

Tarves Primary School Newsletter



Monday 30th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

A word from Mrs Conn

We are hurtling towards Christmas! Although the festive celebrations will be a bit different this year, we are working hard to ensure the children still have the best time possible in school. The classrooms are already filled with the sounds of jingling bells and I have spotted some festive Makaton signing, too. We have something special happening via Google Classroom this year for you to enjoy at home... watch this space, I don't want to give too much away yet!

We have been overwhelmed with the generosity of the Tarves Community supporting all our fundraising efforts this term. Primary 6 led Children in Need this year with Primary 7 Rota Kids working to support the local Food Bank. As a staff, we are making donations to CashForKids Mission Christmas, you can find out more information here:

<https://www.cashforkids.org.uk/mission>. Thank you to Miss Slesser for organising this for us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone. Together, I'm certain we have brought smiles to faces and spread some much-needed cheer this year.

Outdoor Learning

I am thrilled to announce that our Outdoor Classroom space is finally complete! This has been a huge part of our *Standards, Quality and Improvement Planning* document which have focused on development of a Nurture space, indoors and out. Thank you to Miss McBeath who has led this project with the support of funding from our wonderful PTA. The children helped with the painting and everyone has a hand print on the whole-school mural. We can't wait to use the new resources and space for learning!



Children In Need

Primary 6 worked their socks off preparing everything for our fundraising event for Children in Need. We raised a whopping £677.98 for this brilliant cause. Well done and thank you to everyone involved! A tremendous effort all round.

Christmas Lunch

Our amazing Kitchen Staff are preparing a tasty Christmas Lunch for us on **Wednesday 16th December**. This will be a dress down day or wear a Christmas jumper to make it extra-special. To help us plan our numbers to reduce food waste, please let the Office know whether your son/daughter would like a Christmas Lunch by **Friday 4th December**. There will also be a sandwich option available, should they wish.



Christmas Messages

Due to current circumstances, we ask that no Christmas cards be brought into school this year, please. Instead, we have suggested that every pupil designs and makes **one**, small, A5-sized 'Happy Christmas' message which will be displayed as a whole school in the front hall. Your son/daughter will have been given a piece of A5 paper to decorate at home which will then be quarantined as appropriate in school. Please check your email for more detailed information. Please can we have all messages returned for display by **Friday 4th December**.



Nasal Flu Spray Reminder

Thursday 10th December is the date scheduled for the Nasal Flu vaccine to be administered to all **Primary 1 – Primary 7 pupils** at Tarves via our School Nurse, Leo Walker. Any queries should be discussed directly with Leo who can be contacted on leonora.walker@nhs.net. There is also a new School Nurse Facebook page called *Aberdeenshire School Nurses* and Leo will post school health related information for you to access on here.

Please make us aware if any of your children have already had the vaccine during the October holidays so we can remove them from this round of vaccines. If you have not yet returned your consent form, please can we have this ASAP. If we do not receive your form, your child will not have the vaccine.

Standards, Quality and Improvement Plans (SQUIP) and Risk Assessment

A reminder that our 2020-2021 updated SQUIP and current Risk Assessment can be accessed on our website via the links below. As always, your comments and feedback are most welcome via the main school email address.

SQUIP: <https://tarves.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/school-improvement-planning/>

Risk Assessment: <https://tarves.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/risk-assessment/>

Staff News

A huge congratulations to Miss Wilson who has become a Grandma for the first time! Enjoy the new wee bundle.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or comments via the email address tarves.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lara K Conn'.

Mrs Lara K Conn