

Tarves Primary School Newsletter

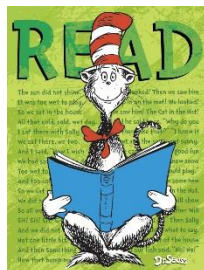


Monday 23rd September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

A word from Mrs Conn

We have had such a busy start to the school year. I can't quite believe we are almost at the October break! The boys and girls have really impressed me with how well they have settled into their new classes and routine. We are having a real push on reading this year and would ask for your continued support by listening to your son/daughter read aloud daily at home. Sharing a bedtime story is a great opportunity, even the older ones love a picture book! We have ordered some new texts for the library and school resources including *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio, *Mortal Engines* series by Philip Reeve, *Tom Gates* series by Liz Pichon, additional titles to support with social and emotional wellbeing and dyslexia-friendly chapter readers. Next on the list for purchase, as requested by the children, are some of the classics. Reading for pleasure and getting lost in a book is surely the entitlement of every child; it fires the imagination, reduces stress levels and strengthens wellbeing. Reading is not just something that children should do in school; it needs to be an everyday part of our lives and something we choose to do at all ages.



Parent Reading Workshop for Primary 1 to Primary 3

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. She will discuss ideas and share activities based around reading which you can try at home.

We are holding our own Literacy Workshop for parents, run by Mrs Anderson, on Monday 25th November. More details will follow closer to the time.

School Uniform – Order Form Attached

Please find attached an order form for school uniform which should be completed and returned to Nicki by **Thursday 10th October**. Cash and cheque payments will be accepted, please note, we do not take card payments. Cheques should be made out to Tarves Primary School.

Recycling

We are doing what we can to help the environment and local community by collecting the following items for recycling: *batteries, pens, spectacles, stamps and crisp packets*.

Collections and Harvest

We are also collecting dried and tinned goods, cereal bars, biscuits, snacks and toiletries for Aberdeenshire North Foodbank. Please give any donations to Nicki in the office. Thank you in advance for your generosity. A big thank you for your support with collecting the Aldi stickers for every £30 spent in store. Our 300-space chart is filling up fast!



House Captains and Rota Kids

A huge well done to all our Primary 7 pupils who put themselves forward for House Captains. Your speeches were fantastic and we are so proud of you standing up in assembly and presenting your ideas. It certainly isn't an easy task to do, but one which is good experience for the future.

Our House and Vice captains for 2019/20 are:

Haddo:	Lola (Cap) Robert (Vice)	Craigdam:	Emma (Cap) Caitlyn (Vice)
Tolquhon:	Cameron (Cap) Lena (Vice)	Ythsie:	Kaycee (Cap) Conor (Vice)

Our Rota Kids Captain this year is Kaycee and our Vice Captain is Struan.

Congratulations, everyone!

Parents' and Carers Evening reminder

A reminder that Parents' Evening is coming up on **Thursday 26th September**. You should have been allocated a time slot to meet your son/daughter's teacher. Thank you in advance to our Primary 7 helpers who will ensure that we run according to time!

EasyFundraising for the PTA reminder

For those of you enjoy online shopping (because who doesn't?!), we are registered with EasyFundraising. If you pay via their site or download the APP, you can help raise money for Tarves Primary PTA. Over 3700 retailers, including Tesco, Sainsbury's EBay, Amazon, John Lewis, Laterooms, Booking.com, and Marks and Spencers all take part. Their site can be accessed here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

Just search for Tarves Primary School and help raise extra funds for our PTA at no extra cost to you! Brilliant.

Nuts in School

Please can I ask that any snacks sent from home for break time are nut-free or contain traces of nuts rather than containing nuts as a main ingredient. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Mrs Lara K Conn

Attached: Events Calendar (October – July dates)
School Uniform Order Form