



Dear Parents/Carers

We are well into Term 4 and I am very pleased that restrictions have lifted further and we are operating as near normal as we possibly can. Whilst we continue to take mitigating measures including good hand hygiene, ventilation and allowing wearing of face coverings for those who wish to do so, we are taking a gradual approach to changes to ensure that all pupils, staff, parents and families feel comfortable with the changes. It was so wonderful to welcome parents to join us on the whole school sponsored walk at the end of the first week back at school and to also see so many of you support the fundraising efforts of the parent group, Portlethen Primary Together, by buying from the tuck shop last week. The last two years have presented many challenges but also opportunities to do things differently and more effectively. We have certainly learned lots!

## **Portlethen Primary Together**

*PPT are delighted to be back in person with some events this term - we can't wait to see you! We've decided against running our fun day in June, but instead we'll be running Fun Fridays in the playground every Friday after school. We'll have different things each week including a tuck shop, ice cream, uniform sale, tombola, inflatables and more! We're excited to bring the school community together again and raise a few much-needed funds in the process. Keep an eye on Xpressions and our fb page for more details, and don't forget your pennies! Our final meeting of the school year is Wed 25 May online from 18.30-20.00 and all are welcome. PPT*

## **Annual School Reports**

By the time you read this you should already have had access to your child(ren)'s reports. I trust you have enjoyed reading about their aptitudes as well as their progress in learning. The staff look forward to speaking with you by phone on Parents' Evenings. It is anticipated that we will be able to offer a choice of remote or face-to-face meetings in the future, to suit as many parents as possible.

## **Whole School Sponsored Walk**

Thank you for your enormous efforts in collecting sponsorship and to those of you who were also able to join us on the walk. It was a lovely afternoon and it made my heart swell to see so many parents join us. You have raised a staggering £5,505 for the school and nursery. I am absolutely gobsmacked! I can assure you that the money will be spent wisely. So very Proud to be Party!

## **Primary 7 Abernethy Trip**

After some sleepless nights on the approach to the trip, I am happy to say that the Primary 7 Abernethy trip took place in the last week of Term 3. All pupils and staff were Covid free and managed to attend and, even better, everyone had an amazing (if exhausting) experience.

## **Bikeability**

Primary 6 pupils have begun their Bikeability training. The children are learning vital road user skills through a series of practical on-road lessons over the next few weeks. We have a number of parent volunteers and, along with staff, are leading the lessons. We all got rather wet today!



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# Portlethen School News



## School Trips

The teachers are currently planning school trips for Term 4. Thank you to the parent group, PPT, for the donation of £2 per child towards each class trip. This will lessen the costs to parents. Teachers will update individual classes once trips have been arranged.

## STEM Week

The whole school will participate in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) week from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May. There will be a huge range of fabulous activities across the classes. Please keep your eyes peeled on the school Twitter feed to discover what the children are learning about as classes take over the school Twitter page to share their learning.

Monday 16th May	P7CR and P7B
Tuesday 17th	P3/4 and P6
Wednesday 18th	P4, EP, P3 and Nurture
Thursday 19th	P1, P1/2, P2 and Nursery
Friday 20th	P5 and P5/6

## Primary 7 Show – Peter Pan

The pupils are immersed in rehearsals for their end of term show. They are also creating characters' costumes and considering the props they will need. There is a great buzz about the whole group who are very excited to be preparing for the school's first face-to-face show in three years.

## Social Media

Parents are respectfully reminded not to discuss school pupils on social media groups. Even if a group is private, such comments are still in the public domain. If you wish to raise any issue about your own child, please contact the school direct. I know you will understand that we are unable to discuss any other child with you. Please also monitor your child(ren)'s activity on social media, ensuring that they only have access to age appropriate apps/media/information, so that they remain as safe as possible. Many apps have a minimum age of 13 years old to be able to sign up.

## Covid

As you will be aware from the correspondence sent to you on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April from Professor Jason Leitch public health advice has changed to a 'stay at home' message. Children should stay at home if they are unwell and/or have a high temperature. There is no longer a need to take LFT or PCR test. I will update parents if and when I receive updated guidance from the local authority. As always, a common sense approach is best.

## Staffing

Mrs Andrea Hagyarova will be joining Mrs Saum in the school office from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May. We will welcome Mrs Tavendale back from maternity leave on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May. She will be covering non-class contact time for teachers across a number of classes.

Kindest regards

Sandra McKechnie  
Head Teacher



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## School holiday dates:

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

## Dates for your diary:

Change or additional information  Parent Helpers Required

Date	Event/Item
10 & 12.5.21	Parents' Evenings (by telephone), 3.30-6pm
16 - 20.5.22	STEM Week. <span style="background-color: yellow;">STEM Twitter Takeover.</span>
<span style="background-color: yellow;">20.5.22</span>	<span style="background-color: yellow;">CANCELLED</span> Coffee 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 <span style="background-color: yellow;">P7 – 1 day academy visit</span>
2 & 3.6.22	May Day (re-assigned from 2.5.22) and Queen's Platinum Jubilee
8.6.22	Primary 7 School Show, 7pm
<span style="background-color: yellow;">8.6.22</span>	Primary 1 and 2 parents tour of the school
9.6.22	Sports Day New P1 Parents' Evening
10.6.22	Assembly, P1C
<span style="background-color: yellow;">15 &amp; 16.6.22</span>	New P1 Visits
15 - 17.6.22	P7 – 3 day academy visit
21.6.22	Sports Day (if original postponed due to adverse weather)
<span style="background-color: yellow;">23.6.22</span>	P1-2 Den Building, pm
24.6.22	Meet the Teacher pm
W/C 27.6.22	P7 treat this week
29.6.22	Volunteers' Afternoon Tea
<span style="background-color: yellow;">30.6.22</span>	Primary 7 Leavers' Assembly, pm
1.7.22	End of term assembly, including Rodolphe Kowale, 9.45am



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