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**Craigievar Newsletter 5 – Term 1 2022/2023**

November 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to everyone for the start of what is going to be a very busy Term 2. I hope that you all remembered to change your clocks at the weekend – I am sure there are a number of you who, like me, are looking forward to changing them back in March already as you miss the lighter evenings!!

**Rotary Shoe Box Appeal**

Thank you to everyone who has returned a shoe box for the appeal. These have been uplifted today and we donated 20 boxes which is fantastic. The Rotarians were delighted and asked me to pass on their thanks.

**Harvest Assembly Food Donations**

Thank you to everyone from Craigievar and Tullynessle who donated to the Foodbank appeal at our joint Harvest assembly. Simon Crouch will be uplifting 60 different tins and packets which is very much appreciated.

**Farewell and Welcome**

We said a sad farewell to Livia who has recently moved house and school but the P7 pupils will continue to see her at our joint P7 cluster activities.

We welcomed Marie into P2 this term and also Ms Dobbie who is working with us temporarily as our PSA.

**Halloween Craft Afternoon**

A big thank you to the PTA and especially Emma Robertson for organising a fantastic afternoon of Halloween Crafts for all the pupils on Monday 31st October.

**PSA update**

The job advert has now closed for a new PSA and Ms Pittendreigh and myself will be interviewing on Wednesday 9th November for the position.

**PE kits/Outdoor clothing**

Can we remind all families to please ensure that your child/children has/have a full PE kit in school at all times. This has not been the case this week unfortunately and has caused delays to our learning times, especially in the P4-7 class, whilst they sorted themselves out.

PE kit comprises: t-shirt, shorts/jogging bottoms/leggings, socks, appropriate trainers – all of which should be named and kept in a separate PE bag. They are to be left in school unless the items need washing at the end of term.

Over trousers etc can be left in school, hanging on the appropriate named peg.

**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 |
| 10th November | PTA/PC meeting 6.30pm |
| 10th November | Remembrance Assembly with Simon Crouch |
| 11th November | P7s online transition chat with P7s from other small schools |
| 11th November | Flu Vaccinations |
| 11th November | P4-7 Theatre-in-schools trip to Midmar - pm |
| 14th November | Forest School morning for P4-7 only |
| 16th November | ALEC visit in the morning |
| 17th/ 18th November | In-service Days 2 and 3 – school closed to pupils |
| 21st – 25th November | Week-in-a-Jotter reporting to parents |
| 2nd December | Parents invited in for a ‘soft start’, 9 – 9.30 am, followed by tea/coffee and a chat from 9.30 – 10.00 |
| 2nd December | PTA/PC Reindeer Drive – details to follow |
| 4th December | Craigievar Hall Christmas Fayre, 1-4pm. Singing by Craigievar School Choir |
| 13th December | Play Rehearsal at Craigievar Hall, pm - details to follow separately |
| 15th December | Play Rehearsal at Craigievar Hall, pm - details to follow separately |
| 15th December | Performance of School Show in Craigievar Hall, 6 for 6.30pm start |
| 19th December | Forest School all day |
| 22nd December | Joint end of term Christmas assembly with Tullynessle |
| 22nd December | Christmas Party, pm |
| 22nd December | Last day of Term 2 |
| 23rd December | Holiday (Occasional Day) – school closed to staff and pupils |
| 9th January 2023 | 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](mailto: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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