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Monday 30th October
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News Bulletin 2

Charleston School News Bulletin

Dear Parents/Carers

As we draw towards the end of this term, there is a definite feel of Autumn in the air. Please ensure that your child comes to school prepared for the colder weather, as we try to get them outside each day for a breath of fresh air.

When we return, it will be darker earlier. Unfortunately Mr Lee, our crossing patroller, is going into hospital for an operation, and will not be there to see your children safely across the road. While every effort is being made to find a temporary replacement, please be aware that there may be no-one there at the start of next term.

Children will be advised of this at Assembly, but do please remind them about the need to behave safely at and near busy roads.

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Staffing:

We are all looking forward to the arrival of Mrs Youngson's baby early next year. All being well, she will continue with her Pr 2/3 class until the Christmas break. There is currently an advert running for a teacher to cover Mrs Youngson's maternity leave. We will keep you updated with progress.

Charleston is also advertising for a teacher for the nursery. Hopefully, when we get back from our holidays, there will be plenty of applicants to interview!

Pr 7 Cromdale trip:

Our Primary 7 co-hort are currently enjoying their residential trip to Cromdale. They will be taking part in lots of outdoor activities, including hiking, climbing and canoeing. Just so they don't think they are "on holiday", they will have to make their own beds and share chores in the bunk house, including setting the table and sweeping up.

They should all return much more appreciative of their home comforts!

Follow their adventures on our Twitter page: @Charleston_Sch

Open afternoon:

The Open Afternoon in September was very well attended, both during and after school. Mr Hendry, Head Teacher from Lochside Academy, updated parents on the progress of the new school, and answered individual questions.

Pupils from across the school spoke in the hall to families about the work of the Pupil Participation Groups in taking the school forward. All pupils from P1 –P7 are in a pupil responsibility group, which meets monthly to develop pupils' ideas on topics such as Eco, Enterprise and Rights Respecting. Last session pupils were instrumental in getting the basketball hoops in the playground, and in getting the wooded area cut back so they could access it more safely.

Thank you for the comments many of you left. It was great to read so many positives, and also to get your ideas on what we could work on.

Permissions:

Permissions for photographs and internet access are sought when you start at Charleston. Unless you inform us otherwise, we will assume everything remains the same as in previous years. If you are unsure what is held by the school, or want to make any changes, please contact the school office.

Isie Caie statue:

Last session, pupils from P2/3 spent an enjoyable afternoon polishing the statue of Isie Caie, a local Cove character. They worked under the guidance of Albertino, the sculptor tasked with the job of commemorating Isie's life. It is great to see that it is now in place, and we look forward to visiting the sculpture in the near future.

Parent Council:

Following the Parent Council AGM, a new committee has been formed. Julie Pose is the new Chairperson. Catch up with what they have planned on their facebook page. The parent council is currently involved in looking at a safe walking route to Lochside Academy, along with the local councillor. A Hallowe'en disco is also being planned for the start of next term. Details will follow.

Harvest Assembly:

The Rev. E McKenna led our Harvest Assembly this year. At it, pupils learned about the process of making a loaf of bread, from the farmer to the baker. They also heard about the second Global Goal which is "Zero Hunger". The tins and dried food, donated by so many of you, have been collected and will be distributed locally to help fight food poverty in Aberdeen. Mr. Tim McIlroy from local foodbank TLC, sent a letter of thanks to the school, explaining how appreciative his company and the families they help are, for Charleston's donations. Thank you everyone.

Medication

If your child requires medication during the school day, please note that an adult should bring the medicine to the office and sign a form, to ensure the correct dosage is given. A child will not receive the medicine if this procedure is not followed.

Sickness:

Pupils must remain absent from school for 48 hours following their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea, to prevent an outbreak in school. These are NHS guidelines which schools are obliged to adhere to.

Headlice—info from the school nurse:

Children's hair should be checked on a weekly basis. Only treat if you find live headlice and only treat with medications available at pharmacies. Your pharmacist will be able to advise on particular brands but the rule is usually 2 applications (1 week apart) to your child's hair. Headlice do not jump, fly or swim they are only spread by head to head contact so remember to check all family members including adults and extended family members eg grandparents. Please do not wait for a notification from the school as this is rarely done in accordance with NHS Grampian Headlice Policy.

Please be proactive and check once a week. Remember if you have hair you can get headlice. If you have any questions or concerns or wish further advice please do not hesitate to contact our school nurse directly on the number below.

Jill Rattray, School Nurse:

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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/](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/education_learning/schools/scc_SchoolHols.asp)

	Session 2017/2018	
Term Ends	Friday 13 October 2017	
Term begins	Monday 30 October 2017	
In-Service day	Friday 17th November (pupils do not attend school)	
Term Ends	Friday 22 December 2017	
Term begins	Monday 8 January 2018	
Mid Term Holiday	Monday 12 February 2018	
In-Service Days	Tues 13th and Wed 14th Feb (pupils do not attend school)	
Term Ends	Thursday 29 March 2018	
Term Starts	Monday 16 April 2018	
May Day Holiday	Monday 7 May 2018	
In-Service Day	Tuesday 8th May (pupils do not attend school)	
Term Ends	Friday 6 July 2018	

Session 2018 - 2019
4 In Service Days still to be confirmed

Term Begins for pupils	Tuesday 21 August 2018	
September Holiday	Friday 21 September - Monday 24 September 2018	
Term Ends	Friday 12 October 2018	
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 Martschal College, Broad St, Aberdeen, AB10 1AA.