



# Tealing Primary School



## January/February Newsletter 2020

We work together as a community to achieve excellence!



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy new year to you all! This has certainly been a busy start to the new term with plenty going on and plenty to look forward to in the coming weeks.

We have a number of activities across the term and would welcome anyone who wishes to support the school in any way.

As ever, if there are any issues you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely,

*Michael Smith*  
*Head Teacher*



## **Classroom news**

The children have been very busy planning their new class projects with their teachers. Across the school these are:

P1/2 – Polar Regions and animals who live there.

P3/4/5 – The Victorians.

P5/6/7 – Scotland: A History.

As part of the Knowledge Project, each class will also develop learning experiences using the Community Generated Curriculum around Birds and Eggs. As ever, we would welcome any knowledge and assistance as the children explore their learning in this topic.

We recently had a visit from our Community Police Officer, discussing issues around 'Stranger Danger' and acting as 'Responsible Citizens'. We are continually working to develop skills to support our children in becoming responsible and effective contributors; able to make good choices.

Unfortunately our visiting specialist for art has resigned from the Local Authority which means that classes will receive inputs during the week from Mr Smith. This means that he will be committed to 2 days teaching and therefore, should you require a discussion with him please contact the school ahead of time to arrange an appointment.

Mr Euan Smith has returned this term, providing the P3/4/5 class with guitar instruction. The other classes will receive guitar tuition later in the session.

## **Nursery news**

Within our nursery, children have been enjoying lots of wonderful learning experiences. They have been looking at food and where it comes from; trying exotic fruits such as persimmon, kiwi and mango and, learning about milk. They are looking forward to making their own bread and butter soon too!

Children have also been learning about people who help us. They have met with local Fire Fighters and Police Officers, learning about what they do. They have also been learning about looking after our bodies and what to do when we need medical help. Zachary's gran was in talking about First Aid today and Daniel's gran will be visiting to talk about her job as a nurse.



The 'Book of the Fortnight' is 'Ten Flying Broomsticks' and their word is 'swiftly'.

A reminder that Little Scribblers has now changed to 2pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – all welcome.

### **KPTEAL**

This project is continuing to progress and the curriculum writers are currently putting together some materials based on the wealth of contributions from our families, school staff and the community. The Curriculum Study Groups will continue to be held this term – to which you are all welcome. The next meeting is on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February (time and location TBC).

### **Points of interest**

Eco-schools and learning for sustainability: The children were delighted to be awarded their Green Flag in recognition of all their hard work and commitment to living and learning more sustainably. The Eco-Committee, led by Mrs Sharpe, submitted a wealth of evidence in support of our school's application and we will be delighted to fly the flag soon.

We have also achieved our Level 4 Gardening Award; demonstrating our use of the produce we grow.

### **Pond Week**

We hope to see lots of our families during Pond Week where we aim to finally complete our pond as well as refurbish our grounds and 'get set' for Spring. Working together as a community will not only enable children to work in small groups and develop skills in measurement, construction, working with others and so on but will also contribute to our Level 5 Gardening Award application. This will be a tremendous accomplishment for our children and is the top award we can achieve in this initiative!

Throughout the week, children are expected to wear suitable outdoor clothing as the majority of their time will be spent outside. Please let us know if you will be able to support us during this week.

### **Choir/Leng Medal**

Unfortunately Mrs Sangster has been unable to rejoin us thus far therefore we are struggling to run a choir. Should anyone know of any able pianists keen to



work with young children, please send them our way. We would be delighted to welcome their talents and be able to offer choir to children once more.

We are running a Leng Medal contest this year, where children will learn and perform an unaccompanied song in the hope of winning this prestigious award. The contest will begin in February and the children will be judged in March. To host the contest there must be at least 8 children taking part (P5 – P7 pupils only) so we would ask that you please encourage your children to participate.

### **School Parking**

Feedback from Parent Council suggests that the new system is working well most of the time – thank you.

Could I please remind everyone that Nursery Parents are to use the school car park for drop-off and collection of children. Primary Parents are welcome to use the open area from 15:10 once the gates are open but I would also remind you that caution must be taken and this is entirely at your own risk – we cannot accept any responsibility for any damage to vehicles. During cold weather, the gates will be opened but the grounds are **untreated** therefore extra caution should be taken if you choose to park in the grounds.

Please **do not park in the bus bay** at any time unless you are dropping your child directly ie the car will only be stationary whilst your child alights in the morning. The bus bay **must be kept clear at the end of the day.**



## Dates for your diary

### **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

KPTEAL – CSG6 at school  
4pm – 6pm

### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

Small Schools Transition – at Tealing School  
Children will work across the small schools to make their own pizzas, learning about hygiene and cooking whilst working in groups to develop friendships and cooperative skills. The transition teacher from Forfar Academy will join us to discuss experiences from the S1 perspective.

### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> February**

Community Café – Scottish Celebration  
2pm-3pm

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Curling at Forfar Campus (9 pupils from P4/5/6/7 to go – TBC)  
2pm – 4pm

\*We will require assistance with transport and will contact families once children have been identified as going

### **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

In-set Day 4  
School Closed to Pupils

### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

Mid-Term Holiday  
School Closed

### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Mid-Term Holiday  
School Holiday

### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

Pond Week



**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

P7 Transition to Forfar Academy – Packed Lunch required  
10am – 2.45pm

Little Scribblers in Nursery  
2pm

Parent Council Meeting  
6pm

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

KPTEAL - CSG 7 (venue TBC)

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Community Café  
2pm – 3pm



## **Parent Council**

Fundraising event: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
Prize Bingo  
Tealing Hall

All donations for prizes are welcome and can be handed  
in at school – thank you

Next Parent Council Meeting  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February  
School  
6pm