

December 2015

Portlethen Primary



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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SCHOOL CLOSURES	SCHOOL REOPENS
Wednesday 23 December	Wednesday 6 January
Thursday 11 February	Thursday 18 February
Friday 25 March	Monday 25 March

Dear Parent/Carer

Christmas McTivity – A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported the McTivity. The children and staff worked really hard to ensure everyone knew their lines/songs! I hope that you agree that the children did a marvellous job! In total, the children performed 5 times to a combined audience of just over 400 people. Just under £300 was raised from the collection. Many thanks to everyone who donated.

Christmas Enterprise Evening – This after school event was a huge success. I was very impressed with the quality and range of products that were on offer. Feedback from parents on the evening was most positive.

Gym Hall – We have lovely new dining tables that were delivered at the beginning of the month. The children are really enjoying dining in style!! During the Christmas Break our gym hall is being completely floored and painted!! We are really excited about this!

Burns Poetry – In 2016 we will be celebrating the work of Robert Burns. Pupils will be issued with a poem to learn at home. There will be prizes for recital. The winners will recite the poems at an assembly on the 22 January and if they wish, again in the evening at the PIP Burns event at Portlethen Golf Club. Please look out for the poems coming home in the purple bookbags!

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS (Article 8) – you have a right to a name, nationality and family.

Staffing – Mrs Fiona Wood has now qualified as a Primary School Teacher. She shall be taking up post in January at Marykirk Primary. Fiona has been a member of staff for nearly 2 decades. She will be missed by all at Portlethen. We would also like to welcome our new staff members, Mr Ian MacGregor-Nursery Teacher, Mrs Debbie McDermott – Nursery Nurse and Mrs Linda Taylor-Clerical Assistant to our team.

School Minister – Flora will be retiring in December. We would like to wish her a very happy and healthy retirement. She has supported the school by leading assemblies and church services over many years. Her class visits too will be fondly remembered. We do not yet know who the new minister will be.



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WARS**



**PARENTAL
GROUPS
NEWS**
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End of Term Service – This will take place on Tuesday 22 December at 9.45 am in Portlethen Church. All friends and family are invited to attend.

Social Media – Many thanks to everyone for respecting that photographs of the children at the concerts were not shared online. We respectfully ask that if you have any queries/concerns, do not hesitate to contact the school. Partnerships with parents is extremely important to us.

Security – As you will be aware, we have a security entry system in place. Parents and visitors to the school are requested to report to the school office in the first instance. We regularly remind children not to open doors to visitors.

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

Finally..... we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during 2015. We hope that you have a happy and healthy Christmas break. We look forward to working with you in 2016.

Yours faithfully

Jennifer C I Garnes

Head Teacher

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A huge thanks to the PSA for paying for the transport to the theatre and cinema. The buses cost £1130. The P1-4 children had a great time watching “Jack and the Beanstalk”. The P5-7 pupils thoroughly enjoyed “Star Wars” – the spontaneous applause by the children at the end was heart-warming. The children had a great time on the buses with their friends!! Many thanks to Mrs Sutherland for organising these great trips.

PIP Burns Event – Friday 22nd January at Portlethen Golf Club 7.00 for 7.30pm. Tickets £10 per adult / £5 per child to include small plate of haggis, neeps & tatties. From 6th January tickets will be available from the school office.