24th October 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, that is the October break over and we are back to Term 2! An exciting term with Halloween, Guy Fawkes and then the visit of the large man in red! A super week to start back, with our Halloween Disco on Thursday 6.15pm – 7.15pm as indicated in the related flyers – please note that all entries to the school building will be by the front door, and all exits from the building will be through the back door. This is to minimise congestion in the corridors. There is also a Cinema Night, showing “Transylvania 2” in Portlethen Academy on Friday – tickets have been available from Portlethen Library and are now available in school.

Then we have Parent Consultation Evenings:

Wednesday 2nd November, 6.00pm - 8.30pm

or Thursday 3rd November, 3.45pm – 6.15pm

to discuss progress over term 1, current focus and next steps for your child.

Over Term 2, we shall, of course, continue to focus on expectations and the Golden Rules. Please ensure you have read and discussed these with your child, using page 1 in the Homework Diary, and that it is signed. Also, each child should be taking responsibility for everything that he/she should need in school daily, including the Green Folder, reading book and Homework Diary. The pencil case should include at least 3 sharp writing pencils and some colouring pencils. Children continue able to access the water fountain throughout the day.

Please make sure that all school clothing is named and that a PE kit is provided (shorts and plain white t-shirt/airtex shirt). Could you please also check that your child knows what he/she is having, or doing, for lunch?

This term we have:

Monday Music/Drama in the Music Room and Assembly in the afternoon

Tuesday ICT in the morning and PE with Mr Waz in the afternoon

Wednesday Kodaly with Ms Okumu in the morning

Thursday Hall Time for PE/ Drama and Art with Ms Thompson

Friday Library and Science with Mrs Middleton (Materials and float/sink) in the morning and

Golden Time in the afternoon.

Maths in Term Two

We shall continue to investigate and learn about:

numbers and their patterns to 20

money work which is mainly coin exchange and values, furthering our abilities with addition and linking subtraction Please continue to practise the number bonds to 10, at home – e.g. 2+8, 7+3 and 10-4, 10-9 and etc.

Language in Term Two

All children will have reading every second day.

Spelling lists will be issued on a Monday and children should practise these throughout the week at home.

We shall also practise spelling and undertake activities in class daily which should aid our writing skills and help to extend our vocabulary. The children’s use of the spelling words will be continually assessed in all tasks and activities throughout their writing and, so, there will not be a formal “spelling test”. Each Monday, a new list for daily practice at home, will be issued.

We shall continue with comprehension activities to ensure an appreciation of the written word.

We shall continue to encourage “The Big Talk” as part of homework for story-writing.

Topic

We shall continue to learn about Scotland, the islands and some Scottish Castles extending into further work around our local community. This term, our focus is Scotland with Hamish McHaggis, our class “bear”. Hamish is looking forward to coming home with each child, for a short period and hopes his adventures will be written about with each and, maybe, some photos too – a sample notebook is enclosed in Hamish’ bag. After Christmas we shall move more into the four seasons and “Day and Night” centred around “Plop! The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark”. We shall, therefore be looking to use some of this learning for our Class Assembly in February, 2017.

Homework

Linked tasks to our topic, language and maths will be issued as appropriate. Spelling will come home every Monday, as should any Maths activities, language or topic work. Reading should be practised daily, as should spelling, with guidelines and key words issued as appropriate.

Dates for your Diary

* Halloween Disco - Thursday 27th October 6.15pm – 7.15pm
* Cinema Night, “Transylvania 2” - Friday 28th October in Portlethen Academy
* Parent Consultation Evenings – Wednesday 2nd November 6-8pm and Thursday 3rd November

3.45-6.15pm

* Children In Need “Enterprise Day” - Friday 18th November – further details to follow, but each class runs a stall to raise funds for Children In Need and the children are invited to bring money to spend at the stalls
* Christmas Fayre - Friday 25th November 6.30pm – 8.30pm
* Cinema Night, “Nativity 3” - Saturday 17th December in Portlethen Academy
* END OF TERM - Thursday 22nd December!!! (Hope Santa is good to everyone!)

If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch, either through the Homework Diary, telephone call or by “catching me” in the playground.

Thank you for your support,

Shona Bloice