
Portsoy Primary NEWSLETTER



Aird Street, Portsoy AB45 2RB

November 2014

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a good break and are refreshed and ready for another busy term!

Parent Appointments – 13th November

Parent appointment letters have been issued. Thank you to the parents who have returned the slips indicating their preference for an early or late appointment. Exact times will be issued shortly.

Nursery Parent Appointments – 12th & 13th November

Nursery parent appointments will take place on Wed 12th and Thurs 13th November. Parent appointment times have been displayed in the Nursery. Parents are asked to write their name next to a suitable time.

Parking/Road Safety

The School Travel group have been discussing safety issues and parking around the school. They have identified a safety issue around the number of cars parking in Chapel Street at 3.00pm. The group will be trialling different ways of making this area safer for children leaving the school grounds at 3.00pm.

With support from the Police the group will initially be placing parking cones around certain areas of the school. We hope you will all support the School Travel Group in this initiative.



Improving the Outdoor Learning Space at Portsoy.

Classes have been putting their heads together to improve the outdoor space at Portsoy Primary. Through making contact with a variety of community groups and individuals, P7 have arranged for tyres to be made into attractive planters.

The class would particularly like to thank the following people and groups for their ongoing support:

- Portsoy Past & Present
- Aberdeenshire Council workmen
- Mrs Mathieson
- 75 Club
- Parents (paint donations)

We look forward to seeing the planters brighten up the playground soon.

Road Safety Magic Show

P1, P2 and P3 attended a Road Safety Magic show on Friday afternoon at Whitehills Primary School. The show reminded children about being safe around traffic in the local community in a very fun and active way.

Banff Academy Work Experience

We will be joined by 3 Banff Academy pupils who would like to spend time in school as part of their work experience programme. Robbie Reid, Iona Rayne and Kaitlyne Hill will be starting on Monday, 3rd November. We hope they enjoy their experience at Portsoy Primary.

Tempest Photos

Individual and family photos will be taken by Tempest Photographers on Tuesday, 4th November.



Remembrance Day – Poppies

This week, as part of Remembrance Day children will be able to make a donation for a poppy. P6/7 children will have the responsibility of going round the classes to give the children the opportunity to donate towards this cause.

Flu Vaccinations

Most flu vaccination letters have been returned. Vaccinations will take place on Tuesday 11th November. If you haven't returned your form please do so as soon as possible.

Children In Need Day

Children In Need takes place on Friday, 14th November. The Enterprise Group have discussed how the school can support this charity. The theme this year is Super Heroes, however, the Enterprise group have decided that children can pay £1 to have a non-uniform day. (This can include dressing up as a Super Hero if they wish.)



In-Service Days

Staff will be taking part in a series of in-service training days on the 17th, 18th and 19th of November.

Training and development for staff at Portsoy Primary will focus on Tracking, Monitoring & Reporting and Writing.

Rights Respecting Schools

Portsoy Primary School has recently gained its Record of Commitment (ROC) which means as a school we are working towards embedding the Rights Respecting Schools initiative across the school from Nursery to P7. Please take the time to ask your child what they know about being a Rights Respecting School.

Book Week Scotland 24th – 30th November

This November, Bookbug is giving every Primary 1 child in Scotland a free pack of books and resources to help them get involved in the Scottish Children's Book Awards. The pack aims to encourage parents and children to have fun reading together at home. Book packs will be distributed during week beginning 24th November.

Rugby

Last term P3 children attended the Rugby Festival at Duff House Grounds. Two teams played a series of games throughout the morning. Once the scores had been totalled Portsoy Primary were the overall winners!!! A massive well done to the winning team who received a goody bag from Active Schools.

A big thank you must go to the Active Schools co-ordinators and to the parent helpers who came along and supported the class.



Christmas Card Project

Thank you very much for your orders for this fundraising project. The Christmas cards were sent to the printers during the October break and have now been distributed.

Newsletter via Email

Thank you to the parents who have responded and requested they receive their Newsletter by email. The group email is currently being set up and will be in place for the December Newsletter.

Text Alert

Due the recent power cut and the implication of having no phones/internet it meant making contact with parents very difficult.

The text alert system would mean sending only one message which would go to all mobile numbers notifying parents/carers of the closure. A letter has been distributed. Please return the reply slip as soon as possible.

This system of communication would initially be used for emergency closures. Only following consultation with parents would it be used for other means of communication.



Dogs in School Grounds

Can parents and carers who walk to school with their children and dogs please ensure their dogs are not left tied up or unsupervised at any time. Thank you.

Canteen – Fish

There has recently been a change to the fish supplier for the canteen. This is short term and will return to the original supplier in due course. Apologies for this but it is out-with the canteen's control.

Parent Support Group

A big thank you to everyone who supported the fashion show. It raised approximately £1000 which will go towards buying netbooks (mini laptops) for the school.

Tues 4th Nov
Sat 22nd Nov

Next PSG Meeting at Portsoy School, 6.30pm
Christmas Fayre at Portsoy School, 10.00am – 1.00pm

Nursery Parent Forum

The Nursery Parent Forum recently held a Cup Cake Tea on the 11th October. They raised a fantastic £884.20!!

The Nursery teacher and the Parent Forum have met recently to decide how the money will be spent. More info to follow.

Diary Dates

November

Tues, 4th **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**
Tues 11th **FLU VACCINATIONS**
Wed, 12th **NURSERY PARENT APPOINTMENTS (PM SESSION)**
Thurs, 13th **SCHOOL PARENT APPOINTMENTS**
 NURSERY PARENT APPOINTMENTS (AM SESSION)
Mon, 17th **IN SERVICE DAY**
Tues, 18th **IN SERVICE DAY**
Wed, 19th **IN SERVICE DAY**
Sat, 22nd **PSG CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

December

Wed, 10th **CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE, 6.30 pm**
Thurs, 11th **CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE, 1.15 pm**
Fri, 12th **P1 & P2 CHRISTMAS PARTY**
Tues, 16th **P3 & P4 CHRISTMAS PARTY**
Wed, 17th **NURSERY CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE (AM & PM)**
Thurs, 18th **NURSERY CHRISTMAS PARTY**
Fri 19th **P5, P6 & P7 CHRISTMAS PARTY**
Fri, 19th **LAST DAY OF TERM**

January 2015

Mon, 5th **FIRST DAY OF NEW TERM**

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