



# Newburgh Mathers School Newsletter

## July 2016

### Leavers' Assembly

All P7 parents are invited to attend this assembly which will be presented by the P7 children themselves. We hope to start by 1:45pm. You are welcome to start arriving from 1:20pm whereupon you will be invited firstly to look at your child's iMovie creation, before taking a seat in the gym hall.

### School Improvement / Self-Evaluation

Thank you to those who were able to come to the meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. It was really good to see a few new faces. The teachers and I are really grateful for everyone's contribution. We met to discuss how we could move numeracy forward given the national downturn in attainment in this area. We also managed to cover a wide range of other areas including homework and communication. I have a list of things that we need to look at and hope that when we meet again at this time next year parents are able to see and talk about the changes that we continue to make.

With regard to numeracy and mathematics, we have decided to have a maths games session at least once a term. The details of this have to be ironed out yet but the purpose will be to have a bit of fun while consolidating and applying maths skills. We will be looking for volunteers to help us with this so keep an eye out for the information in the new session.

Thank you to the parents for completing the questionnaire which was available on Parents' Evening. Most respondents were very positive about the direction the school is taking. The results are available in the school foyer if you would like to see them. One area for improvement is the need for us to get better at communicating how we act on your views once we have asked for your opinion.

Also available in school are the results of how the children feel about school improvements and what they would like us to concentrate on next. We have identified some areas that will help us to move forward. This information is also available in the school foyer if you would like to see it.

### School Meals

The cost of school meals is set to go up to £2.15 with effect from August 2016.

If your child is going to be in P4 from August 2016 and you have not yet created an account with Aberdeenshire Council for the payment of school meals, please contact the school office for further information.

### Anti-bullying & Promoting Positive Behaviour

Please find a summary of these policies in your child's schoolbag this week. Both policies have been updated and will be available **in full** on the school's website after the school holidays.

### Strawberry Tea

This will be held on Thursday morning at 10:20am. Invitations have gone out to all those who have helped in school over the last year. We try to make sure we have not missed anyone, however, if we have, it is purely by accident – please come along anyway, we would love to see you so we can show our thanks for your help.

### Lost Property

Please have a look at the Lost Property on display in the foyer. This will be bagged up on Wednesday afternoon if not claimed.

### Happy Holidays!

We would like to wish you all a relaxing break and we hope the weather remains warm for the next 6 weeks.

We look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August for a 9am start.

