

Portlethen School News



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December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

As I write this newsletter the school is looking very bright and cheerful and we are in the midst of our Christmas festivities. Whilst things are not quite back to normal, our celebrations and activities this year feel a lot more like they did prior to Covid entering our lives. It is so lovely to hear the beautiful voices of our children as they sing Christmas carols and songs from every direction of the school. We are also enjoying hearing Christmas music in the hall each lunch time which is beautifully decorated with our children's Christmas work.

I am delighted that we are allowed to go to the panto this year and I know everyone will have a fun-filled afternoon as we attend HMT to watch Beauty and the Beat today. Oh yes we will!

It is sad that we are still not allowed parents into school for safety reasons but appreciate your continued compliance with the mitigating measures in place so that school remains open.

The staff send warm wishes to our children and families and hope that you all have the very best Christmas yet!

Covid

Please do not send your child(ren) to school if anyone in your household is suffering from Covid symptoms. These symptoms are:

- a new persistent cough
- fever
- loss or change in sense of smell or taste

Please self-isolate, the person suffering should take a PCR test and household members should await the outcome of the test and act on medical advice.

Thank you for only entering the playground if you absolutely have to (one parent of P1 or P2 children or children with additional support needs), allowing older responsible siblings to collect their younger P1 or P2 siblings, wearing a face covering and keeping a safe distance from other adults.

Belongings

All children's belongings should be labelled so that they can be returned if children misplace them. It is each child's responsibility to look after their own belongings and ensure they are taken home. Also, just a wee reminder that we do not keep found property so unlabelled property is disposed of.

School Gate Parking

This continues to be an issue and a number of parents have expressed concerns for their own child's safety because of inconsiderate or illegal parking and driving. We want **every** child to get to and from school safely so please consider parking further away from school or walking your child to school.



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Children in Need

The children embraced all the fun packed activities led by Primary 7. The event raised £325.25 for Children in Need. Many thanks to P7B for organising the event!

Christmas Fair

Our virtual Christmas Fair has opened and, despite an issue with Paypal yesterday, it has been very successful so far. So far, we have raised £1,300 (and counting). The children have loved being mini entrepreneurs and have done a fantastic job of being in the various teams including Finance, Marketing and IT. I'm sure you will agree that the children have come up with some fantastic ideas for high quality products.

I had big fun being a dragon as groups of children pitched for our "backing" at Dragons' Den. They were very persuasive, determined, articulate and entertaining! Thank you for buying from our Christmas Fair website, enabling this to be a real-life experience for the children and raising much needed school funds.

Nativity Performance - Primary 1 and 2

The children are working really hard to give their best performance of "Hey, Ewe! The Primary 3 class will provide an appreciative audience at the Nativity performance. It will be recorded for parents to enjoy in their own time. I know you will all be very proud!

Parent Sessions

Thank you to parents who have taken up the offer of joining parental sessions via Teams:

- The Role of the Educational Psychologist
- Adult Reading Buddies

The Adult Reading Buddy recording will be available shortly for any parent who was unable to join but would like to view the session.

Portlethen Primary Together

Portlethen Primary Together would like to thank the whole school community for their support this year. Thank you for voting for us via Asda Green Tokens. We won the £500 and will be delighted to receive it in due course.

Check out our twelve days of PPT Christmas on Facebook and Xpressions to see what we've been p to. Have a lovely festive period and we'll see you in the New Year!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sandra McKechnie
Head Teacher



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School holiday dates:

School closes	School re-opens
Tuesday 21.12.21, 3.20pm	Wednesday 5.1.22, 9am
Friday 1.4.22, 3.20pm	Monday 18.4.22, 9am
Wednesday 1.6.22, 3.20pm	Monday 6.6.22, 9am
Friday 1.7.22, 3.20pm	Tuesday 23.8.22, 9am

In-Service and occasional dates:

In-Service	Occasional	Mid-Term
Tuesday 15.2.22 and Wednesday 16.2.22	Thursday 10.2.22 and Friday 11.2.22	Monday 14.2.22

Dates for your diary:

Change or additional information Parent Helpers Required

Date	Event/Item
1-10.12.21	Christmas Fayre (online shopping only)
13-17.12.21	Christmas Carol singing in the community, P4-7
16.12.21	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
16.12.21 - 21.12.21	Christmas Parties
21.12.21	Christmas Service led by Rodolphe, 9.45am (via Teams – pupils only)
10-24.1.22	Scottish Poetry Recitals Competition
26.1.22	Scottish Poetry Recitals Judging
28.1.22	Assembly, Scottish Poetry Recitals Winners
31.1.22	Portlethen Primary Together Meeting, 6.30-8pm
31.1-3.2.22	Techfest Planetarium Dome (as part of whole school Space topic)



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4.2.22	Coffee and Tea with SLT (Senior Leadership Team), 8.50am Let's Learn Together, 9.15-9.45am
7-13.2.22	Children's Mental Health Week
4.2.22	Assembly, P7CR
21.2-6.3.22	Fairtrade Fortnight
25.2.22	Assembly, P5/6R
3.3.22	Abernethy Information Evening
4.3.22	World Book Day Celebration and Assembly, P2LI
11.3.22	Inclusion Day, Assembly, P1/2L
25.03.21	Assembly, P7B
28-3.21-1.4.21	P7 Abernethy Trip
31.3.22	World Autism Awareness Day (Saturday 2 nd April)
1.4.22	Easter Assembly (Bonnet/Egg Box Decorating Competition)
29.4.22	Assembly, P3/4A
3.5.22	Pupil annual reports to parents
10 & 12.5.21	Parents' Evenings, 3.30-6pm
16-20.5.22	STEM Week
20.5.22	Coffee and Tea with SLT, 8.50am Let's Learn Together STEM, 9.15-9.45am
24.5.22	Tempest Class photos – nursery and school
25.5.22	Portlethen Primary Together Meeting, 6.30-8pm
27.5.22	Assembly, P3V
2 & 3.6.22	May Day (re-assigned from 2.5.22) and Queen's Jubilee
8.6.22	Primary 7 School Show
9.6.22	Sports Day New P1 Parents' Evening
10.6.22	Assembly, P1C
15-17.6.22	P7 – 3 day academy visit
21.6.22	Sports Day (if original postponed due to adverse weather)
W/C 27.6.22	P7 treat this week
29.6.21	Volunteers' Afternoon Tea
1.7.22	End of term assembly, including Rodolphe, 9.45am



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