

# Kingsford Catch-Up!

September 2019

The first term has flown by and I am delighted to report that almost all of our children have settled down well and are making good progress. Thank you for ensuring that your children are turning up smart for school every day and ready to learn. I am sure you were all impressed with the recent photographs taken by Tempest – didn't the children look super?



## Primary 1 Stars

Our P1s have got off to a great start to their school career and our new setting has made the transition, from nursery to school, smoother and more fun for the pupils. Our teachers, Miss Markie, Mrs Hamilton and Mrs Chisholm have been well supported by Mrs Morrison (PSA) and Miss Cruickshank (EYP) in delivering an exciting curriculum which follows the inspection recommendation for a more play-based approach. Our pupils have settled well but will no doubt appreciate the October holidays before the excitement of term 2!!

## ELC Survey

The Early Learning and Childcare team have launched an Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Expansion Survey. They are asking for the views of parents, carers and grandparents on ELC, which will play an important role in shaping how the ELC team progress towards the roll-out of the service expansion for August 2020. Your views are important and we would encourage you to take part in the survey:

<https://consultation.aberdeency.gov.uk/operations/early-learning-and-childcare-parents-survey>

If you have any questions about ELC expansion please contact: [elcexpansion@aberdeen.ac.uk](mailto:elcexpansion@aberdeen.ac.uk)

The consultation is open from Friday 27th September 2019 and will close on Friday 1st November 2019 at 5pm.

## Book Fair:

The children enjoyed the visit of the Book Fair last week and thanks to your generosity and support we have raised a grand total of £802.86 commission which will be used to buy new books to support literacy across the whole school and Nursery.

## Behaviour Policy:

It is now 7 weeks since we introduced our new Positive Relationship Policy and the feedback from the pupils about our new recognition boards, positive notes home and golden phone call have been very...positive!! We will be continually reviewing how the policy is working and, as well as listening to feedback from pupils and staff, we will also be seeking your views, later in the year.



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## Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November so please keep a look out for information coming home about how to book appointments when Term 2 starts in October.



## Parent Council Events



Our **Parent Council** is busy planning for our Hallowe'en Disco on the Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and our Christmas Fair on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

If you can help in any way at all then they would be delighted to hear from you. All our children from Nursery to P7 benefit from the funds raised by our Parent Council so please support them in any way you can.

## Residential Trips

Due to the rising costs of residential trips we are trying something different this year. Previously we tried to run a P6 and a P7 residential every year but this session the plans are as follows;

- P7 residential to Cromdale in May 2020
- P7 residential for our current P6 children in September 2020 when they will have just moved forward into P7.



## Parking

Dangerous parking is still a cause for concern in the streets around our school. Please park considerately and try to park a few streets away and encourage your child to walk the last 'bit' to school.

## Important Dates:

### Harvest Thanksgiving

On **Tuesday 8th October** our children will be walking to Mastrick Church to celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving. Children are invited to take along a non-perishable food item e.g. tin of soup, pasta etc. and donations will be sent to Instant Neighbour to support local families in need.

### Dress Down Day

A special Dress Down Day will take place on **Friday 11th October** when children are invited to come to school in their casual clothes and bring either something 'chocolate' or a 'bottle' of something to go towards our Parent Council Christmas Fair chocolate tombola and bottle stall. Please remember children cannot take alcohol to school.

### October Holidays

The October holiday is from Monday 14th October to Friday 25th October inclusive. School starts again for all children on Monday 28th October.

### In-service Days

In-service days are on Thursday 21st November and Friday 22nd November when there will be no school for pupils.

### Christmas Holidays

Christmas holidays are from Monday 23rd December 2019 to Friday 3rd January 2020 inclusive. School starts again for all pupils on Monday 6th January 2020.

