

May 2016

# Portlethen Primary



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## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SCHOOL CLOSURES	SCHOOL REOPENS
29 <sup>th</sup> April	3 <sup>rd</sup> May
1 <sup>st</sup> July	16 <sup>th</sup> August
7 <sup>th</sup> October	24 <sup>th</sup> October

**Dear Parent/Carer**

**We have a very busy term 4. The school is looking superb! We have had our foyer refurbished in “Porty purple” and the infant library has been relocated to the Rainbow Room. Our gym has had new flooring and we have new dining tables. The children and staff are delighted with our new look! Please find below information on some of our planned activities!**

### Restorative Approaches

All parents are invited to attend a 30 minute meeting on Tuesday 10 May from 2.45-3.15 pm to hear about the Restorative Approaches that are being encouraged at Portlethen. We value your thoughts and opinions.

[Article 13 “You have a right to information”.](#)

### Quality Improvement Officer

We are delighted to report that our new QIO is Mrs Victoria Smith. She brings over a decade’s experience of being a successful and highly regarded, Head Teacher in a neighbouring authority. Mrs Smith will be based in Stonehaven area office. We look forward to her supporting and challenging us in our journey towards excellence.

### Dress as you please

Children are encouraged to dress as they please on Friday 29 April. We ask that they bring in a donation of chocolate / bottle for the Spring Fayre.

### Work Experience Pupils

Week beginning 23 May we will be welcoming S3 pupils to take part in work experience at Portlethen Primary.

### Fruity Tuck Shop

Fruit will be sold on Wednesday’s and Thursday’s in school. It will be prepared by P7 pupils.

### Rotary Quiz Team

I am delighted that our quiz team won the local competition this year. They are now through to the next round! A huge thank you to the staff and parents who helped to prepare the pupils!! Good luck!

Miss Morrison is running a lunchtime knitting club!

School is closed on 2.5.16 for May day.

Rwandan blend day is on Friday 27 May. More details to follow.....

Sports Day is Thursday 12 May at 9.30 am. More details to follow .....

Glee Club has started for P4/5 pupils at lunchtime on a Tuesday!

A jogging club has been started by Mr Steer and Miss Duguid!

**PARENT  
COUNCIL  
NEWS**

BBC 500 Words competition

A HUGE well done to Morgan in P7L who got through to the final 3% of the competition. There were over 60,000 entries. We have our fingers crossed that Morgan will be selected to attend the prize giving ceremony.

Bike Shelter

I am sure that you will all agree that our new bike/scooter shelters look super! Please provide your child with a lock to attach their bike/scooter to ensure its safety during the school day.

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

*Jennifer C I Garnes*

**Head Teacher**

**Inclusive**  
**Respectful**  
**Nurturing**  
**Honest**  
**Reliable**

PSA Spring Fayre will be held on Saturday 7 May from 10 - 12 noon at Portlethen Primary. Please do come along to support if you can. We need helpers too!

PPP will next meet on Tuesday 24 May at 6.30 pm in the staffroom. All welcome!