

September/October 2016

Portlethen Primary



Children in
Need Event
Portlethen & Hillside
Schools
18/11/16

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School Closures

Aberdeenshire council has changed the way parents receive online alerts about school closures and changes to school transport. Sign up for notifications through *myaccount* on the Aberdeenshire Council website - if you already pay for school meals online, you will be registered.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SCHOOL CLOSURES	SCHOOL REOPENS
Friday 11 November at 3.20 pm	Wednesday 16 November at 9.00 am
Wednesday 21 December at 3.20 pm	Thursday 5 January at 9.00 am

Answering Machine for
reporting absences:
01224 780238

Harvest Appeal

We are supporting the Aberdeen Cyrenians this year with our Harvest food collection. Donations will be gratefully received until 6th October.

Dear Parent/Carer

Wow! Where has this term gone? It has been an extremely busy and productive term with lots of interesting opportunities for the wonderful pupils of Portlethen Primary.

Communication

Thank you for your views on improving communication. As a result we have agreed to post on Social Media as follows:
Website - general school information.

Facebook - upcoming events, fundraisers and updates.

Twitter - successes and achievements of pupils.

Please note: 2Build a Profile electronic profiling has replaced "I Can" folders and we look forward to sharing your child's learning electronically. Please sign up via class teacher. Exciting times!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Thursday 22nd September, all P6 pupils organised a superb coffee morning. This talented group created an amazing selection of cakes. £372 was raised for this very worthy cause. Well done pupils and staff!

Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. Article 29, UNCRC

Battlescar

P4/5 and P5 enjoyed an informative, interactive workshop in relation to this term's topic of "Vikings". Children enjoyed the storytelling sessions and exploring the artefacts in this hands-on learning experience of life in the past.

"I found it a bit tricky to blow through the horn. I learned the myth that said that if you manage to blow through the horn then you can become a true Viking".

Snack

As part of our continued Health and Wellbeing philosophy, pupils are encouraged to bring a **SMALL**, healthy snack for break.

All children have a right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food. Article 24, UNCRC

NEWSFLASH: MUGA PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED.

Parents' Evenings

Tuesday
22/11/16

Thursday
24/11/16

Working on an
Intergenerational
Gardening
Project, P6 pupils
harvested
potatoes and
cooked leek &
potato soup and
patatas bravas!

P1-P7 pupils
Panto Trip
Thursday 15th
December

Christmas
Lunch &
Christmas
Jumper Day
Friday 16th
December

Infant Nativity
Mon & Tues
19 & 20 December

Christmas
Church Service
Wed 21/12/16
at 9.45am

**PARENT
GROUPS
NEWS**

Literacy Across The Curriculum Open Afternoon

Please share in your child's learning by dropping in on Wednesday 5th October anytime between 2pm and 3pm. Feel free to drop into any class to gain a flavour of our literacy curriculum. On the day we would also like to collect your views about the format of the November Parents' Evenings.

Christmas Enterprise

The pupils of Portlethen and Hillside Schools will be holding a joint Christmas Enterprise event on Wednesday 7th December 5-7pm. All proceeds will go to the schools.

National Lorry Week - W/C 19/9/16

P6 and 7 pupils enjoyed an afternoon at Colin Lawson Transport learning about different jobs in the transport industry. Thanks to the company for the fabulous afternoon and for paying for the transport!
"We learned that trucks look different as they have different purposes. It was really cool that there was a bed fitted in so that the drivers don't get too tired. I loved the Aberdeen Football Club bus".

Staffing

Miss Humphrey is now on maternity leave. We look forward to hearing the news of her new arrival shortly. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Roebuck will be teaching from Mondays to Wednesdays in a number of classes. Mrs Kirby will join our support for learning team whilst we await the outcome of the Enhanced Provision consultation. Mrs Nisbet is our new clerical assistant. A very warm welcome to them all!

Health and Wellbeing

It is lovely to see children cycle and scoot to school. In the interests of safety, please remind children to dismount **prior** to entering the school grounds. Children should walk their vehicle to the storage area.

For health and safety reasons, it is essential that teachers accompany their class to the appropriate learning area each morning. I ask for your support by not keeping the teacher outside. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please make an appointment. We will make every effort to accommodate you.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

Sandra McKechnie
Head Teacher (Acting)

Hallowe'en Disco - Thursday 27th October. Helpers required!
Friends of Portlethen Primary Meeting - Wednesday 5th October at 6.00pm.
PP meeting - Thursday 29 October at 6.30 pm.
Nursery raised £992 from their sponsored fun day - proceeds to PIP. Wow!