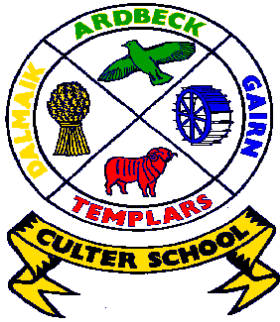


Culter School News June 2008

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Diary Dates

- ◆ Friday 6th June
Sports Day 1.30pm
- ◆ Thursday 12th June
Nursery Induction
Meeting 1.30 pm
- ◆ Monday 16th June
Primary 1 Induction
Meeting 1.45pm
- ◆ Monday 23rd June
Further P1 Meeting
- ◆ Friday 4th July
School closes 3pm

Headteacher's News

Dear Parents/Carers

We are now entering the busiest time of the year here in school. Over the next five weeks we will have our Sports Day, inductions to both P1 & Nursery, class trips and outings, the Music Festival and all the usual events to mark the end of the school year.

We welcome our new Depute Head, Ms Jill Roberts to Culter from Monday 2nd June. She is already a familiar face to our P7 pupils following the residential trip to Dalguise in May when Ms Roberts joined Mrs Cowie and Mrs Park with the pupils for the weekend. We wish her a long and happy time here at Culter.

Sports Day

Our annual Sports afternoon takes place on Friday 6th June in the school field. Should the weather be bad on that day, the Sports will take place on Friday 20th June, again in the field. The Parent Council will serve tea and coffee when the sports have finished. We look forward to seeing many of you there. If it is necessary to postpone the sports, information will be posted on the School Office BLOG page and also on the schools information line. We will make a decision by 11.00 am on the day of the sports.

Induction Meetings

Parents of pupils entering our Nursery or P1 classes will have received letters giving details of parent meetings. The meetings will take place later than usual this year. This is due to the current situation in Aberdeen City with school closures affecting the allocation of places across the city. We look forward to seeing you in June and of course to welcoming the children in the new session.

Staffing / Classes

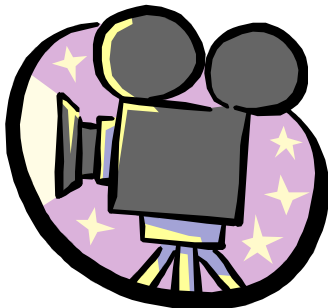
At this point, I am unable to give any information on classes at Culter for 2008/09. We have lost a few families recently which means the school roll is a little lower at the time of writing. The number of classes we can run will depend on how many pupils enrol at Culter over the summer. Parents will be informed as soon as we have the information required however this is likely to be very much later than usual this year. In the meantime if you are aware that you may be moving during the summer or if you know of a family moving into the area, please let us know.



Music Festival

Many classes are entering the annual Aberdeen Music Festival at the Music Hall next week. All parents should have received a letter with details of performances if their child is involved. Many thanks go to Ms Morag Simpson for her hard work in preparing our pupils for the festival. The children have worked very hard and are extremely enthusiastic about singing in the choirs.

We hope to stage an afternoon for parents before the end of term featuring all our festival entrants. We will let you know when we can confirm a date and time for this.



PRIMARY 7

Primary 7 pupils along with Mrs Cowie are preparing an end of term entertainment. They are all working very hard and I am sure many parents will wish to come along and watch as P7 bid us farewell. We will confirm a date and time for the show as soon as possible however it is most likely to take place during the last week of June, before P7 undertake their Activities Week. P7 parents will of course be welcome to come along to our assembly on the morning of 4th July when we may have some surprises in store for the leavers! A leavers disco will take place in the Village Hall for all P7 pupils on Thursday 3rd July. We will confirm timings nearer the time.

END OF TERM CHURCH SERVICE

I would like to thank Rev John Ferguson and Susan Sutherland for their work with our pupils over the course of the year. All pupils will attend Peterculter Church on Friday 27th June at 9.30 (Nursery & P1 - 3) and 10.30 (P4 - 7). All parents and friends are welcome to join us as we give thanks for the year and wish everyone a happy holiday.

DALGUISE

Our P7 class attended a residential trip to Dalguise in Perthshire on the weekend of 23rd to 26th May. As well as school staff, two parents, Mrs Karen Patterson and Andrew Mein went along to help. I would like to thank both parents for their hard work. It would not have been possible for the trip to go ahead without them and looking after 56 children is no easy task!

Your efforts were much appreciated. Thanks also to the children who carried out some daunting tasks at Dalguise. The weekend was a great success for all involved.

Detailed information about all end of term events will be posted on the BLOG as soon as we can confirm details.

BLOG SITE

Please ensure that you are signed up to receive updates to your e mail address. This is the easiest way to keep up to date with school news. Please follow the instructions below if you wish to sign up. Thank you.

www.culterschoolaberdeen.edublogs.org

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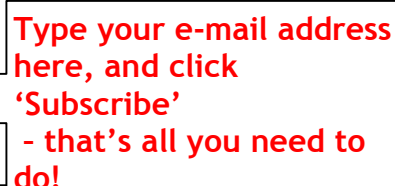


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NON-COMPLIANCE OF SEATBELT WEARING & PARKING

Grampian Police have raised concerns regarding parents failure to ensure that their children were wearing seatbelts and/or sitting on the appropriate seat for their weight, height and age, which in the event of a collision could result in serious injury or death. Also, parents at many schools were dropping off children on the yellow zig-zag lines of parking in inconvenient and dangerous places, which is detrimental to the safety of all school pupils. In the coming months, Grampian Police will be directing uniformed patrols to areas around schools throughout the Grampian area where concerns have been identified. Their presence will be to reinforce the safety message to ensure children are taken to and from school in the safest possible manner. They have not indicated when they will be in our area.

PETERCULTER PARISH CHURCH

Peterculter Parish Church are holding their annual Summer Holiday Club. It takes place from Monday 11th - Friday 15th August from 10.00am - 12 noon in the Church Large Hall. It will be a sports-based programme for the Primary School children based on stories of Jesus from Luke's Gospel. To register telephone 01224 735845 or email secretary@culterkirk.co.uk



HOLD ONTO YOUR BACKPACKS

When summer comes, please hold onto your old schoolbag. If it is still in good condition, it could be re-used by children in Africa, so they too can go to school and learn. Please also hold onto old summer clothes, flip flops, paper, pens and pencils.

We will give you more information nearer the time regarding sending bags to school for us to forward to this charity, but now is your chance to start collecting.

And Finally.....

OUTSTANDING LUNCH TICKETS

There is a long list of pupils owing dinner tickets to the canteen. With the end of term looming, please make sure you are up to date with payment and also ensure your child has a dinner ticket each day.