

# Hatton (Cruden) School Newsletter

February 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have lots of exciting things happening across the month of February and March and I hope you find the information below useful.

## Staffing Update

Mrs MacLennan, our current Senior Catering Assistant will be leaving her role as of Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024. On behalf of everyone at our school we wish her all the best in her future and hope her final days with us will be great.

## School Closure Reminder

This is a reminder that school will be closed on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February for school holidays. School will also be closed for pupils on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February for the in-service days. School will reopen for pupils on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

## Ways to help our school office

If for any reason your child is absent, please remember to provide the reason for their absence. This will help Mrs Reid in processing your child's absence correctly into our school system.

## Scots Poetry Competition

A huge well done to all our pupils who have been learning their Scots Poems over this past month. By participating in this task our pupils have developed their understanding of the history, heritage and culture of Scotland, as well as extending and enriching their vocabulary through this listening and talking activity. The top 3 finalists from each class will recite their poems to myself and a special guest on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024**. We will have an award ceremony at our Scots Show where our finalists will receive their certificates. More information about our Scots Show can be viewed below. Our guest judge is Jill McWilliam who is the founder of Doric Future. Over the years Jill has spent a lot of time working with local communities and sees great value in linking with every generation to help grow awareness in our local heritage and proud culture. The Doric language is unique to the Northeast of Scotland, and consequently suffers from being a niche within a niche which puts it in real danger of extinction as each successive generation passes. To find out more please visit her website [Doric Language - Hame Connections | Doric Future](#)



### IMPORTANT DATES:

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

- School holiday

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

- School holiday

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

- In-service Day

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>**

**February**

- In-service Day

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

- Scots Show

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

- World Book Day

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**March**

- Reports sent out

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

- Parents Evening

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

- Last Day of Term 3

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

- First Day of Term 4

## Scots Show – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024

Tickets are now available to purchase for our Scots Show which will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 at 6pm. We have a fantastic night of entertainment planned with many performers including musicians playing instruments, highland dancers and pupils reciting Scots Poems. Tea & Coffee will be available and there will be raffles up for grabs. During our Scots Show we will also hold an award ceremony to present our finalists with their certificate for reciting their Scots Poems. Permission slips for pupils performing in the show and finalists of our Scots Poem Competition have been sent home for parents to complete to confirm their attendance at the Scots Show. Please contact our school office for more information on how to purchase tickets. Also, if you have any donations for raffles, please also send this to our school office.

## World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

This year, to mark World Book Day 2024, all parents/ carers are invited to come into their child's class to participate in a World Book Day activity/ read with their child. This will also provide an opportunity for your child to share some of the learning they have undertaken this session and for you to see some of the learning within the classroom. The event will take place from 2pm – 3pm to allow pupils to tidy up for the school day and all pupils are to be collected as normal at the end of the school day. If your child is in a class in our main building then please enter the building via our school office and those who have a child at the annexe will be greeted by a member of staff at the main door.

## School Transport

I would like to use this time to ask all parents to remind their child to wear their seat belt if they receive school transport and that they should wear their seatbelt for the duration of the journey.



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