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**Ayton Primary School Newsletter**

**November 2023**

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**Curriculum Overviews**

Curriculum Overviews for P1-3, P4-5 and P6-7 will be issued by Groupcall/Xpressions on **Friday 27th October**, your child will also be given a paper copy in their school bag for you to retain for information. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Pearson, Mrs Lannagan or Mrs MacLeod.

**Harvest Thanks**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Harvest Festival table. The donations have been greatly received by Rev Andy Haddow at the Eyemouth Parish Church Food Larder.

**PFA Meeting**

The next PFA meeting will be held at the school on Wednesday 8th of November at 3:30pm – 4.30pm. All welcome.

**Parking**

We would like to remind parents to be mindful when parking in the school car park at the start and end of the school day. Cars in the car park are making it very difficult for the bus driver to maneuver in the area. It is also a risk to children walking while cars are reversing/parking. We encourage parents to use space on the Beanburn, Lawfield Drive and if possible, in the new estate next to the school.

**P4-7 Ipads**

Please ensure all children in P4-7 bring their Inspire Learning Ipads to school **every day, charged at least to 50%.**

**Migration from Tax Credits to Universal Credit**

The UK government is ending tax credits, with eligible claimants required to apply for Universal Credit instead. If you currently claim Tax Credits, look out for a letter called Universal Credit Migration Notice from the Department of Work and Pensions for more information and guidance on what you need to do. Click on the following link for more information: [Tax credits are ending - Understanding Universal Credit](https://www.understandinguniversalcredit.gov.uk/tax-credits-customers/tax-credits-are-ending/)

**Halloween Disco**

The Parent Council Forum have kindly organised a Halloween disco which will take place today, **Friday 27th October** in the school hall from **6pm to 7pm for P1-4 and 7.30pm to 8.30pm for** P5-7. Entrance is £1 and juice and a snack will be provided.

**After School Clubs – Eyemouth Active Schools**

Pickleball After School Club will start on **Monday 30th October** 3.15pm to 4.15pm. Instructions on registering your child have been issued to parents / carers by Groupcall.

P1-3 Fitness Fun and Games starts on **Wednesday 1st November** 3.15pm to 4pm. Instructions on registering your child have been issued to parents/carers by Groupcall.

**Library Van**

The Library Van will visit school on the morning of **Thursday 2nd November,** please ensure that your child returns their library book by this date.

**Poppy Collection**

Poppies will be available to buy in school in the lead up to Remembrance Sunday. These will be available from **Monday 6th November.** We will be holding a two minute silence in school at 11:00am on Friday 10th November.

**Splash – Soup Making**

Volunteers from Splash will be in school on **Monday 20thth November** to make soup with the children. P6-7 will be making soup at 9:00am until 10:15am. P1-3 will be making their soup at 10.30am until 11.30am and finally P4-5 will be making theirs at 1.15pm until 2.15pm.

**Book Week Scotland 13th – 17th November - Read, Write Count and Book Club**

Book bags will be distributed the week commencing **Monday 13th November** for **all P1, P2 and P3 children**. There are also activities you can explore at home by visiting: scottishbooktrust.com/readwritecount

**P1 Family Bags Information -** The online resources for this year’s P1 Family Bags are now available on the Scottish Book Trust webpage: <https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/reading-and-stories/the-bookbug-primary-1-family-bag>. This is a preview of what is inside the bags, a gifting guide, learning resources and more to come.

**Flu Vaccinations**

Vaccinations will take place in school on **Tuesday 14th November** for children in P1-P7 who have returned the consent form from their parents/carers.

**BBC Children in Need Appeal**

On **Friday 17th November** we invite all children to wear ‘something spotty’ or PJ’s for BBC Children in Need. Our P7 House Captains have organised fun activities between break and brunch for the whole school to take part in their house groups. We also welcome any donations on the day.

**ELC and Primary 1 Enrolment Week:**

**Monday 20th November – Friday 24th November 2023 Session 2024/2025**

Enrolment week for **ELC**, **Primary 1**, **Placement Requests** and **deferred entry to Primary 1**. Communication is being published by Scottish Borders Council on 6th November and will be distributed to parents / carers.

If you wish for a visit to our school or know someone who has a child ready to start P1 for next session, please encourage them to contact the school office on 018907 81350 or email us to arrange a visit. Thank you.

**Science**

Dr Katherine Lymer, one of our science teachers from Eyemouth High School is starting a 6 week block supporting learning and teaching linked to our IDL science block linked to Forces, with all classes. On her visit last week, getting to know the children across the school she was so impressed with their engagement and enthusiasm towards their learning. Look out for evidence of learning on Showbie on your childs ipad or on our Facebook page.

**St Andrews Day – Holiday and Local Eyemouth Learning Community holiday**

School will be closed to pupils and staff on **Monday 27th November and Tuesday 28th November.**

**St Andrews Day**

On **Thursday** **30th November** children can wear something tartan with their school uniform to celebrate St Andrew, the Patron Saint of Scotland.

**Christmas Lights Switch on**

Ayton Christmas Lights Action Group have kindly asked if the children would like to take part in Carol singing as part of the big switch on in the village on Sunday 3rd December at 4:00pm. We will send a letter nearer the time as a reminder but it was lovely last year to see many of the children from the school joining in.

**Dates for Diary**

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| Friday 27th October | Curriculum Overviews will be issued |
| Friday 27th October | PFA Halloween Disco  P1-4 - 6pm-7pm  P5-7 - 7.30pm-8.30pm |
| Monday 30th October | Bikeability starts for P5-6 |
| Monday 30th October | Pickleball starts for P6-7 3.15pm – 4.15pm |
| Wednesday 1st November | P1-3 Fitness and Fun Games starts 3.15pm - 4pm |
| Thursday 2nd November | Library van visiting |
| Monday 6th November | Poppy collection starts today |
| Monday 20th November | Splash – Soup making |
| Monday 13th to Friday 17th November | Book Week Scotland |
| Tuesday 14th November | NHS Flu Vaccinations for children P1-P7 |
| Friday 17th November | BBC Children in Need Day |
| Monday 20th to Friday 24th November | Enrolment week for ELC, Primary 1, Placement requests and deferred entry to Primary 1 |
| Monday 27th November | School closed – St Andrews Day holiday |
| Tuesday 28th November | School closed – Eyemouth Learning Community casual holiday. |
| Thursday 30th November | St Andrews Day - wear something tartan |