**Port Elphinstone School & Nursery**



**NEWSLETTER**

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HEAD TEACHER *Mrs N Boyle B.Ed.*

**SEPTEMBER 2017**

Dear Parents/Carers,

**REMINDER - Absence**

**If your child is absent from school, you MUST contact school by 9.15am to let us know** as you are required to inform school as soon as possible. Please choose OPTION 1 when you call school (01467 536860) to report the absence. If your child is off with vomiting and/or diarrhoea, please note that children should not return to school for at least 48 hours after symptoms have settled. You can also let us know absences by email – see above for details.

Thank you for you co-operation.

**Items available in school**

Just to make you aware, we still have some water bottles (£2), reading bags (£5) and gym bags (£4) available. Please pop into the office or complete the form if you would like to purchase anything.

**House Captains**

Our house captains (chosen by the pupils) for this session are:

Blythewood Nathan Hinds Andrew Penny

Cairnton Jack Kelman Andrew Strachan

Haughton Iona Leishman Evie Davies

It was very difficult to choose, as all Primary 7 pupils wrote excellent speeches, so well done to you all. All P1-7 pupils were involved in voting for house captains.

**Medication to School**

If your child is using regular medication, e.g. an inhaler, it is vital that there is a spare kept in school at all times. Can you please supply a spare, with your child’s name on it, if you have not done so already. Please return the medical form if your child is on medication / has a medical condition, and you haven’t informed us. Thank you.

**Money**

****Just a quick reminder that all money coming into school should be sent in a sealed envelope clearly marked with child’s name, class, amount and reason for payment. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Spree Books**

Thank you to everyone who bought a Spree book. As a result of selling Spree books, we have made £140 commission for school funds. Great result!

**NESCU – collection**

North East of Scotland Credit Union (NESCU)

Your child has the opportunity to save regularly in school. A NESCU representative is in school once a week (Friday) to bank your child’s money. If you are interested in your child starting this savings scheme, then please get in touch with school or complete the return slip and we will send home the necessary forms. Thank you.

**Parent Council News**

We had our Parent Council AGM on 7th September, and it was lovely to see returning members. It was disappointing that there were no new faces at our meeting.

Our chairperson is Frances Matheson, vice chairperson is Kathryn Cruickshank, treasurer is Keith Linklater and secretary is Carla Kierulff; we now have some additional committee members too which is great! Events for this session so far are as follows:

**Disco for P1-7 pupils Fri 17 November**

**Christmas Coffee Morning Saturday 2 December**

**Spring Fair Saturday 12 May 2018**

**BBQ Friday 22 June 2018**

If you have any ideas for fundraising activities we welcome any suggestions. Please note them on the comments sheet at the end of this newsletter and they will be passed on to the Parent Council. Thank you.

**Procedures – Head Lice**

There have been queries recently regarding informing school / other parents if pupils have head lice. Please let school / nursery know if your child has been treated for head lice. You will receive a leaflet from the NHS to give you some additional information.

Parents of other children in the class need only be notified when an increase in cases

(approximately 10% in a class) has been identified.

Thank you.

**Victoria Terrace - 20mph speed limit**

Can I please remind you that the speed limit on the road outside school is 20mph. Please be aware that this is a very busy road with lots of cars and children and limited parking.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**Dates for your diary**

Thurs 28 Sept – Macmillan Coffee morning from 10-11 in the school hall. All welcome

Thurs 28 Sept – School & Nursery Open session 9:30 – 10:30. All Welcome

Thurs 28 Sept – P1 Parent curriculum session 6:30. More info to follow.

Wed 4 Oct – Parent Appointments 3:45 – 6:00

Thurs 5 Oct – Parent Appointments 6:00 – 8:30

Fri 13 Oct – School & Nursery closes for October holidays at the usual time.

Mon 30 Oct – School & Nursery opens for the new term at the usual time.

Mon 13 / Tues 14 Nov – In Service days for staff – SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLOSED

**Christmas / New Year**

**Fri 22 Dec – School closes for holidays at the usual time.**

**(School closed from Mon 25 Dec – Fri 5 Jan)**

**Mon 8 January - School opens for the new term at the usual time.**

You are invited to comment on the return pro-forma on any aspect of school whether as a comment/suggestion, compliment or concern. These are responded to as and when necessary.

Finally, if you wish to discuss any item further or any aspect of school that affects you or your child, please do not hesitate to get in touch. I will be happy to arrange a convenient time to meet and discuss any issues.



Yours sincerely,

*Mrs Nic Boyle*

HEAD TEACHER

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**NESCU Savings scheme**

I am interested in NESCU savings scheme – please send home a copy of the forms.

Child’s name(s): …………………………………………………………………………… Class(es): …………………

Parent signature: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Date: ……………………………………………………………………

**Items available in school – September 2017**

I would like to buy ………………… water bottles at £2 each

I would like to buy ………………… reading bags at £5 each

I would like to buy ………………… gym bags at £4 each

 TOTAL = …………………

Child’s name(s): …………………………………………………………………… Class(es): ………………………

Parent signature: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Date: ………………………………………………………………………

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**Comment/Suggestion, Compliment or Concern**

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Signature …………………………………………………………………………………………… September 2017