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Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome to our February newsletter! After the darkness of January, it has been lovely to see more daylight as spring is on its way. I hope you managed to see the amazing aurora display last month, we loved the photo of the auroras over the school which Miss McGurk took.



February is a busy month, with the disco and our long weekend coming up soon.

Car Parking

Sadly, car parking continues to be an ongoing challenge, with some parents and carers parking in the car park to drop off or pick up at the start and end of the school day. The car park is for St. Gerardine Primary School, The Nursery and Ladybird staff only. Families who have a blue badge are entitled to park in the disabled spaces for drop off and pickups. Please can you ensure your blue badge is displayed when parking in the car park, thank you.



Staffing Update:



At the end of this week, we will be saying a sad farewell to Miss Ritchie, our class teacher in Primary 2/3, who is leaving to relocate to the central belt. She has been a fantastic teacher with us since her Newly Qualified Teacher year and she will be missed by us all at St. Gerardine Primary School. We are very pleased to welcome Miss Gemmell, who was successful at interview, to the school team who will be

taking over Primary 2/3. We will also be welcoming back Mrs McLeod who will be returning from her maternity leave after the February holiday and teaching Primary 4/5.

Absences



We are aware that there are still some nasty bugs on the go at the moment, and just a quick reminder that if your child vomits or has diarrhoea please keep them at home until they are 48 hours clear of their last

incident of either symptom, thank you.

Please can we also ask that parents who are informing school that their child will be absent from school do so using parent portal, the school email address:

admin.stgerardinesp@moray-edunet.gov.uk

or school telephone number: 01343 812251

and not Class Dojo, thank you.

Primary 7 Leaver Hoodies



All Primary 7 parents should have received the link to the website for ordering the Primary 7 leaver hoodies for this year. The closing date for ordering hoodies is Wednesday 11th February. If you do not have the link, please get in touch with the school

admin. Thank you to the Parent Council for organising the leaver hoodies this year.

Literacy Survey

Our Literacy survey is still open for any parents wanting to share their thoughts and views on our approaches to reading, spelling and writing homework to help us ensure we have a consistent approach across the school. The link is:

<https://forms.gle/PnrkoNos7GWr3R2SA>

for anyone who is able to complete this, thank you for your support.



We are also working towards the Scottish Book Trust reading School Award and would be keen to have some parents join

our literacy group to help us achieve the award. If you are interested please let the school office know, thank you.

Burns Society Visit – Poetry

Congratulations to all of our Burns Poetry competition winners! We had a fantastic assembly celebrating all things Scots and hearing from the children





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reading their poems to us and also Mr Doyle who performed the Address to the Haggis.

Dandelions – MOD Support Workers



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first Dandelion coffee afternoon. It was great to meet so many families and have a chat about some of the amazing work already started by our Dandelions workers.

Both Mrs Hoskins and Mrs Wakeford were so encouraged by the fantastic turn out, that another two coffee afternoons have been planned before the end of term, Wednesday 25th February and Wednesday 25th March, we hope you can join us.

Parents' Evening Appointments

Thank you to everyone who attended our parents' evening appointments. School reports will be issued before the end of this term.



Stuart Reid – Author visit 30th January

We had a fantastic visit from Stuart Reid the author on Friday. He shared his love of writing and reading and incredible enthusiasm for creative writing with some of our classes in workshops throughout his visit.



Parent Council Meeting



The next Parent Council meeting has been postponed until Monday 9th February at 6pm in the school hall. All parents / carers are members of the school's parent forum and all are welcome to join the Parent Council meetings. Minutes from the latest Parent Council Meeting are on the school website and can be accessed here:

www.stgerardine.moray.sch.uk/key_information/parent_council/meetings.html

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

- 2nd – Parent Council 6pm – postponed until 9th
- 4th – P1 and P7 Dental visits
- 9th – Parent Council Meeting 6pm
- 11th – School Discos – more information to follow
- 12th – In Service training, school closed to pupils
- 13th – School holiday
- 16th – School holiday
- 17th – School holiday (Lossiemouth ASG occasional day)
- 18th – School reopens at 8.55am for all pupils and staff

MARCH

- 4th – P3 Shared Learning 2.30pm
- 6th – World Book Day – more information to follow
- 9th – STEM Week
- 13th – Dress down day / Mother's day Shop / STEM open afternoon
- 18th – Primary 7 Transition Project
Easter Fun Event for local Nurseries
- 20th – Red Nose Day – dress down and wear something red
School reports issued home
- 24th – P1 Shared Learning 2.30pm
- 25th – P2 and P2/3 Shared Learning 2.30pm
- 26th – Easter Service 9.30am
P7 Shared Learning 2.30pm
- 27th – End of term – dress down day

APRIL

- 13th – School reopens at 8.55am

Hoping everyone has a great February and a lovely midterm break when it comes.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wolford, Head Teacher.