



## November 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer

**Community café** – A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported the P7 community café on Friday. It was an amazing turnout from the Strathmore community. Our next café will take place for our P6 parents and carers on Friday 7 December. Timings will be slightly changed to 1.45 – 2.45 as it took us a little bit longer to get tidied up!!

**Bring and buy toy/book/cuddly toy sale** - Sophie and Bethany in P6 are organising a bring and buy sale for Friday 9 November. All items will be sold for 10 p. The sale will be for pupils only. Please could you have a look to see if you have any used toys or books that you would like to donate. They will be stored in the medical room until the sale on Friday. Proceeds from the sale will be split between Save the Rainforest and Strathmore School.

**Parent Focus Group** – Mrs Quinn will meet with the parent focus group on Monday 12 November at 2 pm in the Strathmore Snug for biscuits and a blether.

**Respect Me/Anti Bullying week** – This will be celebrated at Strathmore on the week beginning the 12 November. Please look out for parental questionnaires about bullying, feedback on SEE SAW about respect/anti-bullying as this is matter we treat seriously at Strathmore. On Thursday 22 November Dawn Rennie (Family liaison officer) will be hosting a biscuits and blether about bullying in our Strathmore Snug from 10 am – 11 am. All welcome!

**Scottish Book Week** – This will take place on the 19-12 November. House captains are organising a “Wha’s hoose kens mair”. We will be using Bookbug and Read, Write Count resources.

**Parents Evening** – Notes were issued last week to invite parents to make an appointment with their child’s teacher on either 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> November. Mrs Stewart will be issuing appointment times.

**EAL drop in sessions** – Mrs Quinn has organised an English as an additional language drop in session with Marta on Friday 23 November. Nursery – P3 drop in will be in the Strathmore Snug from 9.00 – 10.00. P4-7 drop in will be from 11 am – 12 noon. All welcome.

**Developing the Young Workforce Christmas Fayre** – Please keep Tuesday 27 November free as we are hosting our second DYW Christmas Fayre. We were overwhelmed with the amount of visitors we had last year – nearly £2000 was raised. This money was used to purchase dictionaries for our learners. We have evaluated feedback from 2017 and the Fayre will be attended by the pupils with their class teachers in the morning to ease congestion in the hall. Our parent council are in the process of making tea towels that feature all of our 423 learners!! They will be available to purchase at the event.

**School closure days** – Strathmore will be closed to pupils only on Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 November. Staff will be focussing on visible learning, “Abacus” maths and first aid. School will be closed to both staff and pupils on Friday 30 November to honour St Andrews Day.

**IPay** – It is essential that all parents have an IPay online account. Payment for the trip to “Aladdin” should be made via this system. If you would assistance in setting up an account please contact Mrs Stewart in our school office.

**Reminder of dates for your diary**

School party week 10 – 14 December

17 December – Dress rehearsal for school show

18 December – P1-7 trip to “Aladdin” at the Webster Theatre, Arbroath

19 December – P1-7 Christmas show at 1.30 pm

20 December – P1-7 Christmas show at 1.30 pm

21 December – P1-7 church service at East and Old Parish at 9.45 am

School closes to staff and pupils at 3.00 pm on Friday 21 December

If you have any queries do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours faithfully

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Head Teacher