

Dear Parents/Carers

We have lots of exciting news to share with you and a few reminders. Please don't hesitate to contact school if you have any questions. School staff are always happy to meet with you but please contact school to make an appointment to avoid disappointment.

We have enjoyed assemblies this term with our chaplain Carleen, she used the themes of working together and what can be achieved when everyone works as a team.

Our Primary 7 pupils had a brilliant time at Dalguise and I have nothing but praise for them and from the other teachers about the children's cheerfulness and excellent behaviour. They are a credit to Eassie and their parents!

### **Charity Shop**

A huge thank you to staff, parents, carers, families and friends who so generously gave their time to drive goods to and from the shop and work in the shop (one parent used two days of her holiday to do this!) over the last two weekends and all last week. Thank you also to everyone who generously donated goods and spent lots of money in the shop. A fantastic amount of nearly **£2500** was made in the shop with more to come from the recycled clothes.

There was a super atmosphere in the shop and the P4-7 children enjoyed their sessions in the shop. It was a great experience for them learning how to deal with customers and taking money and giving change (real maths!).

### **Pupil Council**

Pupil Council members were recently appointed;

| <b>Class (13/14)</b> | <b>Names</b>     |
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| P1                   | Findlay Brown    |
| P2                   | Tommy Cosgrove   |
| P3                   | Fergus Durston   |
| P4                   | Onjira Patullo   |
| P5                   | Caitlin Beattie  |
| P6                   | Dylan Skibinski  |
| P7                   | Jakkirin Patullo |

Meetings will be held monthly, with P4-7 children attending the full meeting and P1-3 children coming for the first 20 minutes. The Pupil Council collect ideas from their peers and feedback the results so that other pupils can see how their suggestions are taken up and acted upon. The Pupil Council will also be involved in developments and activities within the school.

### **Walkwise Road Safety Training**

P1 and P2 pupils have all taken part in this excellent road safety training and I am very grateful to Marianne and staff from Glamis for organising and delivering the training. Well done to all the children who took part.



### **Superstar Corner**

Beth Mowatt, Thomas Duffy and Ross Yule are all members of the Kirrie Muskies basketball team and were also selected to play in the Tayside and Fife Team. Well done to you all! Following his role as Mr Bundle in Annie, Fergus Durston is busy rehearsing for his next role as a singer and dancer in the chorus of Cinderella.

Fergus is a member of the Young Stars.

Don't forget to let us know if your child has done something extra special that we can include here.

### **Kirrie Splash 2013**

Our team, Eassie Electric Eels swam a total of 52 lengths, raising valuable funds for local charities. Well done to all swimmers!

### **P6/7 French**

Mrs Stevenson teaches French to our P4-7 pupils and this term we are fortunate to have a native French speaker, Maud Webber visit us fortnightly. Mrs Stevenson will be out of school from next term every Tuesday afternoon attending Modern Language training and Mrs Gail McLean will take the class. Mrs McLean is a very capable and experienced teacher, having worked as a supply teacher for many years and knows the children at Eassie well.

### **Volunteers**

We have a number of different tasks/activities that would be suitable for volunteer helpers – if you are interested and available we would love to hear from you. Please contact school for more details.

### **Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs)**

Our new JRSOs are Beth Mowatt and Stephanie Whyte. The fantastic support we had from our local police traffic officer is no longer available but we hope to continue the good JRSO work and continue to lead our road safety activities in school with the help of last years JRSOs, Lily Bridgewater and Chelsey Meechan. We would be grateful for any parental help with this. Please contact school if interested.

### **Meet the Teacher/Parent Information Evening**

This was a well attended event and we received lots of super feedback from parents. I wish to express my gratitude to Ms Crawford and Mrs Stevenson for their excellent presentations. Information packs with advice and tips to help parents support children with reading were handed out to parents and these have been sent home to all parents. There is a real 'buzz' about reading in school at the moment! The Scottish Book Trust has issued 3 lovely books to all P1 children in Scotland to encourage a lifelong love of reading and reinforce learning at home. Their website [www.scottishbooktrust.com/bookbug](http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/bookbug) has reading lists for different ages, lots of resources including authors such as David Walliams and Julia Donaldson reading extracts from their books and well worth a visit. Please don't hesitate to contact school if you wish more information about helping your child with reading.

### **Harvest Festival**

We celebrated the Harvest Festival at 2pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. This was a lovely occasion which encourages the children to think about where our food comes from and how lucky we are to live in a country where food is plentiful. Mike from Eagles Wings is visiting us and will give a short presentation on the work of the charity and the children will have the opportunity to see the mobile soup kitchen. Goods from our Harvest Table will be donated to Eagles Wings and also distributed by pupils to members of our local community.

### **Parent Council**

The next Parent Council meeting will be held in school on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm**. All parents are invited and welcome to this meeting. We would love to see some new faces.

### **Home/School Link Books**

The children will be setting targets for maths, language and a social target. These will be sent home with the children to share with you. The Home/School Link books with the children's work will be sent home with the children at the end of next term and we hope you will enjoy sharing your child's work and discussing their targets. The children are very proud of the work in their books and there are many encouraging comments from parents. I encourage all parents to write a short comment or a signature to indicate that the books have been seen before returning to school. We are also keen to hear about achievements out with school e.g. sport, music, clubs, in the community and these can also be noted.

### **School Lunches**

Please note that the new Autumn/Winter menu starts on return – week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013. There will be a new system for ordering school lunches starting on return from the October holidays. Parents should complete the order sheet for the week and place this along with any money due in the wallet provided. This wallet should be handed to the Secretary first thing on Monday morning. Should any additional lunches require to be ordered during the week this must be done by informing the Secretary **before 9.15am** on the relevant day.

### **Supported School Review**

We have been informed that we are to receive a Supported School Review (SSR) visit to Eassie and Glamis on 26th and 27th November. These SSRs are planned to take place in all schools over a four year period. The timing of the visits will link to the HMLe cycle of visits. Our SSR will involve a visit from our Quality Improvement Officer, Colin Nicol and another Head Teacher. They will look at performance including areas of strength and what is contributing to this and areas for improvement and how this might be planned. As part of the review the team will meet with focus groups of children, staff and parents. I know this will be a positive experience and a super opportunity to highlight and share the good work at Eassie Primary.

### **School Telephone – answering**

The playground is now supervised during break and lunchtimes which means the telephone may not be answered during these times: messages can be left on the answer phone.

### **Wind turbine planning application**

A neighbour notice has been served on the school regarding a planning application to erect a 77m wind turbine located 1.2km from the school at the site of the former South Ingliston farm. The nacelle and blades of the proposed turbine will be visible from the school and surrounding area, including Balkeerie. Until 17<sup>th</sup> October details of the application are available for public view at [www.angus.gov.uk/publicaccess](http://www.angus.gov.uk/publicaccess), reference 13/00865/FULL and representations regarding the application may be made in writing to the Council through public access or to Head of Planning & Transport, Angus Council, Communities, Planning & Transport Division, County Buildings, Market Street, Forfar DD83LG.

### **Sharing our Learning with Granny**

As part of their topic 'In Granny's Time' the P1/2/3 children have invited their Grandparents and Great Grandparents to school for part of the afternoon to share with them what they have found out and to participate in activities in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century classroom.

### **Reminder**

There is no supervision in the playground before school starts so children should not be dropped off at school until at least 8.45am. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Head Lice**

We have been informed by a parent that their child has head lice. Please check your child's hair and take the appropriate action if necessary.

### **Head Teacher's Challenge**

How many books can you read over the holidays? There may be a small prize but only if you can remember the story and what book you liked best and why! Good Luck!

### **Community Events:**

For up to date information of events in the Eassie & surrounding areas visit the ENKCA website – [www.eassieandnevey.org](http://www.eassieandnevey.org)

Coffee Morning in aid of Scotlands Charity Air Ambulance: pupils will attend this charitable community event which will be in Eassie & Nevey Hall on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

Halloween Party - Eassie & Nevey Hall on Thursday 31 October from 7.00 – 9.00pm. There will be games, disco, food and drink. Tickets should be purchased in advance from Audrey Duffy on 01307 840384. Tickets are £3 per '*Victim*'.

Plant Hunters of Angus talk by Eleanor Gledhill in Eassie & Nevey Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. The proceeds for the event will be shared between ENKCA and The Friends of Forfar Botanists who are working hard to keep Angus blooming.

Regular weekly classes include Yoga, Zumba, Kettlercise, Dancing & Art and the WRI meets monthly in the hall

### **And finally..**

I wish you all a very happy October break and hope you enjoy a relaxing break!

Yours sincerely

**J Ferguson**  
**Head Teacher**

### **DIARY DATES**

21/10/13 – School re-opens for winter term – 9am  
25/10/13 - Sharing our Learning with Grandparents afternoon  
31/10/13 – Halloween Party – Eassie & Nevey Hall 6.30pm  
04/11/13 – Parent Council Meeting – 7pm in school  
04/11/13 – Reading Week and author visit  
28/11/13 – In Service Day (school closed to pupils)  
29/11/13 – In Service Day “  
02/12/13 – St Andrew's Day holiday (school closed to staff and pupils)  
03/12/13 – Kirriemuir Panto  
10/12/13 – Carol Concert & Nativity - 2pm in Eassie & Nevey hall  
11/12/13 – Carol Concert & Nativity - 7pm in Eassie & Nevey hall  
19/12/13 – Christmas Party – 1.30pm in Eassie & Nevey hall  
20/12/13 – End of term - school closes for Christmas holidays - 12 noon  
06/1/14 – School re-opens for spring term - 9am