



September 2017

CULTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parents' Bulletin

P1 Curricular Talk is on Monday 18 September from 5 – 6pm in the Dining Room.



Wet Day Playthings

It would be helpful if your child has a book, colouring pad or a quiet toy to play with during indoor playtimes and also their own pencil case containing writing pencils, rubber and colouring pencils. Please name these items.

Health & Safety

To maintain school security and ensure the safety of your children, all parents must enter the school via the front door and sign in at the school office. **Please do not enter the building through the unit doors.**

Teachers and the school leadership team are very happy to meet with you to discuss any aspect of your child's education, however we do ask that you make an appointment through the school office to ensure we are available.



Dogs are not permitted in Aberdeen City Council School Playgrounds.

Again, may we remind parents that the school car park is for staff only and not for the drop off/ collection of pupils. Double parking is not allowed nor is parking in the designated bus bay. Emergency vehicles must have access at all times.



During the school day, including break and lunchtimes, the school grounds are for the use of Cults Primary pupils only.

In the interest of safety the use of bikes and scooters in the playground is not permitted.



Primary 1 will start school full-time on Monday 11 September.



Jeans for Genes Day

This annual event takes place on Friday 22 September but as this is a holiday for us we will participate on **Thursday 21 September**. Pupils are invited to come to school wearing jeans and to donate £1 to a very worthy cause.

Staffing news

As always a warm welcome to our new colleagues:

Mr Doyle - Teacher P7
Mrs Milne - Teacher P4/5
Mrs Williams - Teacher P1

and

Mrs Rennie - Teacher P4 returning from Maternity Leave.



Improving Air Quality - Engine Idling Campaign

Children are more vulnerable to air pollution because they breathe 50% more air per pound of body weight than adults. Officers from Aberdeen City Council are soon to undertake patrols at schools where they will approach non-idling drivers and reward them with a small promotional item. This will hopefully reinforce the no idling message to drivers. Any driver who fails to turn off their engine when approached by officers may be issued with a £20 fixed penalty notice.



Mobile Phones

Most children should not require to bring a mobile phone to school. However, if there is a particular reason why your child needs to bring a phone to school, please put this in writing to Mrs Johnstone (HT). Mobile phones or other devices must not be used to record images of staff or pupils in school or in the playground.

Parent Council AGM

Monday 4 September at 7pm.
Parents of children from Nursery to P7 welcome.



Open Evening - Wednesday 20 September 5.00 - 6.30pm.



An informal opportunity for your child to bring you to school to meet his/her teacher and to show you round the classroom and other parts of the school. Your child will also be able to share with you some of the resources used in everyday learning activities. Please be aware teachers will not be available to discuss individual pupils' progress during the open evening.

We look forward to welcoming you to school.

Class Photographs

The Tempest Photographer will be in school on Friday 8 September to take class photos.



Tissues

To promote good health & hygiene we would be grateful if each child could bring a box of tissues for use in their class.

Thank you!



Lost Property

Please can you ensure that all your child's clothes & belongings are labelled with their name. We already have a large amount of un-named lost property. This will be displayed on Open Evening in the main corridor.

P1- P7 Learning Journeys will be given home for the weekend on Friday 15 September and Friday 1 December. (Please return the Learning Journey to school on the Monday.) Parents/Carers are encouraged to sign and comment on their child's achievements and to include information/ photos of achievements out of school.



Dates for your diary

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| • 4 September | Parent Council AGM 7pm |
| • 11 September | P1 start school full-time |
| • 18 September | P1 Curricular Talk 5 - 6pm |
| • 20 September | Open Evening 5 - 6.30pm |
| • 21 September | Jeans for Genes Day |
| • 22 & 25 September | Holiday Weekend |
| • 13 October | Term ends at 3.15 pm |
| • 16 - 27 October inclusive | October holiday |
| • 30 October | Term begins |
| • 6 - 10 November | Book Fair |
| • Wednesday 8 November | Parent Interviews N - P7 |
| • Thursday 9 November | Parent Interviews N - P7 |
| • 17 November | Inset Day (Staff only in school) |
| • 21 December | M&M Productions present Pinocchio in school |
| • 22 December | Term ends at 3.15pm |

PTA News

A very warm welcome back to school from the PTA! Thanks for your ongoing support, we're looking forward to organising some fun events this school year for all to enjoy. Funds go towards school improvements and resources. Please like our Facebook page @Cults.PTA to stay up to date. Our first PTA meeting is on 3 October at 7:30pm in the Staff Room. All welcome, don't be shy, come along, meet your committee and get involved!

We are currently selling 200 Club lottery tickets for the 2017/18 school year. Send your £10 in to school in an envelope marked '200 Club' with your name, child's name/class and an email address. Only 200 numbers are available so don't miss out on the chance to win £100 every month (If the lottery sells out)!

Look out for our September Scholastic Book Club leaflets coming home. Enjoy new books (delivered free to school) to read with your kids while earning free books for the school. Visit <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/cults-primary> to view titles and order online when the Book Club starts.

Remember to label everything that comes to school so it makes it home again. Use one of these easy labelling options and earn cashback for the school: <https://www.stikins.co.uk/> SCHOOL ID is 5482 <https://www.mynametags.com> SCHOOL ID is 24137 <http://www.stamptastic.co.uk/> PTA CODE AB157RG

Watch our Facebook page for other things coming up including a welcome coffee for new families, Bags2School and school discos. Have a great first term!