

September 2015

# Portlethen Primary



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## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SCHOOL CLOSURES	SCHOOL REOPENS
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October
Friday 13 November	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parent/Carer

It is lovely to see all of the children back at school. They all look very smart in their uniforms. Please could we ask that property is named? We have been back 2 weeks and already have a considerable amount of nameless lost property. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

**Inhalers** – Please note that if your child uses an inhaler we require 2 to be supplied. One will be kept in the classroom and the other will be locked in the medical room.

**School Lunches** – A new servery was installed during the summer holidays. This has reduced the queues considerably. Children line up at servery one, if they are hot 1, if hot 2, they line up at servery 2. To further support the kitchen staff another kitchen assistant has been appointed. Please remember if your child is in P1-3 they are entitled to a free school meal.

**ALEC Caravan** – The pupils have benefitted from the Aberdeenshire Life Education Caravan visiting the school. This resource supports the Health and Wellbeing curriculum.

**Volunteers** – Miss Weston will be writing to parents to advise them of the changes to volunteering as a helper in an Aberdeenshire Primary.

**Meet the Teacher** – This will take place on Tuesday 15 September between 5 pm and 7pm. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and hear their expectations for the session. The teacher will begin her presentation at 5 pm prompt. The second presentation will commence at 6 pm.

***RRSA Article 28 "All children have a right to an education".***

**Social Media** – Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you are unhappy or concerned with a school matter. We want to work together with parents to ensure that we get it right for every child. We encourage you to contact us in the first instance, as opposed to posting on social media.

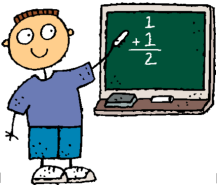


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**PARENT COUNCIL NEWS**



**Staffing** – We have a number of new staff that we warmly welcome to Portlethen Primary. Mrs Thornton is our third Depute Head. She brings with her a wealth of 20 years teaching experience. Miss Duguid, Miss Morrison and Mrs Fraser are our probationary teachers this session. We welcome their enthusiasm! Ms Wood will be supporting the non-class contact time for the probationary teachers. She is familiar with Portlethen Primary having previously been a student here.

**List of Events** – Please find enclosed a list of events that are already planned for session 2015-16. The attendance of parents at assemblies last year was appreciated by both the pupils and the staff. I felt it was important for you to have these dates in advance.



Finally..... Congratulations to Miss Cormack who gave birth to baby Chloe last week. Both mother and baby are doing well!

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

*Jennifer C I Garnes*

**Head Teacher**

Portlethen Parent Partnership AGM will be on Tuesday 29 September in the staffroom at 6.30 pm. All welcome.

PSA AGM will be held on Wednesday 2 September at 6.00 pm. All welcome.

PIP are holding a sponsored Jazzercise on Friday 4 September. Children are encouraged to wear comfortable sports clothing on that day to school.



**Session 2015-16**  
**Dates for the diary**

September

- 11 P7W assembly 9.15 am
- 14 Meet the Teacher 5 pm – 7 pm

October

- 2 P7L assembly 9.15 am
- 6 Literacy whole school open afternoon 1.30 – 3.00 pm

November

- 6 P6 assembly 9.15 am
- 20 P5/6 assembly 9.15 am

December

- 15/16 Nativity
- 17 P1-4 pupils to Panto, P5-7 pupils to Cinema
- 18 P5-7 pupils to Cinema
- 22 End of term church service 9.30 am

January

- 29 P4C assembly 9.15 am

February

- 5 P4/5 assembly 9.15 am
- 19 P3W assembly 9.15 am
- 26 P3B assembly 9.15 am

March

- 11 p2/3 assembly 9.15 am
- 21 Report cards issued
- 23 Parent consultations 3.30-6.30 pm
- 31 Parent consultations 4 – 7 pm

April

- 2 End of term Church Service 9.30 am
- 29 P2P Assembly 9.15 am

May

- 6 P2G Assembly 9.15 am
- 12 Sports Day
- 13 P1/2 Assembly 9.15 am

June

- 10 P1H Assembly 9.15 am
- 17 P1KS Assembly 9.15 am
- 13-17 Science week
- 24 P1W Assembly 9.15 am

July

- 1 End of term service 9.30 am