

Christmas 2016

Portlethen Primary



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Aims, Vision and Values

We are refreshing our school's aims, vision and values to encompass the thoughts of all pupils, parents, staff and also the community. Please take a few minutes to share your views by following this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7PJKGHZ>

Homework

A working group is revising the homework policy. Please share your views by following this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7XJN5XY>

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SCHOOL CLOSES	SCHOOL REOPENS
Wednesday 21 December at 3.20 pm	Thursday 5 January at 9.00 am
Wednesday 8 February at 3.20pm	Wednesday 15 February at 9.00 am
Friday 31 st March at 3.20 pm	Tuesday 18 th April at 9.00 am

Dear Parents/Carers

Here we are at the end of a very busy second term and we are all ready to continue the festivities of Christmas with our families. The children and staff are tired but in a satisfied, contented way. May I take this opportunity to share how much I appreciate the support of parents and families in making Portlethen a happy school environment. I do not underestimate the role you all play in supporting your children and the school. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas.



Whoops A Daisy Angel

A massive thank you to parents, families and the community who came along to see our P1-3 nativity. The children and staff worked really hard to put on excellent performances! Both Portlethen and Hillside pupils enjoyed early performances and were very appreciative audiences. The children performed on our beautiful, newly extended stage funded by Friends of Portlethen Primary. We are so grateful for their fundraising efforts. Approximately £200 was raised from the collection. Many thanks.

"I found learning the actions quite tricky but I loved leading Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem." (Grace)

"I worked really hard to get the part of Mary. My favourite part was when the donkey was leading us to Bethlehem." (Rori)

Christmas Enterprise Evening - This evening was the culmination of hard work where the children have been learning to develop their skills for learning, life and work. I was very impressed with the creativity skills which provided good quality products. Thank you to parents and the community for your positive feedback and generosity on the evening, which was mostly positive. A remarkable £1540.69 was raised which will go straight to the school and will be used sensibly. Thank you!
Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities..., Article 29, UNCRC

Answering Machine for reporting absences:
01224 780238

Carol Singing

The children have spread the Christmas spirit over the last few weeks by singing carols at various venues. It was gorgeous to hear!

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

Please join us if you can.

The church collection will go to the Albinism Fellowship

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.

PARENT GROUPS NEWS →

Road Safety

Over the last week I have observed inconsiderate drivers stop on the zigzags outside the school, double park, children exit from both sides of cars into moving traffic and parking in the disabled bay with no permit thus stopping our disabled child from being able to get to school safely.

For the safety of all of our children, please consider "parking and striding".

There are lots of places to park only a short distance away.

You have the right to be protected from being hurt..., Article 19, UNCRC

Multi Use Games Area

Now installed. The children will all have an opportunity to play on our new MUGA this week. It looks amazing! I will organise an official opening early in the New Year. The PIP group has organised a massive fundraising effort over the last 18 months to secure the £60,000 required. Now the children can enjoy a wider range of outdoor experiences. Thank you!

Burns Poetry Competition

As part of our whole school Scotland topic we will be celebrating the work of Robert Burns. Pupils will be issued with a poem to learn at home and finalists from each class will recite their poems to me. The winners will recite the poems at an assembly on 27th January and if they wish, again in the evening at the PIP Burns event in the school hall. Please look out for the poems coming home in the purple bookbags!

You have a right to a name, nationality and family, Article 8, UNCRC

Hillside School

The proposed date of opening of the new Hillside School is 27th March 2017.

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

Wishing you all a merry Christmas.

Sandra McKechnie
Head Teacher



Friends of Portlethen Primary meeting - Thursday 12th January at 6pm
Parent Partnership meeting - Monday 30th January at 6.30pm
PIP Group - Burns Supper Friday 27th January, 6.30-9pm in the school hall. Tickets will be on sale from the first day of the new term and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Adults £6, children £3 to include a small plate of haggis, neeps and tatties. You may bring your own bottle of wine and glasses. Soft drinks on sale and raffle on the night.