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 **Craigievar Newsletter 4 – Term 1 2022/2023**

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Dear Parents,

Here we are at the end of term 1 and what a busy term we have all had! It has really flown by. The end of term is always a good opportunity for us to say thank you to everyone for all your help and support over the session.

**Joint Harvest Assembly**

Thank you very much to everyone who was able to come to our joint Craigievar / Tullynessle Harvest Assembly – it was lovely to have such a happy buzz in the school. Well done to the pupils for all their hard work and the super singing! The Tullynessle families were made to feel very welcome and really enjoyed their visit.

Thanks also to everyone who baked – your “fine pieces” were “affa fine”!

**Rotary Shoe Box Appeal**

Thank you to everyone who has returned a shoe box for the appeal. The boxes will be collected during the first week back after the holidays, so if you haven’t yet done so, boxes should be returned tomorrow or on Monday 31st October at the latest.

**Library update**

Thank you to the parents who have been in school continuing with our library revamp – the shelves are looking so much better and we have lots of ideas for new books now.

**Forest School**

Well done to Lindsey Duncan for our 2 excellent Forest School sessions in the Wildlife Garden, and to the parent helpers who came along both days. The feedback from everyone was that it was a great success and we will be looking to continue this in Term 2. We hope that you enjoyed the activities as much as the pupils did.

**Thank you**

We couldn’t do some of the activities that we do in school without your support so it is very much appreciated. Thank you to all our parent helpers this term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back into school again in Term 2.

**Book Prizes**

The first recipients of this year’s Craigievar Book Prize received their books at the Harvest Assembly and we want to thank both the PTA for paying for these and Mrs McMillan for organising the prizes for everyone. This is such a lovely idea.

**House Point Winners**

Well done to the Foxes who were the House Point Winners this term.

The final scores were: Foxes: 201 points, Wildcats: 200 points, Pine Martens: 145 points

**Farewell**

We say a sad farewell to Mrs Middleton on Friday afternoon as she is leaving us to move on to a new job as an Early Years Practitioner at Ballater Nursery. She has however, promised to come back and see us at Christmas time and next year when the Netball/football tournaments are on!

We also say farewell to Aaron Blyth-Decrew in P1 and we wish him all the very best in his new school.

We hope that they will keep in touch and let us know how they are getting on.

**Pupil Entrance upgrade**

We would like to get some of the masonry painted outside the pupil entrance at the start of next term, weather permitting, so look out for an email asking for volunteers to help with painting and planting out our tubs with bulbs and shrubs.

**Pokemon Cards**

We continue to have issues concerning the trading of Pokemon cards at school. Can you please remind your children that cards can come into school but **MUST** remain in school bags **UNLESS** it is break or lunchtime, when they can be taken outside to play with, as they are very distracting in class. Pupils can show their cards to each other but there must be **NO SWAPPING** of cards during the school day on school premises or on the school buses. Everyone has agreed that this was a fair and reasonable action. Please note that if swapping happens out of school then that must be with parents permission.

**Parent Council/PTA**

The next meeting will be held in the school on Thursday 10th November at 6.30pm, to which you are all warmly invited.

**Dates for your Diary:**

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| Date | Action |
| 14th October | PC/PTA Halloween Party 6 – 8pm  |
| 15th October  | October Hols start |
| 31st October | Start of Term 2 |
| 31st October  | PC/PTA Halloween crafts afternoon at school |
| 4th November | P1-3 Theatre trip to Echt |
| 10th November | Remembrance Assembly with Simon Crouch (pupils only) |
| 10th November | PTA/PC meeting 6.30pm |
| 11th November | Flu Vaccinations |
| 11th November | P4-7 Theatre Trip at Midmar Village Hall |
| 16th November | ALEC visit (Health & Wellbeing) |
| 17th/ 18th November | Inservice Days 2 and 3 – school closed to pupils |
| 4th December | Craigievar Hall Christmas Fayre, 1-4pm |
| 13th December | Rehearsal of School Show at Craigievar Hall, 1.15 – 3.15 pm |
| 15th December | Rehearsal of School Show at Craigievar Hall, 1.15 – 3.15 pm |
| 15th December | School Show in Craigievar Hall 6 for 6.30pm start |
| 22nd December | End of Term Joint Christmas Assembly, 9.30 am |
| 22nd December | School Christmas Party, 1.15 – 3.15 pm |
| 22nd December | End of Term 2 |
| 9th January | Start of Term 3 |

**Contacting the school**

Should you wish to pass on any information to either myself as Acting HT or any of the staff then we would be grateful if you can email the school on craigievar.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Please do not use the personal email for the Administrator as Mrs Nichol is not in school on a Wednesday and important information can get delayed.

Should you have any questions about your child’s academic progress then please do not hesitate to contact the school to arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

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