



# Portlethen Primary



## Newsletter June 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
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October

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

As we approach the end of a very productive session it is lovely to reflect on the rich and varied learning experiences that the children have enjoyed. I thank all parents, carers and the community for supporting our pupils, staff and myself throughout the session.

### Rights Respecting School Level 2 Award

I am delighted to announce that we have achieved the Rights Respecting School Level 2 award. The pupils and staff have worked so hard on this. A presentation will take place next session.

### Sports Day (take 2) - Monday 19th June am

After a false start, sports day finally took place. The children had a super morning and it was really nice that it took place at Nicol Park, The pop-up café was a great success and it raised £252.60, which will be spent on replenishing some sports equipment. Thank you for coming along and supporting us. It was a real family atmosphere!

*Your education should help you develop your talents and abilities. Article 29, UNCR*

### School Uniform

The pupils look so smart in their school uniforms and are proud of the Portlethen identity. If you are buying new uniform for next session, a reminder that the uniform is purple or grey sweatshirt, black trousers or skirt (or purple gingham dress). In Primary 7 pupils may wear a black sweatshirt. Tesco online supply items of uniform.

PE kit is a white t-shirt with black or white shorts. We have some recycled nearly new uniform. If you can use it, please pop in to school.

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

An amazing showcase of our P7 talent and the product of all their hard work took place. A sell out performance left the audience buzzing with excitement. I am very proud of each and every one of them. The show raised £460.25 which will purchase achievement trophies for this years and future P7s. A fantastic legacy!

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

### Attendance

The children are enjoying the suspense of finding out which class has earned the attendance stars of the week. We have also celebrated a great improvement in punctuality. Keep up the good work!

All of our achievements are shared on Twitter first! Don't miss out!



@Portyschool

804 tweets, 513 followers and 899 likes.

### Dates for your diary

**30.6.17 at 9.45am**  
End of term service and P7 awards at the church. All welcome.

**22.8.17**  
Return to school.



### Mad Hatter's Tea Party

A group of our children organised a fabulous Mad Hatter's Tea Party. The hall was transformed into a wonderland of which Lewis Carroll would be very proud. Yummy cakes and tea were enjoyed and £107.04 was raised. What a great day!

*"I really liked wearing the hats and bow ties. The party was big fun!"*  
Kieran, P3.

### Staffing

We welcome Mrs Turner back from maternity leave and Mrs Urquhart who is joining our Nursery team in August. Miss Moir will be taking up a position in Abu Dhabi after the summer holidays. We wish her well and acknowledge her amazing contribution to the wider life of the school! Good luck also to our PEYS staff Mrs Watt & Mrs Milne who are taking up positions elsewhere within Aberdeenshire.

### School Meals

The cost of a two course school meal will increase to £2.20 from August 2017.

### Road Safety

Due to reduced pupil numbers, parking availability at the front of the school has greatly improved this term.

Neighbours behind the school have expressed concerns about the excessive speed and inappropriate parking at the start and end of the school day. To ensure the safety of all pupils, please drive and park considerately.

### Nursery

With effect from 22<sup>nd</sup> August new morning session times will be 8.30-11.40am. We would like to wish all our children entering P1 good luck when they start school. We are also looking forward to welcoming our new nursery children starting and our returners back to the nursery.

### End of Term Service

Parents are most welcome to join us. The collection this year will go directly to the church which has served the school so well over this and many years.

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

**Wishing you all a relaxing and safe summer!**

Sandra McKechnie  
Head Teacher



### Parents' Groups News

Parent Partnership meeting - AGM/Cheese and Wine - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30pm. 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. Come along and join the fun!