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**Craigievar Newsletter 9 – Term 3 2022/2023**

January 2023

Dear Parents,

Here we are at the end of January and I am sure that you are all as thankful as the staff are, to see the snow and ice finally disappear this week! Long may the milder weather continue.

**Health awareness reminder**

We do have some children off this week with chicken pox so please see the guidelines below from the NHS. There is excellent advice on their 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.”*

**Scots Week Assembly**

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our Scots Week assembly. It was lovely to have you all in school and to have so many join in our 2 ceilidh dances at the end of the assembly!

Well done to all our poetry readers – you spoke clearly and with confidence and definitely earned your certificates.

Thank you to Mrs Nichol for organising a fantastic “Haggis Treasure Hunt” on Thursday afternoon for the whole school. It was such good fun! Everyone earned themselves a House Point for taking part and the winning team (Abbie B, Juniper and Thorbjorn) each chose one of the haggis that Mrs Stoddart made as their prize!

Thank you also to Mrs Robertson for her tasty carrot cake for the teas and coffees.

Thank you too, to the Catering Staff for supplying a delicious Burns lunch on Wednesday – the school was smelling very tasty all afternoon!

**Strike Day Reminder**

Can we remind you that the school will be closed on Monday 30th January to all pupils due to the ongoing strike action. Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience but this is an Authority directive for all schools.

**PGDE Secondary Student visit**

We will be welcoming Mr Richard Carnie to visit both classes in the morning of Tuesday 31st January as part of his PGDE course. He is currently on placement at Alford Academy and, as part of their training, students have to visit cluster Primary Schools, so he will move on to visit Tullynessle in the afternoon.

**Dates for your Diary:**

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| **Date** | **Action** |
| 30th January 2023 | School closed to pupils only |
| 31st January 2023 | PGDE student visit - morning |
| 3rd February 2023 | Whole school photo in morning |
| 10th February 2023 | Occasional Holiday |
| 13th February 2021 | Occasional Holiday |
| 14th /15th Feb 2023 | In-service days 4 & 5, school closed to pupils |
| 17th February | Judo Taster Session |
| 17th February | P7 transition event at Keig School, am |
| 20th – 22nd Feb 2023 | Alltnacriche trip P7 |
| 2nd March 2023 | P6/7 Alltnacriche presentation to parents 2-3pm |
| 10th March 2023 | P7 transition event at Tullynessle School – 9.30am |
| 13th – 17th March 2023 | Week-in-a-jotter 2 |
| 13th March 2023 | Forest School Day |
| 22nd March 2023 | Rotary Club Primary School Quiz, 4pm at Alford Academy |
| 24th March 2023 | P7 transition event at Echt School – 1.30pm |
| 24th March 2023 | PTA Fundraising Beetle Drive at Cushnie Hall, 6:30pm |
| 28th March 2023 | Easter Crafts afternoon |
| 29th March 2023 | P7 Tree of Knowledge Transition event at Alford Academy, am (TBC) |
| 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 |

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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