

## Playground Update

After further discussions with a number of pupil groups more equipment has been ordered for the school playground using the funds raised by our community over the last year. The pupils requested more loose materials to build with, they love being creative. The team work and cooperation observed during this imaginative play is wonderful. They also asked for more ropes and musical instruments. Spontaneous band performances are being enjoyed by many.

The pupils also requested that we purchase a train to play on, this should arrive in the next few weeks. The 'Coastal Area' continues to be very popular, especially now that we have a lovely sail created by Harrison and Rosa's Mum. We are very lucky to have such artistic parents willing to support the school.

Our next playground meeting takes place on Thursday the 7th of March at 1:30pm. We will be sharing the plans for future improvements as well as organising our Spring planting. If you would like to join us please do so. We will be meeting in the playground.



## Parent/Carer Feedback Group

We value your feedback in order to further improve Dunnottar School for all of our stakeholders. This feedback comes in many forms throughout the year including verbal feedback through formal Parent Voice meetings as well as regular informal verbal feedback. We also ask for you to share your opinions after events and through our annual Parent/Carer questionnaires.

This year we would like to host a '**Bakes and Blether**' event where we hope that many parents/carers will come along and offer their opinions on the following topics:

1. Reporting to parents/carers & the introduction of 'Seesaw'.
2. Wider achievement tracking & JASS scheme.

**We will host our 'Bakes and Blether' at 1:30pm & at 6:30pm on Thursday the 18th of April.**

## GLEE Finalists...



Congratulations to the P6 & P7 Glee Choir who won the sectional round of the 2018/19 competition and are now through to the North East Final on the 28th of March. Lots of extra input from the teachers involved, (Mrs Shannan, Miss Tang and Mrs Reid) over many lunchtimes, has paid off. The children were fabulous!

Thanks to all that travelled to Forfar to support the event. Good luck in the finals!



## Uniform

**When ordering uniforms for 2019/20 you can now order the polo shirt in burgundy. This was requested by the Parent Voice Group. Both colour options will now be available, white or burgundy t-shirts can now be worn by the pupils.**



## Road Safety Issues

We continue to have an issue with parking on the double yellow lines near the school building. Driveways are also being blocked regularly. We have had many complaints. This is not only negatively impacting on our neighbours but also very dangerous as it makes it more difficult for the children to cross the roads safely. Local Police Officers will be supporting the community to ensure that this stops.

Many parents are also congregating near the side gate, often forcing pupils on to the road in order to pass them. Can we please ask, for the safety of our youngsters, that you fully enter the playground to wait for your child at the end of the school day?

## Dates for your

### Diary

- March 18th to 22nd - Music Festival Week
- March 22nd - PTA Easter Disco
- March 29th - Last day of term

## SQUIP (Standards & Quality Improvement Plan) Link....

Priority 3 for 2018/19 included the following statements.

**Children at Dunnottar School will:**

- be highly-motivated and engaged in Music sessions,
- be involved in the planning process linked to this year's Music focus, planning our 'Music Festival' and linking with the wider community.

Plans are now well underway for our Music Festival Week. Lots of local musical talent will be enjoyed throughout the week. Updates on Twitter and through Seesaw will showcase the learning throughout the week.

**Join in at home....Tweet a picture/video of your family enjoying music at home during the week.**