



## **Gordon Primary School Newsletter October 2017**

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### **Vision, Values and Aims**

During this term we have been working hard on developing our school Vision, Values and Aims. We have talked to everyone in school to gather thoughts and ideas about what our school should look like, feel like and represent. From this consultation, we have identified 3 focus areas which we want to look at throughout the remainder of the year. These are:

- Creating a safe and respectful environment
- Developing skills for learning, life and work
- Being enthusiastic and successful learners.

To help develop these aims we will be creating a number of pupil focus groups which will operate throughout the year. We will be writing to you shortly to ask if you have any skills / expertise which you may be able to share through these groups.

In terms of sharing our ideas with you and getting your ideas on how we make our improvements, there will be a number of parent participation events coming up in the near future. Watch this space!

### **Golden Table**

As part of our improvements we have been focusing on creating a safe and respectful lunch hall. To positively encourage pupils to be respectful during lunch break, we have created a Golden Table. Pupils who have displayed respectful behaviour and been awarded a golden ticket, have lunch with Mrs Moir, Mrs Strachan and myself. Pupils have responded very well to this new feature in our lunch routine and we are looking forward to being able to share our golden memory book which will be displayed in the school reception. In the memory book, there is a picture of each child who has received a ticket and a short outline of what they did to win the ticket.

### **Police Assembly – staying safe**

We have been fortunate to have had a visit from Police Scotland to help us work with pupils on the theme of 'staying safe'. We are going to host a parent information session soon on the same theme and look forward to working together on this important issue.

### **Mrs Grant retires**

After many years working in the school office, Mrs Grant retired this week. On behalf of the school community, I would like to say thank you for her years of service and wish her a very happy retirement. I know that she is looking forward to spending more time with her family and getting out into her garden.

### **Weather**

There is never a day passes that we don't have at least 2 seasons in one day! With this in mind, we would encourage parents and pupils to think ahead and be prepared for the elements. Please ensure that you have suitable footwear for school and always a pair of indoor shoes available for days when wellies are the best outside option. Jackets, coats, gloves, scarves and hats for colder weather ensure that we are not cold when outside. When possible, try and label clothing so that we do not have any upsets should something get mislaid.

## **Lost Property**

The lost property box is literally overflowing. It's such a shame to see items of clothing not being used. We would ask that pupils who have lost items ask for assistance to access the box prior to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Clothes not claimed by then, will go to a charity.

## **PTA fundraising**

Our PTA are an ongoing source of support to the school and must be thanked for funding the Pantomime which is to visit the school during the first week of term 2. We are very much looking forward to the performance and all boys and girls from the Nursery to P7 will benefit from this gift to the school. Many thanks!

## **Bike Shelter**

You may have noticed the new bike shelter which has been put up near the entrance to our car park. Please note that the shelter is for **staff bikes only** and should not be used by pupils. Thank you for your co-operation.

## **Dates for the diary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Fri 13 October</b>	<b>Last day of term 1</b>
<b>Mon 30 October</b>	<b>Start of Term 2</b>
<b>Tues 31 October</b>	<b>Nursery eye tests</b>
<b>Wed 1 November</b>	<b>Pantomime – Dick Whittington (whole school)</b>
<b>Mon 6 November</b>	<b>Tempest Photographer – Individual and family</b>
<b>Saturday 25 November</b>	<b>Christmas Fayre</b>
<b>Mon 13 November</b>	<b>In-Service Day</b>
<b>Tues 14 November</b>	<b>In-Service Day</b>
<b>Fri 22 December</b>	<b>Last day of term 2</b>

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