

# Hatton (Cruden) School Newsletter

November 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to term 2. I hope you enjoyed the October break and I hope you find the following information useful.

**Please remember that there are in-service days on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> & Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November so the school will be closed to pupils on these days.**

## Adverse weather

Please keep an eye on the Aberdeenshire message service on the website (<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/Schools-Closures/>) for updates as your first port of call. This is detailed in the adverse weather letter. Safety of staff and children is paramount when making decisions on transport and school closure. The school will update you as soon as we get any information so, please be patient. Keep an eye on local weather updates as any ice, flooding or snow could impact on if and how children and staff get to school. Thank you.

## Winter clothing

The weather is turning colder and as ever, is very unpredictable! Please make sure your child has a suitable coat and any accessories for the weather (hat, scarf, gloves etc) and that these have your child's name clearly marked so that if any go astray, we can get them back to you.

Aberdeenshire Council can, in some circumstances, provide a grant towards the costs of school clothing and footwear if you receive certain benefits. Details can be accessed here: [School clothing grants - Aberdeenshire Council](#)

## Scholastic Book Fair

Many thanks to those who supported our recent Scholastic Book Club event. The Book Fair made a total of £268 but unfortunately this wasn't enough making us eligible for earning any points for our school to purchase books.

## Mobile Phone Policy

I would like to remind you all as a general rule, pupils are not permitted to carry mobile phones or any other personal digital device on their person or property in school. The main reason for this rule is to protect our pupils by minimising the potential for inappropriate use of devices. We fully understand that there may be situations where parents may wish for their child to carry a mobile phone to and from school for their safety, and we ask that in these instances, **the school office is notified by the parent/ carer**, and that the device is handed in to the school office at the beginning of each school day and collected upon leaving the school building at the end of the day.



## IMPORTANT DATES:

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
In-service day

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
In-service day

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
Flu Immunisation

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
Tempest Photos

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
Whole School Panto Trip

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
Christmas Lunch

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
Christmas Concert  
Dress Rehearsal

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
Christmas Concert  
(Afternoon)

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
Christmas Concert  
(Evening)

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
P4 - P7 Christmas party (afternoon)

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
P1 - P3 Christmas Party (afternoon)

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec**  
-Last day of term  
-Christmas Jumper Day

## Panto

Our Parent Council have organised a whole school trip to attend, "Sleeping Beauty" at the HMT theatre in Aberdeen. This will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, and we will be leaving school at lunchtime which means all pupils will require a packed lunch that day and we will be returning to school later that day. More information about the Panto will come out from the Parent Council in due course.

## Tempest Photos

Tempest Photography will be at Hatton (Cruden) School on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November to take individual/family photos.

## Christmas Parties

The P4-7 Christmas party will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon and the P1-3 Christmas party will be on the afternoon of Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Children can come to school in party clothes on the day of their party but please make sure their clothing and footwear is appropriate for the weather.

## Christmas Shows

Our P1/2 and P2/3 pupils will perform a new production this year called, "Born in a Barn." During the show the animals in a Bethlehem stable become very excited to realise that there is a baby in their barn! The other classes will also perform traditional Christmas songs and poems. There will be three different performances so that we can cater for all requirements as best we can, and these will be ticketed due to health and safety restrictions on numbers in the hall. These will be given out as a first come, first served basis and tickets will be limited per family. Like last year, any extra available tickets for each performance will be advertised closer to the event. The first performance (aka our Dress Rehearsal) for parents with pre-school children and the wider community will be held on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm**. The second and third performances will be for adults only and will be on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm** and also again on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm**. You will receive further communication and ticket options in due course.

## Christmas Jumper Day

On the last day of term (Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December) the school will have a dress down Christmas jumper day. We are asking for a donation of £1 per child which will be used towards the costs of developing new play areas within our annexe building. Please note this is a different date to the national Save the Children Christmas Jumper day which we have decided **not to** participate in.

Pupils are also welcome to wear their Christmas jumper on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December as this is when we will be serving our Christmas Lunch. More information about the Christmas lunch menu will be coming out next week.

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