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"When you believe in yourself, anything is possible."

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"Let today be the start of something new!"



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to all our staff, parents and pupils for another year of what I am sure will be filled with rich learning experiences and many successful achievements. I'd like to also take this opportunity to extend my warmest welcome to our new families and our 2 classes of Primary 1 pupils! Our P7 pupils are doing their very best to make our P1 pupils feel safe and happy in their new school.

STAFF CHANGES

As with any new school session, there is often a change in staffing for many different reasons. We'd like to extend our warmest welcome to Mrs. Webster, our new P.E specialist who will be working in school on Mondays/Tuesdays. Warmest congratulations also to Mr. Crowther who was married during the school holidays.

UNIFORM

Although we have had a fantastic sunshine filled summer, please can I remind all parents to ensure that your child comes to school ready for all weathers. They need a waterproof jacket with a hood as they will be outside come rain or shine. Please read in the school homework diary the expected standard of school uniform at Hazlehead. May I bring your attention to the point that I expect all pupils to wear black shoes as part of their uniform. Trainers should be worn as indoor shoes or for P.E only. We request that these are either black or dark in colour. Non-black soles are preferable as they can mark the gym floor. **Please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled** as our lost property last year became unmanageable and it was incredibly frustrating that we could not return the items to their owner because they were not labelled.

Parent Council volunteers are available on Friday mornings at 9am in the nursery entrance to take orders for any items of school uniform. We have a large cabinet of nearly new items available at no cost. These have been kindly donated by families. I am sure that we can put these to good use! These items are always displayed in the main entrance.

CAR PARK

Thank you for working with us to support safe travel to and from school. As indicated previously, the decision to close the car park for parents was not taken lightly but repeated evidence of inconsiderate driving did pose a danger to our pupils. Please also be reminded that access to school is by the pedestrian path only. **Parents and children should not walk down the car park entrance for their own safety.**

HOMEWORK DIARIES

Thank you to our Parent Council for supporting the purchase of Homework Diaries for all pupils. This diary is exceptionally important as it is bespoke to Hazlehead and contains key information about our school, including our new school values. Please use the diary for home/school communication and ensure that your child brings it every day as staff also use it as a tool to support learning.



TECHFEST

As you are aware, next week will be a very exciting one as all pupils from P2-P7 will be attending the Techfest events at Robert Gordon University, Garthdee. This has been kindly supported by the Parent Council. I am sure all pupils will have a fantastic time. Please remember to ensure that your child brings a snack, drink and packed lunch. For P2 and P3 pupils, the kitchen will provide a packed lunch for those who have requested one. For P4 – P7 pupils, a packed lunch will be provided by school for those who are entitled to one. We look forward to hearing your child's feedback about their time.

MY ART PROJECT

Once again, we are participating in this project as a school fundraiser in partnership with your Parent Council. All pupils will create a Christmas Card design that will then be made into a card for you to purchase. My Art Project also has a range of other keepsakes and gifts that can be purchased with your child's design. Further information will follow after the October break. For any families who wish an alternative design to be created for the card, e.g. birthday, thank you or a design of a general nature, please inform your child's class teacher as soon as possible via the homework diary.

PARENT SKILLS WORKSHOP

Due to the success of last year's workshop for parents, we are hosting another series of workshops on a range of topics. Further information can be found on our school website.

<https://www.hazlehead-ps.aberdeen.sch.uk/2019/08/skills-workshop-open-to-all-parents/>

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Further information will be made available to all parents, via the school website, detailing our focus areas for development for 2019/20. These are:

- Improving attainment in Literacy and Numeracy
- Closing the attainment gap
- Improvement in children's Health and Wellbeing
- Developing the young workforce (skills for life, skills for learning and skills for work)

DATES FOR TERM

Holiday weekend: Friday 20th September – Monday 23rd September

Term ends: Friday 11th October 2018

Term 2 starts: Monday 28th October 2018

Our school has an open door policy, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. Thereafter, Nursery – P3 (Mrs. Bruce, DHT) and P4 – P7 (Miss. Beard and Mrs. Stuart, DHT). I am, of course, available should you need to contact me. Please make an appointment via the school office or email me on hazleheadprimary@aberdeencity.gov.uk.

Kind regards
Barbara Jones
Head teacher ☺

