

UDNY GREEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Newsletter 2 – November 2022

Dear Parents

I can't believe we are already into Week 4 of Term 2 and it's proving to be a very busy term indeed! We have lots of exciting activities taking place this term for both the pupils and their families. Details can be found in the newsletter and we will continue to keep you updated by email.



Ms Smith is now back, however will be working from home for the next week or two where she will continue to answer your calls and email enquiries. Please bear with us if you call or contact the school out with her working hours. As a reminder the office hours are included at the bottom of each page - please note the change of hours on a Tuesday.

Reminder – School Closed due to Strike Action

Please be reminded that following the email sent last week from Mr Docherty, that all schools in Aberdeenshire will be closed on **Thursday 24th November** due to the expected strike action. School will re-open to all staff and pupils on Friday 25th November.



Reminder – Nut Free School



Can we please remind all parents that Udney 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 Information Line

Please note that the School Information Line (where closures were previously announced) will no longer be used by Aberdeenshire Council. All information will be shared via Groupcall, Aberdeenshire Council's website and local media.



Trip to Aberdeen Arts Centre



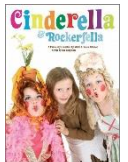
Information was sent home a few weeks ago regarding our upcoming trip to Aberdeen Arts Centre to see the Panto "Cinderella" on Thursday 8th December.

If you haven't already completed the form, please do so by **Wednesday 23rd November**. The online form can be found here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/3QAeQJ6p6S>

School Performance – Cinderella & Rockerfella

After no audience being able to attend our school performance for several years, we are delighted to once again welcome back parents, families and friends. This year's performances will be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 14th December at 2pm and 6pm. Tickets can be ordered via our online form (<https://forms.office.com/r/jaZMwfupfA>) - please note that tickets will be issued on a first come, first served basis and that no ticket will be issued without payment. All ticket orders should be placed no later than **Friday 25th November**.



Enterprise



The pupils are once again busy making and creating great delights to share with you all. Further information on their creations will be shared with you shortly.

Community Café

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Community Café on Friday 11th November. It was really nice to be able to welcome you all back into school. We hope you enjoyed sampling the delights created from the produce grown in our school garden.



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Book Fair

The book fair has now finished. Thank you to everyone who made it such a successful event. We had a great number of sales which in turn means lots of commission for the school. We will use the money to stock up our library purchasing books the pupils would like.



Parents Council - Christmas Fair



Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and meet our new Parent Council members:

Chair: Ryan Wark

Vice-Chair: Hannah McSeveney

Secretary: Allison Hume

Treasurer: Annie Bartel

Our committee members have been busy organising the Christmas Fair which will now take place on **Saturday 26th November from 11am until 2pm.** Entry is free so please come along and help raise funds for our school whilst doing a bit of Christmas shopping!

Extra-Curricular Activities



Football: Mr Emslie, our Football Coach, re-started sessions on Tuesday 15 November for P2-7 pupils. Unfortunately, this week's session was cancelled due to bad weather, but we hope an indoor venue can be secured soon which means sessions can continue regardless of the weather outside.

If you would like to sign your child up for football please register here: [Active Schools Meldrum Network - Online Booking Form \(office.com\)](#)

If you would like to be a parent helper please contact Erin, our Active School's Coordinator by email: erin.buckley@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Breakfast Club: after a successful start, Breakfast Club will continue to run on a Friday morning at 9am in-line with our Eco Group.



Lunchtime Clubs: Both our Choir and Games club have started this term. If your child is interested in joining either of these groups, but hasn't already signed up, please ask them to speak to a member of staff.



After School Club: Our Basketball club has been cancelled until next term due to lack of uptake. If you are interested in your child participating next term, please complete the online form - [After School Club](#)



Thank you to everyone who applied to be a school volunteer. If you haven't already done so, but would like to help, please get in touch with the school office.



Seesaw

Seesaw We are in the process of setting up Seesaw ready to move over from Google Classroom. If you have recently received an email regarding your child's account, please log in to update the details as necessary. We hope very soon to be able to share your child's work with you. In the meantime, we will continue to use Google Classroom. We will notify you when Seesaw is officially "live".

Annual Consent Forms

Thank you to everyone who has completed their online annual consent forms. If completed forms have not been received for your child then a reminder was sent home last week. Please ensure you complete these forms as a matter of urgency as the information required is imperative for our records. Failure to complete these forms may result in your child having to miss out on participating in events or school trips.



Annual Data Check

Thank you to everyone who has already completed their online annual data check via Parentsportal. Can we please ask that if you haven't already done so, that you sign into your account and confirm the details as this ensure your records are correct and up to date.



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REMINDERS

School Uniform



The pupils continue to look very smart in their school uniform. Our uniform not only instils a sense of belonging but also gives our pupil an identity to be proud of.

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.

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.



Free School Meals for P1-5 Pupils

A reminder that 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



As yet, we still don't have a date of when the Scottish Government will roll out of free school meals to all Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils. We will keep you updated as we receive the information.

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/udnygreen-schoolpta/>

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

2022 - Term 2	
Monday 31 st October	School re-opens to staff and pupils
Friday 4 th November	Start of Breakfast Club - runs each Friday @ 9am
Friday 4 th November	Guy Fawkes Outdoor Learning/Forest Schools
Tuesday 8 th November	Start of Book Fair
Wednesday 9 th November	Parent Council Meeting @ 7pm
Friday 11 th November	Community Café - Book Fair
Thursday 17 th November	In-Service Day - school closed to pupils
Friday 18 th November	In-Service Day - school closed to pupils
Thursday 24 th November	Strike Action - school closed to pupils
Saturday 26 th November	Parent Council - Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 7 th December	Open/Coffee Morning
Thursday 8 th December	School Trip to Aberdeen Arts Centre
Friday 9 th December	Flu Vaccines
Wednesday 14 th December	School Performance - Village Hall
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas Lunch
Monday 19 th December	Christmas Parties
Friday 23 rd December	School closes for Christmas Holiday
2023 - Term 3	
Monday 9 th January	School re-opens to staff and pupils
Wednesday 18 th January	Parent Council Meeting @ 7pm
Friday 27 th or Saturday 28 th January (tbc)	Parent Council - Burns Supper
Friday 10 th February	School closed - Occasional Day Holiday
Monday 13 th February	School closed - Mid Term Holiday
Tuesday 14 th February	In-Service Day - school closed to pupils
Wednesday 15 th February	In-Service Day - school closed to pupils
Friday 31 st March	School closes for Spring Holidays

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2023 - Term 4	
Monday 17 th April	School re-opens to staff and pupils
Wednesday 26 th April	Parent Council Meeting @ 7pm
Monday 1 st May	School closed - May Day Holiday
Friday 2 nd June	School closed - Occasional Day Holiday
Monday 5 th June	School closed - Occasional Day Holiday
Friday 23 rd June	Parent Council - Sports BBQ
Friday 7 th July	School closes for holiday

2023/24 - Term 1	
Monday 21 st August	In-Service Day - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 22 nd August	School re-opens to pupils
Friday 13 th October	School closes for October holidays
2023/24 - Term 2	
Monday 30 th 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.