



First Class



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In the event of bad weather (usually snow) we ask all parents to phone the
School Information Service on 08700544999 Pin 021990
Aberdeenshire Website <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/closures>
You can also check on Twitter <http://twitter.com/aberdeenshire>

**IF THE WEATHER IS BAD AND YOU ARE UNSURE IF THE SCHOOL WILL BE OPEN OR NOT,
DO NOT PHONE THE SCHOOL**

THE REASONS FOR THIS ARE AS FOLLOWS.....

WE MAY BE TRYING USE THE PHONELINES TO ASCERTAIN WHERE STAFF ARE ON THEIR JOURNEY, MAKE EMERGENCY CALLS, MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE JANITOR TO CLEAR SNOW, PHONE COMPANIES/BUILDING SERVICES IN THE EVENT OF HEATING/PLUMBING ISSUES. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE TO CONSULT WITH OTHER SCHOOLS ABOUT OPENING OR CLOSING. FOR EXAMPLE IF KEMNAY PRIMARY IS CLOSED, WE HAVE TO CLOSE TO AS THEY PROVIDE US WITH THE MEALS. WE WILL ALSO HAVE TO PHONE THE PRIVATE NURSERIES PROVIDING BEFORE SCHOOL CARE.

WE WILL ALWAYS TRY TO PUT A CLOSURE ON THE PHONELINE AND WEBSITE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

IF YOU LIVE IN A RURAL AREA AND YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN CANNOT MAKE IT IN PLEASE EMAIL US HERE AT THE SCHOOL
CHILDREN TAKING SCHOOL TRANSPORT WILL BE NOTIFIED THAT THEIR TRANSPORT IS NOT RUNNING.



Free School Meals for All P1 to P3

Pupils

From Monday 5 January 2015 all primary 1 to primary 3 pupils will be entitled to Free School Meals in all of Aberdeenshire's Primary Schools.

Lunch tickets will no longer be required for these pupils and parents and guardians of primary 1 to primary 3 pupils are advised to ensure that any tickets they have purchased should be used before the end of this current term as refunds cannot be made for any unused tickets.

For parents or guardians of pupils that have not previously taken lunch in school the current primary school menu cycle and information on primary school meals can be viewed on the school catering web pages at:

http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/school_meals/primary.asp

Lunch tickets will still require to be purchased for pupils in primary 4 to primary 7 unless pupils are entitled to Free School Meals.



Upcoming Events

12.11.14 P3S Class Assembly

12.11.14 – Parent Council

13.11.14 – Parents' Evening

14.11.14 3M and 7T Community Café

17.11.14-19.11.14 - In-Service Days

20.11.14 – Parents' Evening

20.11.14-21.11.14 – Flu Vaccinations

Please note that there are three in-service days this November. Lucky teachers!!!!

Make sure your children are on time in the morning

1. They should have everything they need for the day including packed lunch boxes, tickets and PE kits etc.
2. Ensure your child knows the after school arrangements.
3. When phoning please leave your name and number and someone will try to get back to you ASAP

Aberdeen Endowments Trust

There is an Open Morning taking place at Robert Gordon's College on Saturday the 8th of November from 9.30-12.30pm. Fully Funded and Partially Funded places are available. The entrance Exam is to be held on Saturday the 17th January 2015.

Applications forms for the exam are available from the college.

Flu Season

This is a gentle reminder that all flu vaccination consent forms should be returned to us by 12.11.14. We are unable to vaccinate any children returning forms after this date.

Community Café

This term, our first community Café will be on 14.11.14 and the classes will be raising funds for some storage for scooters at the front of the school. 'Scooting' to school is proving to be really popular going by the number of scooters lying around the school entrance. The storage is in the form of a small pod to ensure the scooters are stored safely. On Friday, all pupils will be given the opportunity to win either a scooter or 'Scoot' the teddy by guessing the weight of the scooter and guessing the dog's birthday. This will be £1 for each guess. If your child would like to participate please bring the correct money to school.



Eco Schools

The construction of the bottle greenhouse is now complete and it looks super! Thank you for all the bottles. We now need approximately 4mx4m poly tunnelling to make it water tight. We also need bubble wrap for insulation and chicken wire to make it stronger. If you have any of the above which you are willing to donate we would be very grateful.

Thank you, The Eco Committee

First Class News Letters

These will be emailed out to families and will also be on the Website. In addition to this, the current First Class will be displayed on the noticeboard in main entrance.

If you are not receiving the email, please let the office know.

They do not need to be printed at home. Any reply slips that you need to return to school will be sent home on paper to ensure we always get these back to us.

We are trying to keep out photocopying to a minimum. If you receive a paper copy of the newsletter but could have it emailed remember to let us know.

Parents' Evening

We have Parents' Evening on the 13th and 20th of November. All returned slips were allocated appointments and all were given their preferred time and day. The children should now have their slips with their exact times in their bags.

If you opted not to return the slip or did not want to see the teacher, there will be another opportunity next year. There are a limited amount of slots left on both evenings. If you want an appointment but haven't taken any action, please write a note to your teacher and he/she will see what she can do.

Please arrive through the main door for Parents' Evening. There will be a Fairtrade stall and House Captains to welcome you. We will also lay out the collection of lost property we have.

The appointments are in 10 minute slots. A bell will indicate the end of the slot. Please keep to the time. Unfortunately we cannot allow parents to swap their appointments.

All our rooms are being used. The Senior Management will be in the building and will be available to chat informally to parents throughout the evening.

Room Allocation

Infant Room 1- P1S – Mrs Smith
Infant Room 2 – P1G – Mrs Gibb
Infant Room 3 – P1M – Miss McDermott
Room 1- P2C – Miss Carr
Room2 – P2H – Miss Hay
Room3 – P3S – Mrs Stannard
Room4 – P3M – Mrs Morrison
Performance Room 5 – P6/5 – Miss Finch
Room 6 - P3R – Miss Singer
Room7 – P4M – Mr Madden
Room 8 – P4G – Mrs Garden/Mrs McLaren
Staffroom – P6D – Miss Dalgarno
Library – P5M – Mrs Milne
HT Office - P7T – Miss Tocher
DHT Office – P7M – Miss Morrison
Pod 2 – SFL Mrs Keith and Mrs Clark

Mathletics 'Drop-in'

For Parents and pupils on Tuesday the 25th of November 4.30-5.30pm all welcome.

In Primary 3R Room 6.