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Portlethen Primary



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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SCHOOL CLOSES at 3.20 pm	SCHOOL REOPENS at 9.00 am
Wed 10 Feb	Thur 18 Feb
Thurs 24 March	Monday 28 March
Friday 1 April	Monday 18 April

Dear Parent/Carer

The weather has been very changeable since we have returned to school. Please can I ask that children come to school with hats, gloves and waterproof clothing?

We have noticed that we have some children who come to school before 8.30 am. Please note that the school cannot be responsible for children before 8.50 am.

Head Lice

Please can you check your child's hair regularly for head lice? We have had 2 instances reported to the school office this week. Rachael McBride, school nurse, is happy to offer advice.

Mrs Gill

Mrs Gill has been promoted to the post of Principal Teacher of early years for the Portlethen Network of schools. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Gill for the hard work and dedication that she has given to Portlethen Primary for the past decade and more! Mrs Cannon, who is presently a teacher in our Nursery, will be taking up the post of P2G teacher once Mrs Gill leaves.

Community Café

Please do come along and support the P7 pupils with their Community Café enterprise project. The children have been planning since August, the running of the café. Community Learning and Development are supporting us with this event. The café runs every Thursday from 10 am – 12 noon in the Porty Cabin. All are most welcome. I have been very impressed with the warm welcome and delicious home bakes that have been on offer!

Sainsbury's Vouchers

We are collecting the Sainsbury's tokens in school. Please do take the vouchers when you are offered them at the till. The collection box is in the school foyer. This promotion runs from the 27 January until the 3 May 2016.



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Burns Poetry

A huge thank you to everyone who helped their child learn their piece of Scot's poetry. It was wonderful hearing the children recite the poems at a whole school assembly. I was so proud of the children for having the courage to recite a poem in front of a 400 plus audience! WELL DONE!

[Article 7 "You have a right to a name and nationality".](#)

Inset Days

Please note that the school and nursery are closed to pupils only on Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 February. Staff will be looking at moderation of writing, Named Person Training, The Aberdeenshire Support Manual, Big Writing and Outdoor Learning.

[Article 29 "You have a right to be the best that you can be".](#)

Holidays

Please note that the school is closed to everyone on Thursday 11, Friday 12 and Monday 15 February for the midterm break.

[Article 31 "You have a right to relax and play".](#)

Crossing Patroller

We are delighted to welcome Miss Pamela Gartshore our new crossing patroller who took up post this week.

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

Jennifer C I Garnes

Head Teacher

PIP - A very successful Burns Supper was held at Portlethen Golf Club. Just over £400 was raised for our playground fund. A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported the event by attending/donating raffles. Our next event is a Minion movie night at Portlethen Academy on Friday 19th Feb, 6.30-8.30pm. Details to follow.

PSA - Our next disco will take place on Wednesday 10 February. Tickets will be on sale soon. Please note there will be a tuck shop on the night for the children!

PPP - Next meeting is Tuesday 23 February at 6.30 pm.