



Term 3
Starts
Monday 5 January

Mid Term Holiday
Wednesday 11—
Friday 13 February
Ends

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Parent Evenings

Pre-school—P7
Wednesday 18
& Thursday 19
March

2015

Happy New Year Everyone

Following a very busy Term 2 and the run up to Christmas with concerts, parties, decorations and all the excitement that goes along with that special time of year, here we are at the start of a new term and indeed new year!

You will hopefully have had a chance to visit our website which has a new look and is being further developed and enhanced as time goes on. We will try to put all our news and information which may be useful for parents on this and we would welcome any suggestions or ideas from anyone on additions to or improvements we can make to it. You'll find our school handbook, news items from school and individual classes and more general information.

Included with this Newsletter is a booklet from 'respectme,' a Scottish Antibullying Service, called *Bullying: A Guide for Parents and Carers* and it includes cyberbullying. This booklet and another, more specifically offering advice on cyberbullying called *Cyberbullying, What You Need to Know* is also on our website. In relation to this we would like to draw your attention to a meeting in the Orkney Theatre at KGS on Thursday 22 January at 7pm on internet safety. We are aware internet safety is a growing concern for many parents and CEOP (The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre), Police Scotland and the OIC have got together to run a series of meetings across Orkney to offer parents and carers information and guidance on the safe use of the internet.

In the meantime we would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year.

Jane Bruce

Welcome to Our New Staff



Mrs Helga Moss (Class Teacher)



Mrs Helen Johnstone (3S'sTeacher)



Mrs Amy Berry (Auxiliary)



Safer Internet Day 2015

Tuesday 10 February

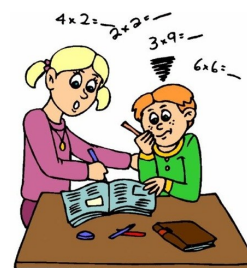
Safer Internet Day will be celebrated globally on Tuesday 10 February with the slogan 'Let's create a better internet together'. Co-ordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre the celebration sees hundreds of organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

As part of our on-going Technologies programme including making the most of the positive opportunities that the internet provides and general internet safety we plan to recognise Safer Internet Day on 10 February through a range of activities and resources here at school. These will include short films, quizzes, games and advice on staying safe online. More information on the safe use of the internet is available on the website www.saferinternetday.org.uk and don't forget the parents meeting on Thursday 22 January at 7pm in the Orkney Theatre.

Parent Survey - Homework

You may remember back in October 2014 we carried out a parents survey on Homework. We were delighted to get just over a 50% return from parents.

The results suggested the majority of parents feel their child/children's Homework is about right and their child/children's attitude is good or they just need a little support/encouragement. Our Learning Jotters got very positive feedback.



We would like to thank everyone for taking the time to respond, it is much appreciated.

Parent Council - Parking



Attached is a letter from the Parent Council regarding parking around the school. It is intended to help alleviate congestion and encourage and increase road safety.

Christmas Service Collection

Many thanks to everyone who donated money to our silver collection for Mary's Meals at our Christmas Service. We raised a grand sum of £115.00.