

Keig School Newsletter



September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It seems like only yesterday that we were back to school, but we are already into the sixth week of term. The term has been very busy and lots of super work has been taking place. We have all settled into the new routines and working hard to progress learning. We have been learning about the weather in P1-3 and learning about extreme weather and natural disasters in P4-7. We look forward to sharing our learning with you during the Open Afternoon on the 5th of October.

Policies

This term we have been reviewing our Homework Policy, and appreciate everyone who completed the form and provided feedback. We have a draft policy that we will be sending out this week.

We will then be looking at our Positive Relationships Policy which replaces the Behaviour Policy previously. Anyone who is interested in being involved with this should get in touch with the school to arrange a focus group.

The Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy will also be started before the end of the term.

Dates for the Diary

27th Sept ALEC Visit

5th Oct Open Afternoon **(2:30 – 3:15pm)**

10th Oct Flu Vaccine

13th Oct Harvest Assembly **(2:45-3:15pm)**

16-27th Oct October Holidays

30th Oct Term 2 Begins

15th Nov Children in Need

16th Nov In Service Day

17th Nov In Service Day

7th Dec Community Café

25th Dec – 5th Jan Christmas Holidays

8th Jan Term 3 Begins

7th Feb Community Cafe

9th Feb Mid Term

12th Feb Mid Term

13th Feb In Service

14th Feb In Service

29th Mar-12th Apr Easter Holidays

15th Apr Term 4 Begins

6th May 'May Day' Holiday

9th May Community Cafe

3rd Jun Occasional Day

5th July Last Day of Term

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Pupil Voice

This session, all pupils are going to participate as part of the pupil council. There are three different working groups, which have a member of staff as facilitators but ultimately these groups will be led and run by the pupils.

- Sustainability Superheroes
Pupils will look how to be more eco-friendly and support our work towards our Eco-Schools Award and become more sustainable while also considering how to work towards our Digital Schools Award.
- Dinky Donuts
Pupils will continue to work towards our Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award as well as promoting children's rights within the school and community.
- Karate Carrots
Also working to support the eco-friendly aims of the school and support our work towards our Eco-Schools Award and working to maintain and improve the outdoor areas around the school.

Allergy Aware School

We are working to become an Allergy Aware school, as we have numerous allergies within the school. To do this we are working closely with the school nurse at Alford Academy, undertaking training and working with our parents and community. You may hear your children talking about allergies, we ensure that children are aware of the different allergies we have and what to do if they think someone is having a reaction but we do not share personal information without permission.



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Playground Equipment

The multiplay unit in the back of the school has become unsafe to use. We have taped it off. We had hoped the swings could still be used but have learned that the whole unit is shaky and so out of use.

We will consider options to remove and replace this going forward.



Parents' Portal

Thank you to everyone for signing up to Parents' Portal. In the future, this is to be the means of passing all information to parents and the method by which parents will pay for school meals and any trips or residential.

And Finally ...

Our Harvest Assembly will take place on the last day of term 1, Friday 13th October, and all are welcome to come and celebrate with us.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any questions or comments via the email address keig.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Kind Regards,

Donna Crawford

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