

Tarves Primary School Newsletter



Monday 1st November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

A word from Mrs Conn

A very warm welcome back after the October break! We really enjoyed hearing about everything you have been doing over the holiday, please do feel free to upload any pictures to your son/daughter's Google Classroom account, should you wish. A reminder for parents and pupils to be extra safe and mindful when driving and walking at this time of year, darker evenings are creeping in, particularly with the clock change!

Some events which are coming up and may be of interest to you include:

- **Children In Need** – Primary 7 are running the fundraising this year. The date for the Children In Need event in school is on Wednesday 17th November. More information will follow from primary 7 in due course.
- **Dyslexia Awareness Week** Scotland is 1st-7th November. Our staff are undertaking additional training to support all our pupils. Further information can be found here: [Dyslexia Awareness Week | Dyslexia Scotland](#)
- **Book Week Scotland** runs from 15th-21st November this year. We will be taking part in book-themed activities in school. More information for parents/carers can be found here: [Book Week Scotland - Scottish Book Trust](#) or on their Facebook/Twitter.

The PTA Spooky Fun event was a big hit with some amazingly creative pumpkins being entered! It was a *really* tough decision, but our winners are:

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Nursery – Erin
Primary 1 – Geordie
Primary 2 – Ruby
Primary 3 – Mia
Primary 4 – Ella Mary
Primary 5 – Renée
Primary 6 – Libby
Primary 7 – Maisy



Prizes will be with you soon, well done. Thank you to everyone who took part, we hope you had fun! We are very much looking forward to the busy term ahead including Festive activities and events, within restriction limits. We will continue to update you as much as possible.

Remember, you can find lots of information on our website, [Tarves Primary School and Nursery | Tarves School Aberdeenshire](#), or by following us on Twitter using @TarvesSchool.

Parent/Carer Consultations – Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th November 2021

You should have received the Microsoft Form link for the parent/carers consultation which will take place over the telephone again, similar to last year's arrangements. We will let you know the appointment time for your child/children.

Please make sure that you include the best number for us to contact you on for a chat.

Appointments will last 5 minutes at this point in the academic year, please stick to this as much as practically possible to ensure our teaching staff can contact everyone on time. Please be aware, the call from us will come from a 'Withheld Number' or 'No Caller ID'. Thank you in advance.

Termly Overview

At the end of this week, you will receive a termly overview of your son/daughter's class learning for the term. This is something we have been keen to try for a while! Each term, the Nursery staff and class teachers will create an overview of learning which you will receive for your son/daughter. Any feedback is much appreciated. We do hope this enable further insight into learning/topics covered within school.

Oil Pipe Works

Work in the rear playground to upgrade the oil pipe will commence next week. Part of the playground will be cordoned off and not available for pupil use. Pupils should still be able to be collected from the rear playground, but please be aware that the works will be happening.

Chickens!

We have been granted funding for the school to keep some chickens. Work has been undertaken throughout the October holiday to ensure the outbuilding at the rear of the school is suitable, and we will also be purchasing an outdoor run and large hen house. We are rescuing chickens through the British Hen Welfare Trust. Their website can be accessed here: [British Hen Welfare Trust \(bhwt.org.uk\)](http://BritishHenWelfareTrust.org.uk)

We are hoping to start a community project, once our hens are happy and settled in their new home, which involves the children taking responsibility for growing vegetables to feed them, caring for the hens and ensuring their welfare, and collecting any eggs they lay amongst many other positive learning experiences. A huge thank you to everyone involved and also to Grays Feed Services for their kind donation of food and bedding. **If you would be interested in taking part in our project, through volunteering some of your time or providing any donations of food/bedding, please get in touch!**

SSPCA Class Visits

The SSPCA are visiting classes this week on Thursday and Friday, running their Animal WISE workshops with the children. Further information can be found here: [Animal Wise | SSPCA \(scottishspca.org\)](http://AnimalWise.org.uk)

Rota Kids Shoebox Appeal Reminder

A quick reminder that Rota Kids are running a shoebox appeal and require items stated for each class as soon as practically possible, should you wish to donate. Please refer to the GroupCall issued for further information.



Primary 7 Dalquise Reminder

A parent/carers information session will be held for **Primary 7 only** on Wednesday 10th November at 4.00pm via your son/daughter's Google Classroom. Please have them sign in to join the session.

Nasal Flu Spray Reminder

Tuesday 16th November 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.scot.

There is information on the School Nurse Facebook page called *Aberdeenshire School Nurses* and Leo will post school health related information for you to access on here.

In-Service Days – 18th and 19th November

Tarves Primary School and Nursery will be closed to pupils on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th November for staff training. School will reopen on Monday 22nd November, as normal, for all pupils.



Lots of reminders in this letter! We hope you find this information useful.

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.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'LC'.

Lara Conn
Head Teacher