



Newsletter

April 2018

Welcome Back

It has been a great return to school after the Easter break. We hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter. It sounds like many of the children have been on some marvellous adventures, new family members born and general good fun had by all.

The summer term is usually a very busy term with sports events, assessments, clubs, transition days, parents' evenings, open evenings and many, many more events to come.

This term, the children will be learning about travellers, invaders, settlers and islands for their topic. The teachers will send their planning overview home next week for you to have a look at.

In terms of the statutory assessment to come for Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6, we would like to remind you that we try not to put any pressure on them during this time. The assessments are a tool for the government to measure the school's teaching rather than individual's progress. We aim for children to make personalised progress but most importantly we endeavour for the children to be well-rounded, eager, reflective, resilient learners, with a life-long desire to be the best that they can be. Our Golden Rules aim to help the children to be responsible citizens where we set them up with skills for life with a good knowledge and understanding of the Christian faith.



Easter Service

Thank you to all who came to the Easter Service and Coffee Morning. The children worked extremely hard to learn the songs and they always enjoy performing to an audience.

Thanks to all who donated cakes to the coffee morning too.

Summer Weather

This may be a bit presumptuous but the weather is getting warmer and hopefully it will stay that way. With this sunnier weather, the children will need to have a sun hat and sun cream is allowed, at least SPF30. It would be most useful if you are able to apply long lasting cream in the mornings so the children don't have to apply it **themselves** during the day. We will send home winter hats and gloves soon. We will make sure the children drink enough. The children should not wear strappy tops or too short shorts. Cover up, cream up and hat on top.

School Sport

Many of the children have been busy with sports events outside of school. The children were successful at the football and netball competitions where each match was an improvement.

Over the next half term, we have rugby, dance and cross-country still to come.

Staffing Update

As previously mentioned, Michael Dixon has sadly left the school. As with Simon and other staff leavers, if you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift, please feel free to send a contribution in a sealed envelope to the office marked, 'FAO Donna'. Please send envelopes to school by 27th April.

We hope to have details regarding a possible new teaching assistant as soon as possible. In the mean time, we have a temporary teaching assistant, Hannah Sowerby, working in Class 1 and 2.

Our new class 3 teacher, Miss. Megan Martin will be teaching on Friday 20th and 27th April and will start full time on Monday 30th April. Miss. Martin is excited to come into school to meet the children and start working at Culgaith. Once Miss. Martin has settled into class, she will hold a 'Meet the Teacher' event one evening. I will let you know when this date is, as soon as it is decided. But of course, Miss. Martin will be about to meet individual parents before and after school in the mean time.

New Starters

We would like to welcome Eleanor, Amy and Joshua to our school who have started in Class 1. It is always quite scary joining a new school but the children have been brilliant so far helping them settle in to Culgaith School.



Key Dates

Mr. Armstrong in Class 3 Monday- Thursday for first two weeks.

Supply TA- Hannah Hunt Sowerby 11-5.45 Monday to Thursday, 11-3.15 Friday for next two weeks

Tuesday After School Clubs: Action Ants Club

Wednesday After School Club: Gardening Club

Friday 20th April : Megan Martin in Class 3

Friday 20th April: Hunter Hall Cross-country with Kate 11.30-3.00

Tuesday 24th April: Miss. Bell out all day on a course

Thursday 26th April: Tag Rugby for Year 3,4,5,6 with Katie

Friday 27th April: Megan Martin in Class 3

Friday 27th April: UDance Festival

Monday 30th April: Megan Martin in Class 3 from now on

Last two weeks of May: Key Stage 1 SATS to be administered

Thursday 3rd May: Maths Club starts

Tuesday 8th May: School Photo Day

Friday 11th May: Planning Session now on Friday

Monday 14th May: KS2 SATS week

Wednesday 23rd May: Mr. Armstrong out all day on course

All key dates are added to the School Website. You can download the GoogleCalendar app on phones and add head.culgaith@gmail.com to access the calendar.



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