

October 2015

# Portlethen Primary



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## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SCHOOL CLOSURES	SCHOOL REOPENS
Friday 13 November at 3.20 pm	Wednesday 18 November at 9.00 am
Tuesday 22 December at 3.20 pm	Wednesday 6 January at 9.00 am

**Dear Parent/Carer**

It has been an extremely busy term one. The children have been working very hard!! So have the staff! I hope that you have a very enjoyable October break. I thought it would be appropriate to give you a "heads up" on what is planned for our Christmas Term!

### School Lunches

We have been experimenting this term trying to make lunchtimes as enjoyable as possible for the children. From the 26 October the pupils in P4-7 will have a lunch hour from 12.00 – 1.00 pm and P1 from 12.20 – 1.20 pm and P2/3 12.30 – 1.30 pm.

### Zoning of the Playground

We were delighted with the HUGE response from parents completing the Survey Monkey. We had 137 responses:-  
NO – 72 YES – 65 MAYBE – 3 OTHER – 2

We had numerous comments that we will share with you after the October break. However, this is our immediate response:-

The bottom gate will be locked between 9:15 and 3pm  
PIP continue to fundraise and have now applied for some grants.

We are in the process of organising tree felling  
PSAs will be given specific areas of the playground to supervise

Classes have allocated days for playing football  
We are sorry about the muddy uniforms and shoes.

Muga will not be laid during the October holidays as far as we are aware.

We have made changes to lunchtime with P1-3 now eating later.

More benches have been ordered for outside.

The issues with our playground are ongoing. We are aware that there is lots to be done. If you feel there is anything else you would like to discuss or can help in anyway please get in touch. Thank you again for taking the time to reply, we are listening.



We are taking part in the Portlethen Allotment Competition!

We are working on an Intergeneration Project!

Infant Nativity  
15th and 16 th  
December

Panto Trip  
Thursday 17  
December  
P1-4

Cinema Trip  
Friday 18  
December  
P5-7

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**Christmas Enterprise**

The pupils will be holding a Christmas Enterprise event on Wednesday 9 December. We had initially planned this event for 5-7 pm. Feedback from the Literacy open afternoon is suggesting that we start earlier to allow the parents who collect their children at the end of the school day to attend then instead of returning home. This would mean that the event would finish earlier. I shall consult with the staff and pupils to seek their opinions and inform you of the start times!

**Fantastic News**

The Authority have decided to upgrade some areas of our school this session. We are in the process of obtaining quotes to renovate our gym hall. Watch this space.....

**Staffing**

This term we said farewell to Miss Carle, Miss Robertson and Mrs Scott who have taken up positions in the City. Ms Brown is taking up an SFL position at Fishermoss and Mrs Watt is now on maternity leave. We are welcoming Mr Steer into P4/5 to team teach with Miss Moir and Ms Hall as our SFL teacher. Mrs Lovell is our Early Years Practitioner and Mrs Connon is our Nursery Teacher.

**Lost Property**

Can we please request that you check uniforms during the holidays and ensure it belongs to your child, with their name written on it due to several items going missing.

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

*Jennifer C I Garnes*

**Head Teacher**



Hallowe'en Disco - Thursday 29 October. Helpers required!  
PSA Meeting - 11.11.15 at 3.30 pm in the staffroom  
Christmas Fayre - 21.11.15  
Dress as you please - 11.11.15 - bring a piece of chocolate for the chocolate tombola stall  
PPP meeting - Thursday 29 October at 6.30 pm  
PPP meeting - Monday 23 November at 6.30 pm  
PIP - Nearly new sale - 7.11.15 at the Academy