

Tarves Primary School Newsletter



Tuesday 29th October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

A word from Mrs Conn

Welcome back! I do hope you all had a relaxing October break and enjoyed the change of pace. Trick-or-Treaters hoping for a sugar-rush and those enjoying the fireworks, remember to wrap up warm as Winter swiftly approaches. We have another action-packed term ahead with **Children in Need** and **Remembrance** before we get into the full Christmas and Nativity swing! Lots of dates for the diary in this newsletter. We are taking part in a lot of fundraising events this term and the children are passionate about getting everyone involved. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your help, support and donations which make a real difference.

Charities

Primary 3 are leading the Children in Need fundraising this year. Items will be on sale from **Tuesday 12th November** during break time for the children to buy from Primary 3's classroom. More information, including a price list, will be sent next week.



As part of their Rota-kids' commitment, Primary 6/7, are hosting two charity events. They will be selling Poppies at breaktime and lunchtime for the next 2 weeks starting **Wednesday 30th October**. They will then host the Remembrance assembly on **Monday 11th November** including a 2-minute silence. Primary 6/7 parents are invited to join this assembly at 10.50am.

Primary 6/7 are also collecting for the Shoe Box Appeal for Romania. They require unused toiletries; hats, gloves, scarves; underwear; small toys, pens/pencils etc. which can fit into a shoe box. Please can any donations be handed in to Nicki in the Office by **Friday 8th November**.

Primary 5/6 are fundraising for three charities this year, Radio Lollipop, the Pyjama Fairies and Edinburgh Children's Hospital; all who have done a fantastic job of supporting local families and our pupils. More information can be found here:

- <https://www.radiolollipop.org/>
- <https://www.pyjamafairies.org/>

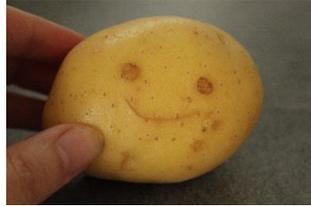
Last term, we enjoyed dressing up in our pyjamas and as fairies (or both!) to support this wonderful cause. Thank you for your generosity. Additionally, Primary 5/6 are holding a Coffee Morning on **Friday 6th December**. More details to follow from Miss Slesser and Primary 5/6.



A Royal Encounter!

On Saturday 5th October, some of our pupils attended Tarves Heritage Centre where they were transported back in time to the Victorian era! They dressed up in waistcoats and pinafores and took part in a Victorian classroom experience attended by HRH Prince Edward. **Alastair** (Primary 6) said: *"I thought it was lots of fun, even though I accidentally put my finger in some ink! It was interesting to see how the classroom was run in Victorian times and I even found out about where the Scottish potato came from... Sir Francis Drake!"*

Emma (Primary 7) added, *"It was an enjoyable experience and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet Prince Edward. I was a little bit nervous because he is a Prince, but he was actually just normal!"*



Open Evening reminder

A reminder that Open Evening is coming up on **Thursday 14th November** from 6.00pm until 7.00pm held in your son or daughter's classroom. This is a fantastic, informal opportunity to have a look at your child's work and find out what they have been learning about in school.

Parent Reading Workshop for Primary 1 to Primary 3 reminder

We are working in partnership with Methlick Primary School to offer a reading support workshop. Christian Ritchie will be at Methlick on **Wednesday 20th November, 9.30am -10.30am** to talk to parents about Book Bug bags and the importance of reading.

Literacy Workshop for Parents/Carers of Primary 1

We are holding our own Literacy Workshop for parents/carers, run by Mrs Anderson, on **Monday 25th November**. She will discuss how we use Phonics, teaching Reading and Writing, and share ideas of how you can best support your son or daughter at home. The evening starts at 6.00pm and is open to parents/carers of **Primary 1 pupils**. We look forward to seeing you.

Headlice

We have had several cases of headlice throughout the school, which is common for children at Primary age and nothing to be worried or embarrassed about. Please do let us know if you notice your child has headlice and treat appropriately. We are happy to advise. A suggestion for any pupils with long hair would be to braid/plait or tie up which may reduce the likelihood of the lice transferring.

Free Eye Testing

Please find attached a letter from NHS Grampian regarding free eye tests for children.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lara K Conn', on a light-colored background.

Mrs Lara K Conn

Attached: Events Calendar (November – July dates)
NHS Grampian Free Eye Test