

Gordon Primary School

November Newsletter 2023



Dear Parent/Carer,

Remembrance Day in School

Gordon Primary School are celebrating **Remembrance Day on Friday 10th November.**

P7s will have their annual service of Remembrance at the memorial from 10.50am. Poetry will be read and a 2 minute silence will happen at 11am. Carol Ford, minister of Strathbogie Drumblade Church will be in attendance.

Parents and families are welcome to attend. The children stand on the semi-circle and at the foot of the monument but there is plenty of room. A poppy wreath will also be laid. Please be aware that traffic is not stopped so please be mindful if you have small children with you.

In school, P7s have read poems to the children in assemblies, poppy displays around and the children will observe a one minute silence at 11am.

P7 Remembrance poem readers will also attend Alexander Scott's Hospital Eventide Home on Monday afternoon to read poems to the old folks.

Poppies are also on sale this week. P7s will come around the classes to sell poppies each day. Please give what you are happy to give. The money goes toward supporting soldiers who have served for us in war keeping us safe and who require support in some way.



Winter

The nights are definitely drawing in... therefore, please ensure your children have reflective garments, bands, badges etc so drivers can see them. Please remind them to walk safely on pavements and use appropriate places to cross.

Children also need to be wrapped up warmly for playing outside but be able to remove layers if warm in school. Indoor shoes are essential at this time of year and whilst slippers are fine for the classroom, gymshoes or trainers are required for PE. Should you have difficulty purchasing any of these items please get in touch in confidence and we will try to help out without causing embarrassment.

Roadworks

There are roadworks by the school crossing patroller so she cannot stand exactly where she usually stands. Please tell your children to wait for her to go into the middle of the road and she will signal to them when it is safe to cross. We will do the same in school.

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Children in Need

As usual we will support Children in Need with a Dress Down day on Wednesday 15th November. Children are invited to wear spots, stripes or cosy pyjamas. Donations will be collected in the morning. 50p is suggested but please give what you can manage.

Thank you for your support for others in difficult circumstances.

If help is required

However, we are also aware that some families find things difficult particularly at this time of year. Again, should you require assistance at Christmas or any other time, please telephone your Year Head or the Headteacher in confidence and we will advise you on where to get some support. We will even talk to Santa on your behalf if this is needed but please tell us as soon as possible. We have been asked by certain charities if we have families in need but we would never want to presume because things are not always what they seem.

Funding Links

Information about funding links to follow.

Inservice Days

Please remember that Inservice Days are on **Thursday 16th November** and **Friday 17th November**. School and nursery will be closed to children and parents. Teachers will be busy strengthening their skills and professional development.

Doric Competition

This will be introduced on Tuesday 14th of November. This is an annual competition for P1-3 in memory of a much loved member of staff Mrs Annie MacDonald. Please check you child's school bag for the Doric poems to practise at home.



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Halloween Dress Up Day

The children had fun dressing up on the last day of term. They raised £144.82 for Charlie House. Not enough for a brick yet to support the development of the new building but well on the way. We will have another fundraiser to support Charlie House in Term 3.

The children also had great fun at the PTA disco. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a successful event.



School dates for your diary

Friday 10th Nov – P7 Remembrance at the memorial

Wed 15th Nov - Children in Need

Thurs 16th Nov Inservice – school closed

Friday 17th Nov Inservice – school closed

**Thursday 30th Nov – Panto (in school)
Funded by Gordon Primary PTA.**

Friday 8th Dec – PTA Christmas Bingo (info to follow)

Wednesday 13th Dec – P1 Nativity (more info to follow)

Thursday 14th Dec – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 14th Dec – Interim reports issued

Friday 15th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day

**Week beginning Monday 18th Dec –
Christmas Party week (more details to follow)**

**Friday 22nd December – Christmas Service –
all welcome at Strathbogie Drumblade
Church – beginning 9.40am. Parents to sit
upstairs but not in the centre please.**