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Portlethen Primary



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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SCHOOL CLOSURES	SCHOOL REOPENS
Friday 1 July	Tues 16 August
Friday 14 Oct	Mon 24 October

Dear Parent/Carer

I can't believe how quickly time has passed this session. We have had a super year filled with rich learning experiences for all. I would like to thank all parents, carers, staff and the community of Portlethen for being so welcoming and supportive during the past 2 years. I have enjoyed our journey moving the school forward. I am leaving the school in a sound place with solid foundations in which it can continue to improve.

End of term assembly

This will take place on Friday 1 July at 9.45 am in Portlethen Church. The collection will be for a charity that has is very dear to me – "Safespace" in Portlethen. There will be a presentation awarded in memory of Mr Alan Fraser. This will be for the pupil who has shown the most enthusiasm towards history. All welcome at the church.

Article 15 : Your right to meet with friends and join new groups.

Staffing

Miss Weston will be retiring after being depute at Portlethen for 25 years. We wish her well in her "early" retirement. I cannot stress enough how much she will be missed by all. She has made such a difference to several generations in the Porty community. Her knowledge, enthusiasm and dedication is inspiring.

Mrs Willox will also be retiring "early" after 26 years' service. She has been part of the school management team and has been such a supportive colleague. We wish her well.

Mrs Thornton is moving to be Head Teacher at Tannadice Primary in Angus. Her positive outlook will be missed. She will be replaced by Mr Douglas Bruce who is presently a Principal Teacher in Dundee. Mrs McKechnie will be Acting Head Teacher and will be ably supported by Acting Depute Miss Watson from the 15 August. We welcome Mrs Cowan and Miss Anderson to our teaching team and wish Mrs Turner a very enjoyable maternity leave. Miss Cheyne and Miss Anderson are our new Early Years Practitioners in the Nursery.



MUGA

We are waiting on planning permission. As soon as this is granted, the pitch will be installed – all very exciting!

Article 6: You have a right to life and be healthy

School Lunches

From August there will be an increase of 5p per meal. The new cost is £2.15.

School office

Please could all parents enter by the main school entrance and report to the school office on arrival.

Rights Respecting Schools

A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated coppers for “Day for Change”. Over £150 was raised for UNICEF.

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

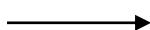
Jennifer C I Garnes

Head Teacher

Miss Weston – a wonderful lady on her graduation day.



**PARENT
COUNCIL
NEWS**



A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the PPP and PSA this session. We are already planning our meetings and events for session 2016/17.