

A huge thanks to all parents, pupils, staff and stakeholders who consulted with us last session to develop our Relationships, Sexual Health & Parenthood Education plans for our school. The results from our consultation, our new RSHP policy and parental leaflets can now be viewed on our school website. We will be using our newly updated planning progressions this academic session and the parental leaflets will be handed out when your child starts Early, First and Second Level of the curriculum.

<https://hattoncruden.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/parents-carers/curriculum/>

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