

November/December 16

Portlethen Primary



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School Closures

Aberdeenshire council has changed the way parents receive online alerts about school closures and changes to school transport. Sign up for notifications through *myaccount* on the Aberdeenshire Council website - if you already pay for school meals online, you will be registered.

Please wrap up warm and ensure children can be seen in the dark winter mornings and afternoons. We try to ensure that children spend time outdoors every day and only have indoor breaks when it is really bad weather.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SCHOOL CLOSURES	SCHOOL REOPENS
Wednesday 21 December at 3.20 pm	Thursday 5 January at 9.00 am

Answering Machine for
reporting absences:
01224 780238

Dear Parents/Carers

I am absolutely delighted and honoured to be appointed as permanent Head Teacher of this fabulous and very special school.

Communication

There are major developments on how we communicate with the introduction of Groupcall. More information on how to sign up will be sent home today.

Twitter is one of the main forums through which the school now share children's successes. We now have 343 followers which is amazing! Please view our Twitter page - you don't even have to join Twitter to do this. This week's Twitter class of the week is P3P. I am quite pleased with myself that I've learned to tweet! If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the school. We want to address any issues but can only do that through dialogue and not through the public forum of social media.

Health and Wellbeing

Julie Bryce from Aberdeenshire Council has been working with staff and pupils on the subject of bilateral training and ensuring that we have quality indoor opportunities for physical education at Portlethen Primary. Parents enjoyed a session with Julie and the children at Jubilee Hall.

Parents' Evenings

What a lovely atmosphere around the school on Parents' Evenings! Thank you for your feedback on the format of the evenings. We have also sought the children's views and I will collate these and report back once this subject has been discussed at this week's Parent Partnership meeting. Thank you also for your ideas about the whole school Scotland topic for term 3. Really looking forward to this topic!

Rights Respecting School

A few parents and family members joined the open afternoon. I hope you enjoyed sharing in the children's learning around their rights and entitlements as a child.

Tempest Photos

Class photos will be taken on Thursday 1st December.

We raised £303 for Children in Need. Fabulous job P6/7 and all pupils!

P1-P7 pupils
Panto Trip
Snow White & the Seven Dwarves

Thursday 15th
December am

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 16th
December

Wear a
Christmas jumper
or
wear something white for albinism

Christmas Church Service
Wed 21/12/16
at 9.45am.

Please join us if you can.

The church collection will go to the Albinism Fellowship

PARENT GROUPS NEWS

Christmas Enterprise

The pupils have been very busy participating in enterprising activities for sale at the fayre. Come along and enjoy hotdogs for tea from the marketplace, take the children to Santa's grotto, buy a wide range of sweet treats or small Christmas gifts. Have a cup of tea and a chat whilst listening to the children's beautiful voices as they sing their carols.

FOPP and PIP will also have stalls. Donations of bottles and chocolate for the tombola and unwanted but unused gifts for a pocket money present stall may be handed in on Wednesday 30th at their "Come as you please" day.

I loved decorating the door for Santa's Grotto. We worked together to make a fireplace across the door. Morgan and Chrystal

Wednesday 7th December 5-7pm.

Playground Improvement

The Multi Use Games Area is anticipated to be completely installed within the next two weeks. Delivery of the unit is expected by the start of next week. Once complete, former pupils who were instrumental in the fundraising efforts will be invited along to the opening. Well done everyone. *You have the right to play and rest, Article 31, UNCRC*

Carol Singing

P4-7 will be encouraging us all to enter into the Christmas spirit by carol singing at various venues within the community. We are now in the third year of engaging with the community in this way and our pupils' voices and lovely attitudes are now much sought after. We are very proud of them!

Nativity

Tuesday 13th December pm - OAP and community performance

Mon 12th & Wed 14th December 9.30am - Family and friends performance

Christmas Parties

Wednesday 14th December

P4FM

Monday 19th December

P1-P5 (except for P4FM)

Tuesday 20th December

P6-P7

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

Best wishes

Sandra McKechnie, Head Teacher

Friends of Portlethen Primary meeting - 12/1/17

Parent Partnership meeting - Wednesday 30th November at 6.30pm

PIP Group - Everyone had a fabulous evening at the 5th Avenue Dance at the golf club. Approximately £600 was raised to buy playground equipment.

Next event - Arthur Christmas movie night - 2nd December, 6pm at Portlethen Academy. Tickets - adults £3, children £2.