

STRATHMORE PRIMARY

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I can't quite believe that we are already into November, although the colder days are certainly a reminder of the autumn season.

Welcome and Farewell!

We have, again this term, to welcome some staff to our team here at Strathmore. Mrs Marion Skene has replaced Kathryn Rooney and will be teaching in P3 all day on Monday then covering P4 on Tuesday morning and P3/4 on Tuesday afternoon. I am sure you will join me in welcoming her to Strathmore.

It is a great pleasure to welcome Miss Emma Conway back following the birth of her baby boy, she will be teaching P7 on a Thursday afternoon and all day Friday then covering the RCT for P5, P6 and P6/7. A warm welcome also goes to Miss Susan Cameron, a 4th year teaching student, who will be teaching in P5 along with Mrs Henderson. She will be with us until the end of January 2015.

I would like to congratulate Miss Angela Wells on her success at interview for the position of Head Teacher at a school within Aberdeenshire. Her last day at Strathmore will be on Wednesday 26th November, prior to the long weekend. We wish her well on her new venture! Mrs Jayne McLean was also successful at interview and will take up a seconded position within the authority within the Early Years team. She will begin this post following the Christmas holidays.

Good to be Green

From the feedback you and the pupils have given us it is well documented that the Good to be Green behaviour approach is motivating all of our pupils towards making good choices by following our school rules. The children who have successfully collected 40 green dots have been rewarded with their Bronze Star badge which is to be worn at all times to show their success.



Strathie Cafe

Our Strathie cafe run by the Parent Council has now changed to a Tuesday Morning in the School Dining Hall. It is great opportunity for you to come along and meet some other parents and staff for a cuppie.



Parent Council

The Parent Council again organised our Hallowe'en Disco which was enjoyed by a large number of our children. Thank you again to the dedication and hard work of our Parent Council for yet another successful event!

Parent helpers are also supporting the Christmas Craft group on Wednesday lunchtimes where pupils are involved in making Christmas Craft to sell at our Christmas Fayre. Please contact Jacqui Williamson if you are able to support with this. Our next Parent Council meeting is Tuesday 4th November, please come along and support this much valued group.

Parent Evenings

As you will be aware we have arranged Parent Evenings for this term, which have not previously happened, the dates for these are - Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th November.

I hope you have all returned your slips detailing the best evening for you to come and meet your child's class teacher to discuss how they are settling into their new class and the progress they are making in their learning. I look forward to seeing you then.

Children in Need

The children are keen to participate in the Children in Need Fundraiser on Friday 14th November. It has been decided that we will have a dress as you please day with the theme of Super Heroes, a silver donation will be collected by the School Council to present to Pudsey when he hopefully comes to meet the children!

Head Lice Alert

There have been some cases of head lice reported. We would ask that your children's heads are checked on a regular basis. If treatment is required, certain products can be obtained free of charge from your local pharmacy under the NHS Minor Ailment Service.

Christmas Lunch

Strathmore's Christmas Lunch will be served on Thursday 18th December – early lunch 12.00 noon.

What's on in Strathmore this term?

Listed below are some of the events that will be taking place over this term. Please note that these dates are accurate at this point in time but may change. Additional letters will be distributed to give more information about an event if required. Please also keep up to date with the events through future newsletters.



Date	Time	Event/Activity
November 2014		
Tuesday 4 th	6pm	Parent Council Meeting
	9.15 – 3.15	P6 pupils to visit Forfar Mart
Thursday 6 th	11.30 – 1.30pm	Group of P7 pupils to Heavenly Bites cafe
Friday 7 th	9.30am – 12 noon	P6/7 pupils to Fun in Athletics Event
Friday 14 th	All day	Children in Need Dress up as a Super Hero
Wednesday 19 th	More info to follow	Fundraising event for Rock Challenge
Tuesday 25 th	4.30pm – 6.50pm	Parent Evening
Wednesday 26 th	4pm – 6.20pm	Parent Evening
Thursday 27 th	All day	School closed for pupils – In-set day 3
Friday 28 th	All day	School closed for pupils – In-set day 4
December 2014		
Monday 1 st	All day	St Andrew's Holiday
Wednesday 3 rd	All day	Class photographs - Tempest
Thursday 6 th	11.30 – 1.30pm	Group of P7 pupils to Heavenly Bites cafe
Saturday 6 th	tbc	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 9 th	2pm	P1 Nativity Performance
Wednesday 10 th	6.30pm	P1 Nativity Performance
Thursday 18 th	12.00 noon	Christmas Lunch
Friday 19 th	10.15am & 2pm	Pre-school Nativity & Christmas Sing along
Monday 22 nd	am & pm	Pre-school Party & Santa Visit
	2.30pm	Church Service
Tuesday 23 rd	3pm	End of Term 2

I look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming events. Many thanks for your continued support.

***Kind regards,
Jennifer Scott
Head Teacher***