

**STUARTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

28th August 2013

Dear Parents/Carers

Information update (August 2013)

Welcome back!

I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer break and that we're all ready to face the challenges of the year ahead here at Stuartfield School. I hope everyone settles quickly into the life of the school. We welcome 15 Primary 1 pupils and 8 pupils in P2-7. Our roll is now sitting at 99 pupils in 5 classes.

**Dates for the diary:**

Monday 2 September	Primary 1 pupils start full time education
Monday 9 September	Zumba Club 3.15 – 4.15 through Active Schools. More info soon
Friday 13 September	Film and Sound Installation at Aden Park at 7.30. Our last year's Primary 7 were involved in this venture.
Wednesday 18 September	Parent Council AGM in the school hall at 7.30. All welcome
Tuesday 1 October	Primary 6/7 residential trip to Compass Centre, Glenshee (4 days)
Wednesday 2 October	Book Fair arrives for a week
Monday 7 October	Parent / teacher meetings 6.00 - 8.00
Tuesday 8 October	Parent / teacher meetings 3.30 – 5.00
Friday 11 October	Primary 6 and 7 Assembly - Glenshee Trip. 1.30 pm. All welcome End of Term 1

**Primary 1 Information**

Full day education for Primary 1 pupils will commence on Monday 2 September 2013 (9.00 – 12.15, 1.15 – 3.15).

Primary 1 Parents and Carers are invited into the Primary 1 classroom on Tuesday 24 September from 2.30 – 3.15 so you can find out what your child has been learning in their first few weeks of school.

**School Equipment**

Class teachers regularly take the children for P.E., therefore it is important that the pupils have PE kit in school everyday. Pupils should have suitable pencils, rubbers etc. everyday. Water bottles are provided for P2-7 pupils. These should be taken home and cleaned on a Friday. Could parents/carers please check school bags regularly.

**Bus Pupils**

Transport department have asked that pupils using school transport **must** carry their bus pass at all times.

**Safety in and around the school car park**

We ask that great care is taken in and around the school car park as the pupils arrive and leave the school. As agreed in the School Travel Plan pupils should be dropped at the **bottom of the** road or in the square and walk from there. Parents are asked to park their cars on Knock Street or in the square.

**Classroom focus**

P1	Mrs Urquhart	-	The Little Red Hen
P2/3	Miss Duncan	-	Fill your bucket with happiness!
P3/4	Mrs Elrick / Mrs Davidson	-	Wild Animals
P5/6	Mrs Lumsden	-	Pirates!
P6/7	Miss Lawrence	-	Scotland and all the gory bits!

## **Pupil Absence**

We would ask that if your child is off school for any reason please phone the school before 9.30am on the first day of absence.

## **Dates for this session**

Please find holiday dates for this session attached.

## **Homework**

At Stuartfield we believe that homework is an important part of a child's education and partnership between home and school. We value your effort in supporting your child with their homework by looking in their reading record/ homework diary regularly.

## **Positive Behaviour**

Our Positive Behaviour Policy is used by all staff and pupils at school and is available for your information in the School Handbook This is available online through Aberdeenshire Council's Website.. I encourage you to take time to read it over.

For every week that a pupil retains 30 minutes of Golden Time this will go towards a certificate. After 8 weeks they will receive a Blue Award, 16 weeks for a Bronze Award, 26 for a Silver Award and 36 for a Golden Award (there are 39 weeks in a school year).

## **Healthy Tuck Shop**

A healthy tuck shop is available every morning interval. There will be different home bakes and fresh fruit available each day. Could you please encourage your child to either bring or buy healthy snacks for playtime.

Home Bakes	20p
Cheese and Biscuits	20p
Fruit	25p
Raisins	15p
Vegetables	20p
Calypso Juice	15p
Aqua Juice (carton)	25p
Milk carton	20p
Water	20p

## **Football training**

Fridays - 6.30 - 8.00 **Term 1** in the Pleasure Park, Stuartfield (weather permitting) starting on Friday 23 August: **P4 - 7**  
- 6.30 - 8.30 **Terms 2 and 3** at Mintlaw Academy (big hall) **P4 - 7**

Our younger pupils may be given a chance to participate in Term 4.

Stuart McCredie, Diane Brown and Susan Davidson will co-ordinate the coaching team who would be grateful for any helpers either over the session on an occasional basis. Please contact the school if you are willing to help.

A pro-forma has been issued to interested pupils.

## **Pupils arriving at school**

Pupils should only arrive in school 20 minutes before the start of the school day. From 8.40 onwards there will always be an adult in school as a point of contact. Pupils should arrive before the bell at 9.00am.

## **Parent Council - AGM**

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 18 September at 7.30p.m. Both PTA and Eco – Group are subgroups of the Parent Council. New reps for Parent Council will be announced that night. Parents will have the chance to put themselves forward for Parent Council shortly. I hope that you consider joining our parent groups to support Stuartfield School.

### **Visiting Specialists**

This term we have a number of specialist teachers supporting the curriculum in our classes. We have P.E, Science, French, Music and Learning Support. Your child will meet many of our specialist teachers over the term.

I look forward to meeting you and working with your children over the coming session.

Yours sincerely,

Marion Macfarlane  
HEAD TEACHER

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### **Newsletters / Information**

To reduce our carbon foot print we would to e-mail newsletters and information sheets to as many parents/carers as possible. If you would be happy to support this please complete the pro-forma below.

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Pupil Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL BY: Monday 2 September 2013**