



## March 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

I didn't think I would be writing this newsletter with snow lying on the ground and the temperature currently at minus 6! Spring, surely, must be around the corner.

**Staffing Update** – Our lunchtime Catering Assistant, Mrs Hindes, had her last day at our school last week. We wish her all the very best for the future.

This week, Mrs Reid, one of our PSAs will be moving on to a new role. We thank her for all her hard work over the past two years and wish her good luck in her new job.

We hope to have a replacement for Mrs Reid appointed in the next couple of weeks. This will be a fixed term post up until the summer holidays.

**Our latest addition!** – Meet Willow, our rescue hamster who has joined us in school as our very own therapist. As part of creating business plans, some of our older pupils researched the benefits of a therapist, put together a plan and in true Dragon's Den style, convinced us that Willow would be of great value to the school community.

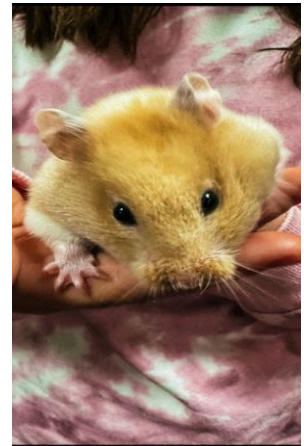
**Fundraiser** – Three of our pupils – Hannah, Carly and Lola -organised a bake sale in school to raise money for the Red Cross in support for the people who suffered in the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. They raised over £60! Well done, girls!

**Visit to Cluny** - Our P6/7 class enjoyed an afternoon at Cluny School getting to know the boys and girls who will be joining us on our forthcoming residential trip to Abernethy.

They completed a Bingo Challenge, then worked in teams to build towers.

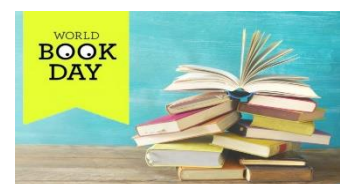
### Tempest Photography

Our regular photographer from Tempest will be joining us again on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March, this time to take a vista photograph of the whole school.



**Restorative Practice (Workshop 2)** – Following on from our recent Restorative Practice Workshop for parents and carers, run by our Educational Psychologist, we can now offer the opportunity for a follow up session on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 1.45 – 3.00pm in our school hall. Refreshments will be served. Please contact the school office if you would like to come.

**World Book Day** – As we had to postpone our celebrations a couple of weeks ago, we have rescheduled this event to take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Everyone is invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book.



**Hungry Haggis Café** – Our next Community Café will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 1.30-3.00pm. The theme will be the Mad Hatter’s Tea Party – to celebrate World Book Day. We look forward to seeing you all there! Entry by donation at the door.



**Schools Rotary Quiz** – Some of our P7 pupils will be taking part in the Alford Schools’ Rotary Quiz to be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Good luck and have fun!

**Glee** – Our 2 songs are very nearly complete and we are all very excited at performing on the stage at the Beach Ballroom on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March!

### Dates for your Diary

(please note the change of date for P7 Link Day and an extra Bank Holiday on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023)

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Whole School Photo to be taken by Tempest Photography
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	World Book Day celebrations; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils invited to dress as a character from a book</li> <li>• 1:30 – 3:00pm Mad Hatter’s Tea Party – all are welcome to join us for tea/coffee and fine pieces.</li> </ul>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	P1 Health screening
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2023	4:00pm Alford Rotary Quiz (P7 pupils taking part). Full details TBC
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023	6:00 – 9:00pm Glee Competition, Beach Ballroom, Aberdeen
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	P7 Tree of Knowledge at Alford Academy (details to follow)
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b>	<b>School closes</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>	<b>School opens</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	P6,7 Residential Trip
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2023	Easter Bonnet Parade (details to follow)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	1:45 – 3:00pm Restorative Practice Workshop 2 for Parents & Carers
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023</b>	<b>May Day Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>	<b>Coronation Holiday</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	P7 Link Day – details to follow
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	P7 Link Week – details to follow
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b>	<b>School closes</b>

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards,

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