
Portsoy Primary NEWSLETTER



Aird Street, Portsoy AB45 2RB

March 2016

Welcome to the March newsletter and hopefully the first signs of Spring!

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 on-line 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

Head lice is a very frustrating problem. Please be assured that the school is doing everything it can to address this by following the authority and health service guidelines.

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 parent's 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.



School Car Park

The fencing between the car park and the main playground next to the monkey bars has recently been renewed. Children should not be encouraged to climb the fence to meet parents/carers in the car park. Parents should wait for their children in the area outside the main door to accompany their children into the car park. Thank you for your co-operation.

Education Scotland – Follow Through Inspection February 2016

Education Scotland inspection team were in school from Wednesday 17th February until the morning of Friday 19th February to see the progress the school has made since their last inspection in December 2015.

A full report from Education Scotland will be shared with parents within four to six weeks of the visit. In general, the inspection team were pleased with the progress the school has made and will not be returning for another follow through inspection. The authority will provide a progress report for Education Scotland in one year's time.

Staffing

We welcome Mrs Cheale who is currently covering the Additional Support for Learning teacher role in the school. Mrs Cheale will be in school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

All Nurseries in Aberdeenshire will have Early Years Lead Practitioners who will be responsible for leading the delivery of Early Learning and Childcare with support and guidance from the Early Years Principal Teacher for the Banff Cluster. In Portsoy nursery we are pleased to say that following the interview process, Mrs Alexander was appointed to the role of Early Years Lead Practitioner.

Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO)

June Andrews will meet with members of the school travel group to support them in setting up a Road Safety Group in the school. Members of this group will be responsible for the promotion of road safety initiatives within the school. We look forward to finding out more

Author Event

This event will take place in the school on Friday 11th March at the school. P1 - P3 will be working with McNicol and Jackson who write Badger the Mystical Mutt books and P4 – P7 will be working with Barry Hutcheson who is well known for writing Ben Ten books. We would like to thank Moira from the library for organising this event.



Moray Music Festival

Children in P2/3 have been working very hard on their country dancing skills this term and will be competing at the Moray Music Festival on Monday 14th March. The children will be taking part in three dances and will be competing against other primary school children from Moray and Aberdeenshire. We would like to thank Anne McArthur for supporting the class with their dancing this term and we wish our teams the best of luck.



Rotary Quiz

The Rotary Quiz takes place on Tuesday 15th March at Banff Primary. Portsoy School will be putting forward a team from the P6/7 class. We wish them good luck!

School Lunch On-line Payments

Aberdeenshire Council is introducing on-line payments to schools to provide parents and carers with the convenience of making on-line payment for initially, school dinners. This will take place from March 14th for Portsoy. Prior to that date you will receive a letter from school detailing what you require to do and how to register to make an on-line payment.

Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting takes place on Tuesday 26th April at 6.30 pm at Portsoy Primary.

Diary Dates

MARCH

Friday 25th

School Closed – Good Friday

APRIL

Friday 1st

Last Day of Term

Monday 18th

First Day of New Term