


# UDNY GREEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Newsletter 1 – August 2022

Dear Parents

### Welcome Back!

 It was great to welcome our pupils back after summer. All have been very keen to tell us stories of their summer activities and have been excited to move up a year group.

We are pleased to say that all of our new starts have settled in really well and we look forward to getting to know each of them and their families.

### Classes and Staff

As previously advised, the classes for this school year are as follows:



P1/2	Mrs Barron & Mrs Calder
P3/4/5	Mrs Fowler & Mrs Middler
P6/7	Miss Allen

We are delighted to have appointed a new PSA who will be joining us this week. Mrs Carder will work with pupils throughout the school on a Wednesday and Thursday.



Ms Smith in the school office will be absent for several weeks from Wednesday 14 September and there will be no cover in the office. Staff will check emails as often as they can, but if you need to contact the school urgently, please call the school number (01651 267395) and select option 2. Please DO NOT leave a message as this can only be picked up via email (this includes reporting your child as absent from school).

Please bear with us if we do not answer as we may be busy teaching or dealing with another matter, can we please ask that you call back and we will answer as soon as we can.

### Nut Free School

Can we please remind all parents that Udny Green School is a **nut free school**. It is important that no child takes nuts, or food items containing nuts, to school as the airborne particles can cause severe reactions.



### School Uniform.



It's great to see so many of our pupils looking really smart in their school uniform. A reminder that our uniform consists of black, grey or navy trousers, shorts and skirts along with a white or bottle green polo shirt and a school sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece. Checked summer dresses are also permitted. Jogging bottoms should be kept as part of the PE kit and not worn as school uniform.

Uniform can be purchased from either of our supplier:

[Pomprint](#)  
[Buchan Embroidery](#)

We also have a large supply of pre-loved items. If anyone would like to give these items a new home, please get in touch or complete the online form [School Uniform Shop Order](#)

Please ensure **all** school uniform, PE kits and water bottles are clearly marked with your child's name.

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## PE KITs

All pupils will require to have a PE kit in school as we will continue to provide two weekly sessions of PE for each class. When possible, these sessions will take place outside, but as the weather changes they may have to be held in the multi-purpose hall.



PE kits should contain:

- Shorts, jogging bottoms/leggings
- T-shirts and sweatshirt for outdoors
- Socks (tights should not be worn)
- Appropriate footwear - gym shoes for indoors and trainers for outdoors
- All girls with long hair should have a bobble to tie up their hair
- No jewellery

## Indoor Shoes and Change of Clothes



Please ensure that all children have an indoor pair of shoes to change into when they arrive at school, after breaks and for PE. We would recommend that all pupils have a change of clothes, including waterproof jacket for outdoor learning.

## Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle with them every day, clearly marked with their name. These can be topped up at the water fountain throughout the school day.



## Extra-Curricular Activities



**Football:** Many thanks again to Mr Emslie for taking on the role of Football Coach. Sessions will take place for P2-P7 on Tuesdays from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. We will keep you updated on the start date. Follow this link to sign up your child if you haven't already done so: [UGS Football](#)

We have so many kids already signed up which is great news. However, sessions cannot run unless we have parent helpers - if you can help, please contact Erin, our Active School's Coordinator by email:

[erin.buckley@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:erin.buckley@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

**Breakfast Club:** after the huge success of our last Breakfast Club we would like to re-start this on a Friday morning at 9am from the start of Term 2 (Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November). Eco Group will run at the same time as Breakfast Club, so if any parents would like to volunteer to help with either of these activities, please let us know.



**Lunchtime Clubs:** starting in Term 2 we will have Choir on a Wednesday lunch time and Games on a Friday. Sign up will be done in school.



**After School Club:** Miss Gibb will be running an after school club on either a Monday or a Thursday (please complete this form to indicate your preferred day: [After School Club](#)). Initially this will take the form of a Basketball Club and will start week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> September.



**VOLUNTEER** Now we are getting back to some sense or normality we would love parents to join us to help with trips and clubs. If you would like to volunteer to help out, please contact the school office to find out whether or not you require a PVG or just a volunteer's application form.



## Enterprise

The pupils at Udney Green School are famous for their fantastic enterprise skills! Last year's endeavours were a huge success. We will be making various items to sell in the coming months and would be very grateful if you could start saving and sending in your empty jars - jam jars, coffee jars, large pickling jars will all be gratefully received (please wash and remove the labels first). Watch this space for further information of the delights the pupils will be creating this year!



## Annual Consent Forms

All the start of year consent forms are now available online and links will be sent home via email. Please complete these important forms no later than **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September**



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## Parents Council

Last week we held the Parent Council Annual General Meeting. A new committee was appointed as follows:



**Chair:** Ryan Wark

**Vice-Chair:** Hannah McSeveney

**Secretary:** Allison Humes

**Treasurer:** To be confirmed

We would like to thank our outgoing Parent Council for all their hard work over the past few years. They have done an amazing job under some very difficult circumstances.

Our next meeting will take place in school on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September @ 7.00 pm**. All parents are invited to attend and we would encourage you to come along for a cuppa and to meet the new committee in person. They have lots of exciting events to organise and look forward to this year.

Future Parent Council meetings and events are detailed in the Dates for your Diary section at the end of this newsletter.

## Annual Data Check



At this time of year parents are issued with the information we hold in school on their child, ie name, address, medical information etc and we ask that you check it to ensure it is correct and up to date. As this information is highly confidential we are no longer permitted to send a paper copy home via school bags. Therefore, it is very important that parents sign up for Parentsportal where information can be shared via the secure online portal.

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up and apologies to the few who have had issues. Most of these issues have now been resolved, but we are working behind the scenes to rectify the rest of them.

The Annual Data will be issued this week and we ask that this is checked and amended as applicable by **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September** at the latest.

## P1 Parents Information Evening



Primary 1 parents are invited join us for an information evening covering numeracy, literacy and Google Classroom on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 4.00pm – 5.00 pm**. Please complete the online form to let us know whether or not you can join us: [P1 Parents Information Evening](#)

## Open Mornings/Afternoons



Now that COVID restrictions have been lifted, we look forward to welcoming parents into school for open mornings/afternoons to see how we learn at Udney Green School. The first open/coffee morning will take place on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October**. Further information will be emailed nearer the time.

## Parents Evening



Parents Evening will take place in person on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October**. This is a great opportunity to discuss how your child is settling into the new academic year. Further information and instructions on booking your slot will be issued in due course.

## Seesaw

**Seesaw** We will be moving from Google Classroom to Seesaw in the coming weeks and will invite parents into school for the chance to learn how to use and navigate the app.

## Google Classroom



For the moment we will continue to use Google Classroom. All pupils have now been added to a new classroom space to access homework/class work. Passwords and log in details will be coming home soon.

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## Seasons for Growth



Due to the number of sessions and the need for us to be able to run these weekly without a break, Seasons for Growth will start in Term 3. Initially these sessions will be run for Primary 5-7 pupils with the sessions for P1-4 to follow. If you would like more information or your child's name added to the list, please let us know.

## A Song for Haddo



We are delighted to announce we have again been invited to take part in 'A Song for Haddo'. It is a great honour for the school to be invited back and we can't wait to perform at this prestigious event. The performance will take place on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October**. This will be for P4-7 pupils and further details will be issued shortly.

## Mobile Phones



We are aware that many of our senior pupils take their mobile phones to school in order to be in contact with parents after school. Can we please remind all parents and pupils that, if mobile phones are required, they must stay in their school bags and should remain switched off for the duration of the school day.

## Free School Meals for P1-5 Pupils

All pupils in Primary 1-5 are entitled to free school meals. However, if you are on a low income or receive certain benefits, please ensure you register for free school meals as this will open up other available benefits such as a clothing grant. More information can be found here:

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/school-info/assistance/free-school-meals/>

## Free School Meals for Primary 6 & 7 pupils



The Scottish Government has paused the roll out of free school meals to all Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils.

The government's decision was made to allow further work with COSLA, the national association of Scottish councils, and all local authorities to fully assess the financial and infrastructure challenges that have been highlighted for the final phase of the expansion plans. We will be in touch with further information when a decision is taken by the government to progress the roll-out to all Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils.

## easyfundraising



easyfundraising is a great way to earn money for Udney Green School whilst doing your online shopping. They have partnerships with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend on their website to Udney Green School. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

To help the school everytime you shop online please register below:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/udnygreenschoolpta/>

## Pupil Appointments



Can we please remind parents that they should inform the school, in advance, if their child has an appointment? Turning up to take your child from school without notice, or pupils not coming to school and staff having to contact parents to find out where they are, can cause a lot of disruption during the school day. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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## Dates for the Diary: Udney Green School Closures 2022/23

2022 - Term 1	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	In-Service Day - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	School re-opens to pupils
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet our new Parent Council @ 7pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	P1 Parents Information Evening @ 4pm
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	P6/7 Pupils going to Cultercullen School
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Council Meeting @ 7pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	A Song for Haddo
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for October holidays
2022 - Term 2	
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	School re-opens to staff and pupils
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Start of Breakfast Club - runs each Friday @ 9am
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Guy Fawkes Outdoor Learning/Forest Schools
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Start of Book Fair
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Council Meeting @ 7pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Community Café - Book Focus
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	In-Service Day - school closed to pupils
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	In-Service Day - school closed to pupils
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Council - Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Open/Coffee Morning
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	School Trip to Aberdeen Arts Centre
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Vaccines
w/c Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	School Panto - date to be confirmed
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	School closes for Christmas Holiday

Office Hours: Mon & Tues: 9am – 12pm; Wed & Thurs: 9am – 3pm, Fri: 9am – 2pm

Emergency Closure Information: Tel No – 0370 054 4999, PIN - 022760

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2023 - Term 3	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens to staff and pupils
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Parent Council Meeting @ 7pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> or Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> January (tbc)	Parent Council - Burns Supper
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	School closed - Occasional Day Holiday
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	School closed - Mid Term Holiday
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	In-Service Day - school closed to pupils
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	In-Service Day - school closed to pupils
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	School closes for Spring Holidays
2023 - Term 4	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens to staff and pupils
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent Council Meeting @ 7pm
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	School closed - May Day Holiday
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	School closed - Occasional Day Holiday
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School closed - Occasional Day Holiday
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Parent Council - Sports BBQ
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for holiday
2023/24 - Term 1	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	In-Service Day - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	School re-opens to pupils
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for October holidays
2023/24 - Term 2	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	School re-opens to staff and pupils

These dates will be updated regularly - please keep the most recent newsletter for reference as dates may have to change due to unforeseen circumstances and additional dates/events will be added as they are confirmed.