

UDNY GREEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Newsletter 4 – January 2023

Dear Parents



Welcome Back! I hope you all had a nice and relaxing Christmas and New Year with family and friends.

P1 Registration

Registration Week for Primary 1 admission is **Monday 16th January to Friday 20th January 2023**. All children who reach their fifth birthday by 29th February 2024 are invited to register for Primary 1 for admission in August 2023. For further information and to complete the online registration please visit

www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/applyforschoolplace



Please share this information with anyone you know who has a child due to start Primary 1 in August.

P7 Leavers Hoodies



The P7 pupils have the opportunity to purchase a leavers hoodie which they can wear to school as part of their uniform. Details of sizes and colour choices have been emailed to all P7 parents. Please ensure your order and payment is made by **Monday 23rd January**.

<https://forms.office.com/e/sZVwtdBLFp>

Burns Day

We will be celebrating Robert Burns birthday by having a traditional Haggis lunch prepared by Mrs Catto on **Wednesday 25th January**. We will also have our annual poetry competition as well as a ceilidh. Parents are invited to join us from 1 pm - 3.15 pm for our Expressive Arts & Scots Learning open afternoon.



Potential Strike Action



You may have seen in recent media coverage that EIS are proposing additional strike action within Aberdeenshire on **Monday 30th January**. Please note that this date has not been confirmed yet. Further information will be issued from the Head of Education in due course.

Mid-Term Holiday & In-Service Days



The School will be closed to all staff and pupils on **Friday 10th and Monday 13th February** for the Mid-Term holiday. School will also be closed to pupils on **Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th February** whilst staff undertake In-Service Day training. School will re-open at 9am on Thursday 16th February to all pupils and staff.

Tempest Photography



Tempest Photography will visit the school on **Friday 24th February** where they will take individual, family and whole school photographs. Further information will be in due course.

P1 Reviews

The school nurses will be in school on **Tuesday 28th February** to undertake Primary 1 reviews. Further information will be shared with P1 parents before this date.



Parent Interviews



Parent Interviews will take place on **Tuesday 21st March**. Details on how to book an appointment will be issued nearer the time.

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Parent Council Events

The Parent Council are busy organising various events scheduled to take place over the remainder of the school year. More details will follow shortly, but additional dates for your diary are:

Friday 24th February - School Disco (6 pm - 7.30 pm)

Thursday 30th March - Family Quiz (Village Hall)



Outdoor Clothing

With the weather still on the wintery side, can we please remind you of the importance of appropriate outdoor clothing. Please ensure your child has a waterproof jacket and warm clothing, including hats and gloves, for outdoor play as we will be outside at break and lunch times as much as possible. Our school wellies are always available and easy to access at break and lunch times as well.

Water Bottles

Your child should take 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.



PE KITS



All pupils should 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

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.

Google Classroom



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As previously advised, we had anticipated using Seesaw from this term. However, as this is currently suspended for use within Aberdeenshire Schools, we will continue to use Google Classroom as a way of sharing your child's work. If you have any problems logging in from your device at home please feel free to contact the school office for help. We have found that on some devices, especially if you have other Google accounts, that the usual glow email format (ie gw23.joeblogs@glow.sch.uk) does not work. If you have this issue, then please try logging in using the format of gw23.joebloggs@as.glow.scot

Emergency Closure

In the event the school has to close in an Emergency we will send out a Groupcall email and an SMS text message advising parents that they need to collect their child (school bus pupils will be sent home by bus if a parent is at home). If the school is closed due to adverse weather etc, Aberdeenshire Council's website will be updated with the information and we will endeavour to also email parents. Please note that Aberdeenshire Council's Information Telephone Line is no longer operational.



Communication



Please note that Miss Smith is still working from home where she will continue to answer your calls and emails. Please bear with us if you come to the school and do not get a response at the door straightaway.

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

2023 - Term 3	
Monday 9 th January	School re-opens to staff and pupils
Tuesday 10 th January	School closed to all pupils due to Strike Action
Wednesday 11 th January	Parent Council Meeting @ 7pm
Monday 23 rd January	P7 Leavers Hoodies order to be in
Wednesday 25 th January	Open Afternoon to showcase Expressive Arts & Scots Learning
Monday 30 th January	Possible Strike Action - as yet unconfirmed
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 24 th February	Tempest Photography - individual, family and whole school
	School Disco - 6 pm to 7.30 pm
Tuesday 28 th February	P1 Reviews with School Nurse
Tuesday 21 st March	Parent Interviews
Thursday 30 March	Family Quiz Night (Village Hall) - full details to be confirmed
Friday 31 st March	School closes for Spring Holidays
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.