

December 2017



Portlethen Primary



Newsletter



School Values

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

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
SCHOOL CLOSES	SCHOOL REOPENS
22.12.17 at 3.20pm	8.1.18 at 9am
29.3.18 at 3.20pm	16.4.18 at 9am
6.7.18 at 3.20pm	21.8.18 at 9am
IN-SERVICE/ OCCASIONAL DAYS	
8.2.18-14.2.18 (inclusive)	
7.5.18 (May Day)	

Answering Machine for reporting absences:
01224 780238

*We raised an amazing £224.37 for Children in Need
Fabulous job, P7s!*



Dear Parents/Carers

As Christmas fast approaches, we are now in the midst of a very busy and exciting curricular timetable. Please ensure that the children wrap up warm and cosy as we aim to have outdoor play and outdoor learning where we possibly can.

Adverse Weather

We communicate the status of the school's opening in a number of ways:

- 1) Adverse Weather Website
<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/Schools-Closures/>
- 2) Adverse Weather Phone Line
0370 0544999
Pin No: 022450
- 3) Updates available via Northsound 1
- 4) Via Xpressions App
- 5) Via the school Facebook Page

During adverse weather, please check the school's status regularly as decisions are made depending on the weather in Portlethen and the ability of staff to travel safely from home to school.

Silent Discos

Primary 6/7 are very excited to have organised our first ever autism friendly Silent Discos which will take place on Wednesday 20th December (full details on our Facebook page). Very well done to the class for coming up with such an inclusive idea for their Enterprise event. Tickets are on sale now!

Reports

The new style reports have now been shared with parents of most classes. Thanks to staff for their hard work over the last few months and to the parent working group who kindly gave their time to discuss at length the required content/style of the report. As always, constructive feedback is much appreciated so if you wish to influence the content of the second report please complete the survey monkey on the following link: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/WVV59YX

Church Service

Please feel free to join us for the Christmas service on Friday 22nd December at 1.30pm. The collection is for the charity **SNAC** (Scottish Network for Arthritis in Children) who support children with arthritis in a variety of ways and aim to raise public awareness of the condition.

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



@Portyschool

A MASSIVE 1,031 tweets and 1,005 likes since we re-launched last year. Thanks everyone!

Parents' Groups News

Parent Partnership Meeting
Tuesday 30th January 2018 at 6.30pm

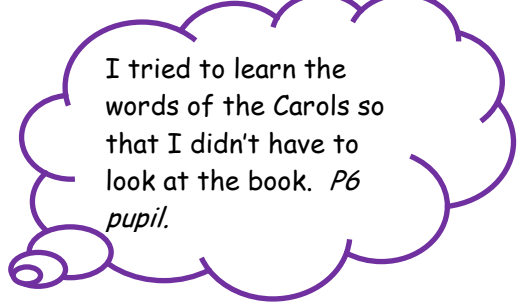
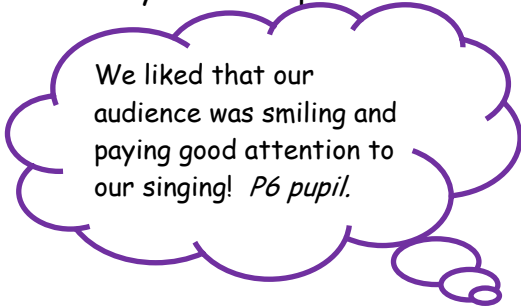
FOPP Meeting: 12th January 2018 at 9.15am.

P1-3 Nativity rehearsals are progressing well! Tickets still available.



Carol Singing

Our Primary 4-7 pupils have been carol singing in a range of venues within the community. What a lovely contribution they make to the community festive spirit!



Christmas Enterprise 3.30-5.30pm

It's today! Come along and take the children to Santa's grotto or buy from a range of Christmas gifts and sweet treats. Enjoy a cup of tea and a chat whilst tapping your feet to the musical entertainment programme! The P6 pupils have decided that money raised from Santa's Grotto will be donated to The ARCHIE Foundation, the official charity of the Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital. FOPP will have a chocolate tombola and bottle stall.

Nursery

Chippy the elf has come to Nursery to watch over the boys and girls. He arrived on 1st December and the children love to search for him when they arrive at Nursery each morning. The children know they shouldn't touch him so that he doesn't lose his magic and that Chippy watches over them.

During our "Winter" topic we have been very lucky to experience snow. The children have been sledging, making snowmen and drinking hot chocolate to heat us up. What fun!

Stemming from the children's interest, we have been working on the topic of "The Vet". The Red and Blue Nurseries had a visit from Bridge Vets who showed us x-rays of dogs' tummies with items such as a car and a spoon inside. A super visit that the Yellow and Green nurseries still have to look forward to.

Attendance

The attendance stars for November are: P1, P2/3A, P3/4 and P4.

Staffing

Mrs Vivier will join us on 18th December. From next term, she will teach P2/3 on Mondays and Tuesdays in place of Mr Bruce and work with other classes for the rest of the week. Mrs Saunders will teach P4 on Thursdays and Fridays from next term in place of Miss Watson. Both Mr Bruce and Miss Watson will work with the teachers to ensure a smooth handover.

Wishing your families a very merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE PORTLETHEN STAFF TEAM!

Sandra McKechnie
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary: (any additions/changes from last newsletter are highlighted)

11-15.12.17	Church Christmas Tree Festival
13.12.17	Christmas Fair (3.30-5.30pm). Crafts and sweets made by nursery through to P7 pupils
14.12.17	Christmas lunch
18.12.17	Parent Partnership Meeting - cancelled
18/19.12.17	P1-3 Nativity performances
20.12.17	Christmas Parties- am - red and blue nurseries P1 and P1/2 pm - green and yellow nurseries P6/7 and P7
20.12.17	P7 Cinema Trip "Wonder" - am
20.12.17	Silent Discos - organised by P6/7
21.12.17	Christmas jumper day (optional and no money required)
21.12.17	Christmas Parties - am - P4/5, P5/6, P6A pm - P2/3A, P2/3FB P3/4 and P4
22.12.17	Christmas Church Service at 1.30pm - all welcome.
22.12.17	Nursery singalong - 11.25 green and yellow - 3.00 blue and red
8.1.18-25.1.18	Burns poetry recitals and competition
19.1.18	P4 Assembly (parents welcome)
22.1.18	P2 Reading Café (2.50pm)
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)
19.2.17	P3 Reading Café (2.50pm)
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
19.3.18	Nursery Reading Café (11.30am and 2.50pm)
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	P6/7 Reading Café (2.50pm)
24.4.18	Parent Partnership Meeting
26.4.18 & 1.5.18	Parents' Evenings
15.5.18	P4/5 Reading Café (2.50pm)
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