

Portlethen Primary



School Values

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

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
SCHOOL CLOSES	SCHOOL REOPENS
13.10.17 at 3.20pm	30.10.17 at 9am
22.12.17 at 3.20pm	8.1.18 at 9am
29.3.18 at 3.20pm	16.4.18 at 9am
IN-SERVICE/ OCCASIONAL DAYS	
13.11.17 and 14.11.17	
8.2.18-14.2.18 (inclusive)	
7.5.18 (May Day)	

Answering Machine for reporting absences:
01224 780238

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

821 tweets, 539 followers and 915

Dear Parents/Carers

I trust you all had a relaxing and fun holiday and are settling back into the routine of school. It is lovely to see our pupils return and their enthusiasm for learning has already been a joy to watch. Welcome to our new P1s who are already enjoying school and will try school lunches next week. We look forward to the session ahead, especially as the whole school is participating in outdoor topics this term. Portlethen Primary officially became the enhanced provision school for the area from August, although staffing and interventions are already in place to meet the needs of our fabulous pupils.

School Uniform - The pupils look very smart as they proudly wear the Portlethen uniform. Please help us to minimise loss of property by naming all clothing. A reminder that PE kit is a white t-shirt and black shorts. Pupils should not wear football tops to PE. Thank you!

Inhalers - If your child uses an inhaler, please supply two. One will be kept in the classroom and the other in the medical room.

Medication - A permission form must be completed and medication should be in its original packaging. Please do not hand in "as and when needed" medication.

School Lunches - Lunch time is from 12.10pm to 1.10pm. All children in P1-3 are entitled to free school meals. Please ensure children are registered with Ipayment.

ALEC Caravan - The Aberdeenshire Life Education Caravan is at school this week. We are very fortunate to have access to such a valuable resource to support our Health and Wellbeing curriculum.

Volunteers - We are grateful for the invaluable help of volunteers. If you can spare an hour or two during the week we can always find jobs to suit your skills. We especially need help during our T-TRAIN time on a Friday afternoon between 2.15 and 2.46pm (yes, the times are correct!!). All new volunteers are subject to Aberdeenshire's volunteer recruitment process and, if you wish to offer your services, a volunteer pack is available on request.

RRSA Day For Change

We raised an amazing £202.85 by filling the MUGA with coins! The proceeds will help to reduce malnutrition in a number of countries.

Snack - As part of our Health and Wellbeing philosophy, children should bring a SMALL, healthy snack for break.

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

Meet the Teacher/Early Years Practitioner - Will take place on Thursday 14th September, one session 5-5.30pm and the other 5.30-6pm (choose either session). This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and hear about the children's learning and expectations for the session. Please also come to the hall where the senior leadership team will share changes to this year's reporting format. More details to follow.

Parents' Groups News

FOPP AGM - Thursday 7th September at 6pm. If you want to become involved in raising valuable funds to benefit your children, please join this group.

- KAD photography photo shoots. Saturday 16th September in the school huts.
- SPREE books will be distributed this week.

Dates For Your Diary

28.8.17	Parent Partnership Meeting (6.30pm)
30/31.8.17	P1 school lunch
4.9.17	P1 pupils in school all day from today
5.9.17	Aberdeenshire survey "Big Conversation" issued
7.9.17	Friends of Portlethen Primary (FOPP) AGM (6pm)
14.9.17	Meet the Teacher /Early Years Practitioner (5-6pm)
26.9.17	Parent Partnership (6.30pm)
28.9.17	Macmillian Coffee Morning
6.10.17	P6/7 Assembly (parents welcome)
12.10.17	Literacy Across the Curriculum drop in session (2.15-3pm)
31.10.17	P1 Emerging Literacy information session (6pm-7pm)
15.11.17	Pupil reports to parents
16 & 21.11.17	Parents' Evenings
29.11.17	Parent Partnership Meeting (6.30pm)
11-15.12.17	Church Christmas Tree Festival
24.11.17	P7 Assembly (parents welcome)
12.12.17	"Aladdin" - Panto at HMT (P1-7)
13.12.17	Christmas Fair (3.30-5.30pm)
14.12.17	Christmas lunch
W/C 18.12.17	Christmas parties
18.12.17	Parent Partnership Meeting
18/19.12.17	P1-3 Nativity performances
21.12.17	Christmas jumper day
22.12.17	Christmas Church Service
8.1.18-25.1.18	Burns poetry recitals and competition
19.1.18	P4 Assembly (parents welcome)
25.1.18	Burns Supper

30.1.18	Parent Partnership Meeting
2.2.18	P3/4 Assembly (parents welcome)
6.2.18	Safer Internet Day
16.2.18	Numeracy Drop-In Session (9.15-9.45am)
21.2.18	Abernethy Information Evening(6-7pm)
23.2.18	P5/6 Assembly (parents welcome)
26.2-9.3.18	Fairtrade Fortnight
2.3.18	P2/3A Assembly (parents welcome)
12.3.18	British Science Week
W/C 26.3.18	World Autism Awareness Day (day tbc)
26.3.18	Parent Partnership Meeting
26-29.3.18	Abernethy
17.4.18	Pupil reports to parents
24.4.18	Parent Partnership Meeting
26.4.18 & 1.5.18	Parents' Evenings
18.5.18	P2/3B/F Assembly (parents welcome)
25.5.18	P1/2 Assembly (parents welcome)
30.5.18	Parent Partnership meeting
31.5.18	New P1 Parents' Evening
1.6.18	P6 Assembly (parents welcome)
W/C 4.6.18	New P1 visits
6.6.18	Sports Day
8.6.18	P4/5 Assembly
13.6.18	P7 School Show
15.6.18	P1 Assembly (parents welcome)
20-22.6.18	P7 academy visits
25.6.18	Parent Partnership Meeting
29.6.18	P7 treat
4.7.18	Volunteers' Afternoon Tea
6.7.18	End of session church service