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Charleston School News Bulletin

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you all had a good Easter break, and enjoyed the good weather when it appeared.

All the children have settled back into their classes and the routine of school.

This term is always a busy one, with trips, Sports day and end of year events, so please check school bags and groupcall messages for latest information. A list of dates are always attached to the end of the newsletter.

In March, we were delighted to congratulate Miss Cartlidge on the birth of her son Brodie. Brodie has visited the school on a few occasions already, where he has charmed staff, parents and pupils alike.

As you are all aware, Mr Leslie has been appointed as Depute Head Teacher at the new school in Portlethen, Hillside. While we are pleased at his success, we will feel his loss at Charleston in the immediate future. May I take this opportunity to thank Mr Leslie for his hard work both in class and as a member of the management team. He has been a very committed and respected member of staff at Charleston. We wish him all the very best in the future.

With Miss Cartlidge being on maternity leave, and Mr Leslie about to move on, we have made the following appointments to the management team.

Mrs Milne has been appointed to the post of Principal Teacher from the start of this term. She will also take over as class teacher for Primary 7 from the 8th May until the end of term.

Mrs Grieve has been appointed acting Depute Head Teacher for the duration of Miss Cartlidge's leave. Mrs Grieve is in school on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Congratulations to both ladies on their success at interview.

**Laura Fowler
Headteacher**



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P6 transition project:

This successful project has finished. Feedback from pupils has been very positive, with many of their concerns having been addressed. Those remaining are about getting lost in the new school, teachers, subjects, which hopefully will be addressed over the next session 2017-2018.

As parents and carers, you should all have received a link via groupcall, asking for your feedback on how the project has gone. If you have not already done so, or would like a paper copy or help completing this on an iPad in school, please get in touch. We would value your thoughts and concerns as this will help inform transition for your children in Primary 7.

Meet the Heide:

On Tuesday 9th May at 18:30, Mr. Neil Hendry, the Headteacher of the new Lochside Academy, is coming to meet parents and carers at an open Parent Council meeting. Mr Hendry will talk about his vision for the academy and answer any questions or concerns that you may have. He is very keen to get to know the people of the community. Please do try and come along that evening.

Book Fair :

This week the Scholastic Book Fair is visiting Charleston. All children will be able to visit with their class—see letter dated Monday 24th for details re timetable. As also stated in the letter we will have an hour at the end of the day on Thursday 3.30—4.30pm) and also an hour open on the in-service day next week (11am—12 noon) should you wish to pop in with your child and choose a book with them. All commission made from the book fair will be going to help subsidise the choice of books we have on offer in our re-vamped library.

Sports Days:

Weather permitting, our Sports days will be on the following days –

Nursery Sports – Tuesday 30th May @ 09:15 for the Morning Nursery Group
 @ 13:30 for the Afternoon Nursery Group

School Sports for P 1-7 – Friday 9th June @ 09:45

Should the weather be inclement on either of these days, updates will be issued via Groupcall.

Shakespeare Rocks:

This is a first for Charleston School. Our talented choir, led by Miss Sinclair and Miss Matson, are performing the musical “Shakespeare Rocks” on June 7th and 8th. They are meantime working hard at learning lines, song words and dance routines. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

School of Rock:

Rehearsals are underway for another musical that some pupils from P5-7 have opted into – “School of Rock”. This is being done in conjunction with all the other feeder schools for Lochside Academy, and is being co-ordinated by staff from Torry Academy. At the end of the 2017-2018 session, pupils from all the schools will perform the musical in the Tivoli Theatre in town. This is being done as part of further transition for pupils to the new academy in 2018.

Rights Respecting Level 1 award:

We are hoping to achieve this in the next few weeks. On Friday 5th May, we will be visited by two ladies who will assess our progress with this. They will spend the morning in school talking to pupils, partner agencies and parents as well as staff, and look at the evidence we have collated in line with the expectations set of a Rights respecting School. We will let you know later in the term if we have achieved this.

Vandalism:

Unfortunately, during the Easter holidays there was quite considerable damage done to the new fencing around the nursery. Tractor tyres were rolled down the hill which crashed into the fence, bending and breaking the struts, causing hundreds of pounds worth of damage. Residents nearby reported the incidents to the Police, who have been to school to gather the video footage from the CCTV cameras. Instances of anti-social behaviour were also reported. Police are looking into these meantime.

Engineering Week:

During the week beginning the 29th May, we will be involved in Engineering Week, where engineers will be spending time in school working on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering Maths) topics with every class in school. This is a great opportunity for pupils and one I'm sure you will more about over the course of the week.

Parents' Evening:

Parents' Evening is on Thursday 27th April. Everyone who requested an appointment with the class teacher, should now have received their appointment time from their child. Please contact school if that is not the case. The Parent Council will be on hand with teas and coffees, the Book Fair will be set up for your to view and open for purchases between 3.30 and 4.30pm on Thursday. There will also be a Fair Trade Trolley for sweet purchases. We look forward to seeing you over the course of the evening.

Please note all school holidays can be viewed anytime on Aberdeen city Council website at :
http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/education_learning/schools/scc_SchoolHols.asp/

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| May Day holiday | Monday 1 May 2017 |
| In Service Day | Tuesday 2 May (pupils do not attend school) |
| Session Ends | Friday 30 June 2017 |

Session 2017/2018

4 In-Service days still to be confirmed

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| Term begins for pupils | Tuesday 22 August 2017 |
| September Holiday | Friday 22 September - Monday 25 September 2017 |
| Term Ends | Friday 13 October 2017 |
| Term begins | Monday 30 October 2017 |
| Term Ends | Friday 22 December 2017 |
| Term begins | Monday 8 January 2018 |
| Mid Term Holiday | Monday 12 February 2018 |
| Term Ends | Thursday 29 March 2018 |
| Term Starts | Monday 16 April 2018 |
| May Day Holiday | Monday 7 May 2018 |
| Term Ends | Friday 6 July 2018 |

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| Term Begins | Monday 29 October 2018 |
| Term Ends | Friday 21 December 2018 |
| Term Begins | Monday 7 January 2019 |
| Mid Term Holiday | Monday 11 February 2019 |
| Term Ends | Friday 29 March 2019 |
| Term Begins | Monday 15 April 2019 |
| Good Friday Holiday | Friday 19 April 2019 |
| May Day Holiday | Monday 6 May 2019 |
| Session Ends | Friday 5 July 2019 |

Please let us know of any query, concern, complaint or compliment relevant to our service.

Child's Name _____ Class _____
(optional)



Parent/Carer signature _____ Date _____
(optional)

We will acknowledge receipt of this slip within 5 working days. If appropriate a full reply will follow within 15 working days. Any urgent issue eg Health and Safety will be dealt with more quickly. All issues will be dealt with as per our usual customer standards. Every effort will be made to ensure problems are resolved. However, on the rare occasion that you remain dissatisfied with our service further action can be taken by contacting our Quality Improvement Officer at Marischal College, Broad St, Aberdeen, AB10 1AA.