



# Portlethen Primary

## Newsletter May 2017



### School Values

- **T**rust
- **T**eamwork
- **R**espect
- **A**chievement
- **I**nclusion
- **N**urture

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
SCHOOL CLOSURES	SCHOOL REOPENS
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August

Answering Machine for reporting absences:  
01224 780238

*PIP*  
*Slip n Slide Fun Day*  
*Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June*  
*12 - 5pm*

*Come along and have some fun!*  
*Adults - FREE*  
*Over 5s - ££5*  
*Under 5s - £3*

### Dear Parents/Carers

We are in the midst of a very busy term 4 and the children and staff are working hard! This term, all classes will enjoy a day trip out of school to a variety of venues including Satrosphere, Cocoa Ooze and St Andrew's Aquarium. Good weather has been ordered!

### Sports Day - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June - 9.45am

Sports day will take place at Nicol Park this year. Please come along and join in the fun. Enjoy tea or coffee and a cake from the Party Pop-Up Café at a cost of £1.50.

### Primary 7 "School of Rock" Show - Thursday 22nd June at 7pm

Rehearsals are well underway and we are very fortunate to have secured the expertise of Muz from Kidzact to support us.

It would be super if the whole school community could support our P7 pupils by coming along to their performance. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June on a first come, first served basis.

(Based on the Paramount movie written by Mike White, book by Julian Fellowes, Lyrics by Glenn Slater and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber)

### Digital Leaders

Digital leaders have begun their work by ensuring uniformity of apps in the school iPads. They are about to embark on their role of "apps experts" to help class teachers and pupils learn.

### Attendance

It is vital that children attend school and arrive on time so that they are ready to learn and minimise disruption to their classes. Our attendance stars for this month are: P3P, P6/7, P6 and P2/3. Keep up the good work!

*You have the right to learn and to go to school. Article 28, UNCRC*

### Primary 7 Residential Trip

Our wonderful P7s have just returned from their trip to Abernethy. Portlethen Primary also invited the Hillside P7s to join the trip. All of the feedback from the children and parents has been very positive. I am very proud of these fabulous ambassadors for our school! Many thanks to FOPP who paid the transport costs.

### Rights Respecting School

The National Day For Change 2017 is on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. This year we aim to fill the MUGA with money. Children may bring along copper or silver coins and proceeds will go towards helping children suffering from malnutrition in Liberia, West Africa. We strive to obtain our Level 2 RRSA award in the near future.

*All of our achievements are shared on Twitter first! We have shared 658 pieces of information since the start of session. Don't miss out!*



@Portyschool  
735 tweets and  
484 followers.

### Dates for your diary

1.6.17 - 6pm

New P1 Parents' Evening

6.6.17 - 6pm

New Nursery Parents' Evening

7.6.17 - 9.45am

Sports Day - Nicol Park (2.45pm) Enhanced Provision Information Session

14-16.6.17

P7 Academy Visits

16.6.17

1.10-2.10pm

P1-P6 and new P1 intake meet their new teachers.

22.6.17

P7 Show

23.6.17

P7 leavers' treat

30.6.17 - 9.45am

End of term service and P7 awards at the church. All welcome.

Primary 6 pupils are currently developing their road safety and cycling skills through a series of Bikeability training lessons. *"We are learning to do different moves like overtaking a car and turning into a major road. When I'm older I'll be confident to cycle to academy safely."* (Kieran, P6)

### Book Donations

We have received donations of history books for our library in memory of the late Alan Fraser who is a former teacher at Portlethen Primary. A huge thank you to the family for thinking of us. *"I love history too because it compares how we live now with the olden days. I can't wait to read the book about Queen Victoria."* Alisha, P5

*"This Shakesperian book is really interesting. I really love acting."* Aimee, P5

### Enhanced Provision Information Session - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 2.45pm

Come along to an informal session to learn more about our enhanced provision arrangements at Portlethen Primary. Tea and coffee will be provided.

### Reporting to Parents

A working group of parents, staff and pupils has considered alternative ways of reporting to parents and it has been decided that we will report electronically via Book Creator. Final arrangements will be organised by the end of June and a reporting calendar will then be shared with parents.

### Work Experience Pupils

We welcome S3 pupils on work experience this week (commencing 22.5.17). It is lovely to see former pupils who wish to come back to Portlethen Primary.

### Students

Heather Mitchell, Liana Baden, Kayla McGillvray and Erin McBride are currently on placement with us. We love to be involved in developing aspiring teachers and I am proud that our staff generously share their expertise.

### Staffing

Mrs Scouller leaves nursery on 26<sup>th</sup> May to move "down under". We wish her well as she embarks on new adventures and thank her for her amazing contribution to Portlethen Primary.

### End of Term Church Service

The format will now focus on celebrating the achievements of our P7s. All parents are all welcome to join us at 9.45am but if you are a P7 parent, this is not to be missed.

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

Sandra McKechnie  
Head Teacher

### Parents' Groups News

Parent Partnership meeting - Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm. We need more parents to join the group if it is to be sustained. Have your say on school matters!

Friends of Portlethen Primary - School discos for nursery to primary 6 pupils will take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June.