



# Balmedie Primary School

## Newsletter

## September 2015

Dear Parent,

### Scholastic Book Fair

Good news! I am pleased to confirm that due to the increase in volunteers, we will now be able to go ahead with this year's Book Fair. Volunteers will be contacted at the start of next week to confirm attendance and time slots.

### House Points System

As promised in the last newsletter, please find attached, a copy of the new Balmedie House Teams Information for Families.

### Standards & Quality Report

Please find a copy of the school's Standards & Quality Report attached. If you have any questions about it, just contact me at the school. The school improvement priorities for this session are: Active Literacy, Science and Technologies for Learning.

### A Few Reminders:

- **Dogs:** Please remember that dogs are not permitted in the school playground.
- **Cycling/Scooting to School:** The school policy on Cycling is attached. On Police advice, only pupils in P5-P7 may cycle to school on their own. Younger children who wish to cycle/scoot to school must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- **Parking:** Please do not use the Staff Car Park for dropping off or collecting your child. We are aware that parking for parents is extremely limited around the school, but please be mindful of the need for the buses to arrive safely at the school gate. If anyone witnesses dangerous driving in the school precincts, they are asked to call Police Scotland on 101 and report the incident, giving the registration number of the vehicle involved.
- **Mobile Phones:** Pupils are not permitted to take mobile phones to school.
- **iPod's/Photographing Devices:** With the exception of authorised classwork, pupils are not permitted to take photographs at any time in the school or school grounds using the above mentioned devices or similar.



## **Dress As You Please**

The next scheduled 'Dress As You Please Day' will be held on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015, when the nominated charity will be the British Red Cross Europe Refugee Crisis Appeal.

## **Senior Management Team**

I am going to be absent from school for a few weeks on medical grounds. If you need to contact senior management about anything, please contact the school office who will direct you to the appropriate Depute Head Teacher.

Yours faithfully

Ken McGowan  
Head Teacher