
Portsoy Primary NEWSLETTER



Aird Street, Portsoy AB45 2RB

January 2016

Welcome to the January newsletter and the start of another busy term at Portsoy Primary.

Adverse Weather Arrangements

Please keep the following information to hand.

School Information Line – Tel: 0870 054 4999, Pin No: 02 2460.

Aberdeenshire website: www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/closures



School closures out-with school time will be notified online using the authority website and the telephone message system. Please check these first before sending your child to school. If staff have access to the school building and it is possible to do so, then this message will also be backed up with a message on the text alert system.

We will endeavour to have a message regarding school closures on the system before 8.00 am. However, due to circumstances out-with our control, this is not always possible.



Head Lice

Most schools and nurseries are likely to have a few children with head lice at any one time. When notified of this the school will send out an alert letter. Please do not treat your child as a preventative as this is neither effective nor advised. It is very important that parents inform the school when they find eggs or lice in their child's head. If children in school are seen to have live lice in their hair then parents will be contacted and asked to take their child home for treatment.

Please be aware that it is parents' responsibility to check **all family members'** heads on a daily basis when they have been notified of head lice in the school. More information can be found at www.healthscotland.com.

Christmas Raffle and Collection

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Christmas performance. The silver collection raised £133.90 which will go to the Archie Foundation. The raffle total of £537 will go to school funds. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Late Arrivals

There are a growing number of children arriving late on a regular basis. We fully understand that there may be unavoidable circumstances which result in children arriving late to school. However regularly arriving late for the beginning of class lessons will begin to have an impact on learning and teaching. Please be aware that along with attendance, late arrivals are also recorded on the authority's absence recording system.



Staffing

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Scott as a full time permanent member of the school team. Mrs Scott begins her permanent contract with the school from the beginning of this term and will continue to teach in P6/7 for the remainder of the session.

Boat Building

The boat building project is under way this term for P6 pupils. The sessions will take place in the school hall which is a fantastic opportunity for other children in the school to see what the project involves.



Street Dance Taster Sessions

Active Schools have offered Street Dance sessions for children in the school in the hope that they will sign up for the after school club sessions. The taster sessions take place on the morning of Wednesday 20th January.

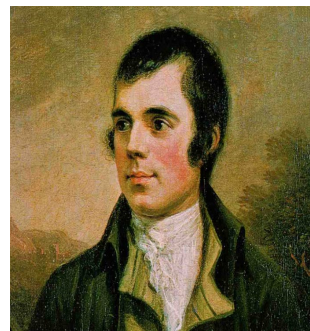
Step Up With Enterprise

As part of the P7 – S1 transition programme P7 will take part in an enterprise day at Banff Academy on Friday 29th January. As well as having the opportunity to work in the Academy, the children will also meet some Banff Academy teachers and other P7 children from neighbouring schools. More information to follow soon.

Class Themes

This term classes will be learning through the following themes.

Nursery	Ourselves
P1	Castles
P1/2	Castles
P2/3	The Celts and Romans
P4	The Celts
P5/6	Ancient Scotland
P6/7	Famous Scots



Burns Celebration

P5/6 and P6/7 are currently working together to prepare a Burns celebration for their parents and carers to attend on the morning of Monday 25th January. The celebration will include recitals, music, dance and lots more. Information from P5/6 and P6/7 to follow soon.



Canteen Lunch – Burns

On Monday 25th January the canteen will be serving a traditional Burns lunch of haggis, neeps and tatties or mince. Please be aware that there will be no cold option that day.

Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting takes place on Tuesday 19th January 2016 at 6.30 pm in the school.

Diary Dates

FEBRUARY

Friday 12 th	School Closed - Occasional Day Holiday
Monday 15 th	School Closed - Occasional Day Holiday
Tuesday 16 th	School Closed - In-service
Wednesday 17 th	School Closed - In-service

MARCH

Friday 25 th	School Closed – Good Friday
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APRIL

Friday 1 st	Last Day of Term
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