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# Portlethen Primary



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## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

| SCHOOL CLOSURES        | SCHOOL REOPENS         |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 24 <sup>th</sup> March | 28 <sup>th</sup> March |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> April  | 18 <sup>th</sup> April |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> April | 3 <sup>rd</sup> May    |

### Dear Parent/Carer

**Night at the Musicals** – The pupils in P4-7 are busy rehearsing their songs for Wednesday 20 March. The concert will start at 6.00 pm. More details to follow.....

**World Book Day** – Please could children bring their favourite book to school on Thursday 3 March to share with their peers? A whole school assembly will take place at 9.30am where the Senior Leadership Team will share their favourite books.

**Onesie Wednesday** – To celebrate World Autism Day children may wear a onesie if they wish to school on Wednesday 16 March. There is no charge for this.

**Gardening club** – We would like to run an intergenerational project. To do this we need from parents that are PVG checked. Please contact the school office if you are happy to help during the school day with gardening?

**School Report** – These will be sent home on Monday 21 March for all pupils in P1-7.

**Parent Consultations** – These will take place on Wednesday 23 March from 3.30 – 6.30 pm and Tuesday 29 March from 4 pm – 7 pm. Appointments will be sent out in due course. P2G & P4C will be notified separately.

**Easter** – Please note that the school is closed to pupils and staff on Friday 25 March for Good Friday. On Monday 28 March children will be invited to wear an Easter Bonnet to school. We will be having an Easter bonnet parade in the hall. Our lollipop lady – Pamela Gartshore, will be judging!!

**ARTICLE 14 – You have a right to follow your own religion.**

**Staff changes** – Miss Colligan will be leaving Portlethen on Thursday 24 March to take up post at a school in Lothian. We wish her well. Mr McGregor will be teaching P4C.

**Cashless Catering** – Please can you ensure that you register your child(ren) online? The Authority is looking to make schools cashless and it is proposed that school trip money, etc. will all be collected using the cashless system in time.



**Paris Trip 2016** – The parents have voted overwhelmingly to continue with the educational excursion to France in November. If any P6 parents would like to discuss the decision, or other elements, please note that both Mrs McKechnie and I will be available on Wednesday 9 March from 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm.



**MUGA** – A planning permission application will be submitted for our MUGA. Fingers crossed that it will be installed in Term 4.



**Cycle Shelter** – Our new cycle shelters are very eye catching! Children are welcome to cycle to school if they have completed their Bikeability training. However they must dismount at the school gate and walk their bikes to the shelter.

Please remind your children that they should not be crossing the staff car park.  
**ARTICLE 6 – You have right to life and be healthy.**



**School day** – We have noticed that some children are coming to school at 8.20am. We had workmen in school today in the playground removing a skip. The children were unsupervised and could have been injured. **Please note that children should not come into the school playground until 8.45 am.**  
**ARTICLE 19 – You should not be harmed and be looked after and kept safe.**



**Green Flag** – A huge well done to the Eco group who have secured our fourth green flag.

**If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.**  
**Yours faithfully**

*Jennifer C I Garnes*

**Head Teacher**



**PARENT  
COUNCIL  
NEWS**

PSA – Date of next meeting is Tuesday 1 March at 3.30 pm in the staffroom. All welcome!

PPP – Date of next meeting is Tuesday 29 March at 6.30 pm. Please note that this is the same evening as parent contact. All welcome!

