

Airyhall Newsletter 09/10 No.3

Congratulations

We are delighted to announce the arrival of Laura Martin's twin girls, Georgia and Lucy – just under 5lbs each. Congratulations to Donna Polson who has been appointed Acting Principal Teacher during Mrs Martin's maternity leave. Mrs Garden will teach P7B on a Tuesday to allow Miss Polson time to carry out her remit.



Thank You

A huge thank you to the PTA and everyone who helped with the Christmas Fair which was an outstanding success and raised over £4000. HMle inspected the school last month and were very happy with the quality of education the children receive. The report will be published in January and every family will receive a copy. Thank you very much to the parents who came in to speak to the inspectors and to all the parents who returned questionnaires to HMle. It was very reassuring to find out that the response to the statement 'Overall, I am happy with the school' was 100% yes for both nursery and primary parents. Thank you to parents who are buying online through The Giving Machine (www.thegivingmachine.co.uk). This costs you no more but raises money for school – this month we received £62.62. Thank you for donations to Tickled Pink and Jeans for Genes - £175 to each.

Website

You may have noticed our revamped, up to date website (www.airyhall.aberdeen.sch.uk). This is thanks to Tony Rafferty, Parent Council Chairperson who very kindly offered to update and maintain the website for us. We are very grateful to Tony for all the work he has put in and have had many compliments on the new website.

Well Done

The Pupil Council and ECO Group presented their Improvement Plans to the PTA, Parent Council and one of the inspectors. They were excellent and everyone was very impressed with their knowledge, confidence and presenting skills.

Schools Information Line

As the colder weather approaches a reminder of Aberdeen City schools telephone information service. Parents can access this service by dialling 0870 054 1999, school pin code: Airyhall: 01118 or by logging on to the website: www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/closure

Written Reports

Some parents have indicated that they would prefer to receive the written school report earlier. If most parents would prefer this we will send the report in April next year and hold parents' evenings at the beginning of May. Please indicate your preference below and return the slip

Reminders

- We encourage children to cycle or scooter to school but ask them not to cycle/scooter in the playground as there are too many people. We would also remind you that children's bikes need lights for cycling home now that it is quite dark after school
- Please ensure all clothing is clearly named as it is very difficult to match items to owners otherwise
- Please remember Wednesday is 'Healthy Snack Day' for all children. Healthy snacks are on sale everyday at Snack Attack.

Emailing School

Recently the school office has received some emails from parents regarding homework activities etc. The office is extremely busy so to ensure your message goes straight to the class please email direct. Children open class emails every day, email addresses are: p1a, p1b, p2a, p2b, p3, p3a, p4, p5, p5b, p6, p7a, p7b@airyhall.aberdeen.sch.uk

This does not apply to reporting absences, please continue to report these to the office by telephone

What's Next?
As part of their action plan, the ECO group plan to ask parents for email addresses so that school information can be emailed rather than sent out on paper. Any parent who would prefer a paper copy will still have that option. The PTA are planning a family Ceilidh. Look out for details in the new year.

Christmas Arrangements

Mon 14th Dec, 2pm Church Service
Mannofield Church. This year pupils from Hazlewood School will join us. Children will be walked back from the church service and will be dismissed as normal at 3.05.

Tues 15th Dec P5 and P6 Parties
Wed 16th Dec Christmas Lunch, P3 and P4 parties

Thurs 17th Dec Nursery, P1 and P2 Parties
Fri 18th Dec P7 Parties

Next term begins Tuesday 5th December.
Thank you for your fantastic support this term.
We hope you all enjoy the holidays.



I would prefer to receive the written school report in April and have parent's evening in May

I prefer to have parent's evening in March and receive the written school report at the end of the school year

Parents' signature _____

concerns had been raised about the safety of children who are cutting through the Community Centre and Airyhall Clinic car parks. This continues to cause serious concern, particularly at the clinic where elderly patients are very worried about children running through. I have attached a letter I received this week and, once again I ask parents to ensure their children go to and from school safely, avoiding busy car parks. Thank you for your support in this,
Anne Healey



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25th November 2009

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Dear Ms Healey

**Health and Safety – NHS Grampian Car Park
Airyhall Clinic**

Clinical Staff based at Airyhall Clinic have brought to my attention their concerns with regard to the safety of the children who attend Airyhall Primary School.

The main concern is when children require to cross the Car Park unsupervised to gain access to the school or have arranged to meet their parents in the Airyhall Clinic Car Park. The children are running between parked cars and also avoiding moving cars to access either the school or when returning to the Car Park for their lift home. At this time of year with the inclement weather and poor visibility children may not be seen.

We also have received complaints regarding parents entering and leaving the Car Park often at excessive speed. Parents parking within the Car Park are also causing congestion at busy Clinic times.

Staff are extremely concerned regarding this Health and Safety issue and are requesting if you would bring the above to the attention of all parents of Airyhall Primary School children. Parents should be requested not to use Airyhall Clinic Car Park as a drop off/pick up point for their children.

We would be grateful for your assistance in this matter to try and avoid any possible accidents occurring.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helen Smith'.

Helen Smith
Building and Admin Support Manager