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**Craigievar Newsletter 8 – Term 3, 2022/2023**

January 2023

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to everyone at the start of Term 3. We have lots of exciting activities planned between now and the Easter holidays which we look forward to sharing with you over the coming term.

**New P1s visit**

Thank you to the parents and carers who came to our new P1 pupil open morning – it was lovely to meet everyone and also to be able to show the new P1s around the school. Thank you to the P7 pupils for hosting the tours. They did an excellent job and received some very good feedback from the parents:

* *Really informative tour. Answered all questions really well.*
* *Good show round. Lots of useful information. Very helpful, polite and informative.*
* *Thank you for your help. Excellent tour, covered lots of different areas.”*

**Health awareness**

We are aware that chicken pox is doing the rounds in the Alford Cluster so we just wanted to make you aware of this.

There is excellent advice on the NHS website which you can follow:

[Chickenpox - NHS (www.nhs.uk)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/)

Should your child develop chicken pox then they should stay off school as per the advice from the NHS. They will need to stay away from school or nursery until all the spots have formed a scab. This is usually 5 days after the spots appeared.

*“You can catch chickenpox by being in the same room as someone with it. It's also spread by touching things that have fluid from the blisters on them. You can spread chickenpox to other people from 2 days before your spots appear until they have all formed scabs – usually 5 days after your spots appeared.”*

**Volunteer Helpers in school**

Now that we can have volunteers back in school again we would be delighted if any parents would be happy to come in and help with things like crafts and gardening especially. However, if you have any other talents which you would be keen to share with us then please get in touch and let us know. We would love to be able to tap into your expertise!

**Parent Council / PTA Meeting**

The next Parent Council / PTA meeting will be held on Monday 16th January 2023 at 6.30pm to which all parents are warmly invited.

If you are unable to join us in person but can access the meeting online then please use the link that has been emailed in the agenda.

**PE kit letter**

Please see the separate email which has been sent out with reminders about appropriate PE kit in school. Please ensure that ALL items of clothing are clearly named – we have a number of unnamed items in the Lost Property box at school.

**Pokemon cards**

We are still having a bit of an issue with pupils trading Pokemon cards in school and then getting upset about it.

The current rule in school is that cards may be brought into school to be played with at breaktime and lunchtime only but **NO SWAPPING** must take place and cards **MUST NOT** be brought into the classroom outwith these times as they are a distraction to the learning that should be going on. Thank you for your support with reminding your children about these rules.

**P6/7 Residential Trip**

Final Payment for this trip is due on Monday 16th January. If you have not already done so, please make sure your payment is handed into the office on Monday morning with any cheques made payable to Craigievar School.

**Dates for your Diary:**

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| **Date** | **Action** |
| 16th January 2023 | PC/PTA Meeting 6.30pm |
| 16th January 2023 | Registration week for new P1 pupils |
| 16th January 2023 | Final Payment due for P6/7 Residential Trip |
| 20th January 2023 | P7 transition cluster event at Keig School, 9.30 – 11.00 am |
| 23rd January 2023 | Registration fortnight for new Nursery pupils |
| 23rd January 2023 | Scottish week for all pupils – pupils can wear a touch of tartan |
| 27th January 2023 | Scottish Assembly for Parents 9.30 am, parents to wear a touch of tartan |
| 3rd February 2023 | Whole school photo in morning |
| 10th February 2023 | Occasional Holiday |
| 13th February 2021 | Occasional Holiday |
| 14th /15th Feb 2023 | Inservice days 4 & 5, School closed to pupils |
| 17th Feb 2023 | Judo Taster Session |
| 20th – 22nd Feb 2023 | P6/7 Residential Trip to Alltnacriche |
| 2nd March 2023 | P6/7 Alltnacriche presentation to parents 2-3pm |
| 10th March 2023 | P7 transition cluster event at Tullynessle School, 9.30 – 11.00 am |
| 13th March 2023 | Week-in-a-jotter 2 |
| 24th March 2023 | P7 transition cluster event at Echt School, 1.30 – 2.30 pm |
| 30th March 2023 | Easter Assembly 9.30am, with tea/coffee |
| 31st March 2023 | Last day of Term 3 |
| 17th April 2023 | Start of Term 4 |

**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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