

Culter School September News

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Diary Dates

- ◆ Top Table -
28th September
12th October
- ◆ October Holidays
12th October
School closes 3pm
- ◆ Parents' Meetings
12th November
13th November tbc

Headteacher's News

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable September weekend. The October break is fast approaching and I would like to remind families that school closes at **3pm for all pupils on Friday 12th October**. School resumes on **Monday 29th October at 9.00am**. We have an **INSET** day, when school will be closed to all pupils, on **Monday 19th November**. Staff will be in school that day to receive training on the new Interactive Whiteboards which have recently been installed in most classrooms at Culter School. I am sure the Whiteboards will be of great benefit to the children and will enhance their learning experiences in class. We hope to have a demonstration for parents of some of the activities used on these Whiteboards on Parents night November.

PARENT FORUM

Thanks to all parents who have indicated they would like to be a part of the new Parent Council at Culter School. We will hold a meeting soon to establish membership of the council and to plan events and meetings for the remainder of the year. The constitution for the new Parent Council is now available to parents via the school website or a paper copy can be requested at the School Office. All parents are welcome to join and take part in the life of the school. We look forward to meeting you.

CULTER SATELLITE GROUP

This group is about to begin another session. The group provide extra support and play activities at Camphill for parents and children. It is an enjoyable and extremely valuable addition to the support we provide for children here in school. If you feel you may be interested in the group, please contact the Head Teacher. I have some information leaflets for interested families. Taster sessions will run in early November for anyone who wishes to go along and see what is going on. Please contact me if you would like to discuss the group further.

MRS DOWNIE

The Parent Forum has been working hard to organise events at Culter School. We are planning an Assembly at which she will be given a gift on behalf of pupils and parents. This will be followed by an informal reception for parents and former pupils. The Assembly will take place on Friday 16th November. Further details will follow nearer the time. If you have not made a contribution to Mrs Downie's gift and would like to do so, please send any donations to the school office in an envelope marked 'for K Downie' **by Friday 5th October**. School staff both past and present will mark Mrs Downie's retrial at a dinner in the Cults Hotel on November 2nd.

CYCLE TRAINING

Many thanks to Rita Kermack for her hard work in helping train our children on cycle safety. She has given up a lot of time to help the children, sometimes in wet and cold weather! We appreciate her help and that of the other parents who have helped out over the years in this important role at Culter. We are now looking for volunteers to supervise cycle training this year. If you have some spare time and would like to take part, please contact the school office.

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I wish all parents, staff and pupils a happy and restful break in October and look forward to seeing everyone after the holiday for what is always one of the busiest times of the year in school.

*Mrs Crossan
Head Teacher*

ANNE BEGG

Our MP for Aberdeen South, Anne Begg, was in school on 12th September to meet with the Culter School Pupil Council. Anne talked to the children about her role as an MP and the children were then encouraged to ask Anne about her job and about issues that concerned them. The pupils asked questions on a wide range of issues.

They had prepared thoroughly for the meeting and I was very proud of them all for the way they represented the school and their fellow pupils. As a follow up to the meeting, Anne suggested we meet up with a local councillor or members of the Community Council. We hope to organise this sometime next term.

TOP TABLE

Our new Top Table is now underway with the second group of special diners enjoying their special lunch today. It has proved to be a popular initiative with the children and kitchen staff say manners and behaviour have improved in the Canteen over the last few weeks. Well done to all those pupils who have tried hard. We are very proud of you.

FIRST CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

The Evening Express has taken photographs of our P1 classes recently. These will appear in the evening Express First Class feature. The photographs will be available for purchase. We will let you know when we receive a copy of the photographs and how they can be purchased.

STAFF NEWS

I am pleased to tell you that Mrs Charlton had a little boy, Cameron, last week. Both mum and baby are doing well and we send our congratulations to the family.

Miss Hyland is to be married during the October holidays. I am sure all pupils and parents will join me in wishing her a lovely wedding day. We look forward to welcoming her back as Mrs Park.

DISCLOSURE FORMS

Would you like to help in school? If so, all parent helpers require completing a Disclosure Form. The form asks for details from your Birth Certificate, Driving Licence (if applicable), National Insurance Number and Passport. Application Forms can be picked up from the school office.

HEAD LICE

Head Lice is very common, especially in Primary Schools. Please let the school know if you suspect your child has head lice. We will treat it in confidence, but we must be informed to try and prevent any further spread. If you wish advice on treating head lice, an information leaflet can be picked up from the school office.

FAMILY UPDATE FORMS

Family update forms were due to be returned by 7th September. However, we are still awaiting a number of forms and I would be grateful if you would return them to the school office a.s.a.p.

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Pupil Council Members

Pupil Council Members for 2007/8 have been elected. They are as follows:

PUPIL COUNCIL MEMBERS		HOUSE CAPTAINS	
3G	Peter Murphy	Dalmaik	Cameron Harris
3S/C	Abby Evans	Dalmaik	Keeley MacKinnon
4L	Shaun Corthals	Templars	Olivia Broadley
4/5I	Lewis Forsyth	Templars	Alistair Treasure
5W	Laura Mitchell	Ardbeck	Elliot Wood
6B	Catharine Danielian	Ardbeck	Roslyn Fordyce
6C	Hamish Swanson	Gairn	Samira N'Dow
7C	Emma Parvin	Gairn	Lawrence Fraser
7H	Ian Hossack		



SPREE BOOKS

We are delighted with the amount of money raised through the sale of Spree Books. We made a profit of £625, which is in excess of our expectations and also £109 more than last year. Thank you to all who purchased books and I hope you make considerable savings on your purchases.



My wife and I always hold hand. If I let go, she goes shopping!

WEBB IVORY

The Christmas catalogues are on their way round classes. Thank you for your orders and prompt returns. If you haven't already had a catalogue home, or would like to have a more leisurely browse over the holidays, please let me know and I will drop one off to your child's class.

Irene Watson

SHOP TIL' YOU DROP

Culter Playgroup has booked a Christmas shopping trip to MacArthur Glen on Saturday 24th November. The bus will leave Culter Village Hall at 8.00am, leaving MacArthur Glen at 6.00pm to return to Culter. Tickets cost £16 each and are available from Playgroup. Contact Julie Thain on 07760 363 090 for further details.

TESCO SPORT FOR SCHOOLS 2007

Vouchers will be available to collect in store from Monday 10th September until Sunday 4th November. The collection box is situated in the School foyer. We would be grateful if you could collect your vouchers and send them into school with your child. Encourage other members of your family to collect also. Vouchers can be exchanged for a wide range of sports equipment, or training sessions with professional coaches, which will greatly benefit the pupils. Thank you.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

The school website is in the process of being updated and reorganised. Hopefully it won't cause too much problems. I aim to have as much information as possible online for your perusal.

