



Skene School News August 2014

Working Together, Learning Together, To Be The Best We Can Be

Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a great summer, and managed to enjoy the sunshine before it disappeared. I think autumn has started already. We will be getting outside as much as possible, however, so please make sure your child has a good jacket with them for break, lunch-times and outdoor learning too.



P2/3/4 in Room 2



P1s in Room 1

P5/6/7 in the relocatable unit



Back to School Supplies

Can I ask you to check that your child has a well-stocked pencil case (P2-P7 especially) including pencils, erasers, a ruler, sharpener, colouring pencils/pens and a glue stick. All children will need a separate pair of indoor shoes to change into in the classroom (several of the P5/6/7 children have not got any). We will keep PE kits in school and will send them home at holiday time for washing, unless we notice that your child has outgrown it or has got it particularly dirty, when we will send it home at the week-end. Please also check that all items of clothing are labelled with either a mark, label or name that your child recognises. It does not have to be a fancy printed label, but do check after a few washes that you can still see it. P1s may want to have a change of clothes with them in their school bag, or in a bag hanging on their peg, in case of any little accidents.

School lunches

Aberdeenshire Council have asked that cooks and catering assistants no longer keep children's lunch tickets in the kitchen for them, as we have traditionally done for P1-3s. We will send purchased tickets home with the children. You should write the children's names on each ticket and send one in to school each day with them. I have found it helps to put it in the same place every day, eg in the same pocket of the schoolbag, or in their reading folder, etc. This way they know exactly where to look for it. They will then put it in the "lunch ticket box" in their class when they come in in the morning. We have decided to stagger the lunches slightly so that the children have shorter waiting times. P1 will go for lunch from 12.15 to 1.15 when they start on their full days. P2/3/4 and P5/6/7 will take it in turns to go next with a 5 minute gap between classes.

School Car Park

Please help us to keep everyone safe, and remember that the big black gate is only for staff and delivery drivers. It should not be opened by anyone else. Children and adults should walk round the playground using the path marked out by the black railings, and should not walk through the staff car park at any time.

School Transport

The Transport Unit and Central Taxis would appear to have had some start-of-term issues. After a lot of communication, we hope these are now resolved. There are also ongoing issues regarding pickup and drop off points. I do apologise for the inconvenience and upset these have caused parents and children. Please get in touch with the Transport Unit if you have any further questions or problems, and let me know if I can be of any help. Urgent issues, eg if your child is sick and will not need picked up, should be directed to Central Taxis on 01224 890089, who may be able to provide you with a direct number for the driver.

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 26 August	P3-7 Netball Club starts, Tuesdays 3.30-4.30
Wednesday 27 August	P1 Parents' School Lunch
Monday 1 September	P1s start full days
Monday 6 October	Health Week till Fri 10 th October
Friday 10 October	Last day Term 1
Monday 27 October	First day Term 2

Our Community

Thanks once again to Rev Campbell and Miss Stewart for hosting our brilliant end of year assembly, and for the fun and interesting things they work on with us in school. We look forward to lots of activities with them again this session.

Our end of term summer treat!

