

Auchterellon Primary School

Newsletter - November 2018



REMEMBRANCE DAY OBSERVATION

We will hold a minute silence at 11am on Friday 9th November 2018. We will be selling poppies from today and all this week. If you wish your child / children to buy a poppy please give them a donation to take to school.



CHILDREN IN NEED 2018

From Thursday 8th November we are selling

- Pudsey Keyrings @£3.00
- Pudsey Ears @£2.50
- Blush Ears @£2.50
- Pudsey wristbands @ £1.00



Pupil Council are running design a new T-Shirt Competition. On **Friday 16th November** is dress in yellow/Pudsey clothing for a £1 donation.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **November In-Service** - School is closed to pupils on **Monday 12th** and **Tuesday November 13th**
- **Thursday 15th November** - Shopping Evening 7-9pm in School Hall
- **Saturday 17th November** – Ellon Christmas Lights switch on.
- **Thursday 22nd November 2017**
Interim School Reports out to Parents.
- **Friday 30th November 2018** - St Andrew's Day
Please wear a 'Touch of Tartan'
- **Saturday 1st December 2018**
Christmas Fair 12 -2pm



Primary 7 have added 2 dates to the Christmas Diary. (See Next page)



PARENT COUNCIL

The next meeting will be on Friday 9th November 18 at 1.30pm in Staff Room.

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Please do not park on the zigzags outside the school. We have had a number of 'near miss' accidents recently with up to six cars parked on zig zags and children exiting cars onto the road side. Please use the car park behind the school.



Adverse Weather/Emergency Closure

With winter fast approaching, may I remind you of the procedure should it be necessary to close the school due to adverse weather.

The School Information Service number is **0370 054 4999** and the PIN number is **02 1250**

The Council website has a section on school closures. You can subscribe to the feed and automatically be sent an email when the school status is changed.

<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/schools-closures/>

- It is always my intention to keep the school open if at all possible. Sometimes, this means a delayed start and / or early finish to allow staff from outlying areas time to travel safely.
- I try to announce any changes to the school day the night before or before 7.30am on the day. Please keep your mobile switched on at these times.
- Any decision on school transport is taken by the bus companies, in consultation with myself. If transport is not running, parents are welcome to bring their children to school if they feel it is safe to do so and they are in a position to collect them at the end of the day, or earlier if required. ***Please be aware that if the buses DO NOT run in the morning, they WILL NOT run in the afternoon either.***
- Similarly, the decision on whether before / after school clubs are operating is taken by Caroline and her staff. However, if the school is open, then OoSC is usually operating too.
- Updates are posted on the Council website and the phone line, please check these regularly. The school text service only operates during school hours as messages are sent from the office computer.

Emergency Closure

If the school has to close during the day for any emergency, parents are sent a text to alert them and a message is posted on the Aberdeenshire Council website. In these circumstances, pupils need to be collected from the school by an adult.

It is essential that the school office has up to date information on mobile phone numbers and who the main contact person is.

Yours sincerely

Morag McGowan
Head Teacher



Christmas Dates

December 2018 - Updated



Nursery will confirm their own arrangements

Date	Class / Classes	Event	Times
Thursday 15 th Nov	-	Shopping Evening	7- 9pm
Saturday 1 st	Whole School	Christmas Fair	12 noon – 2pm
Monday 3 rd	←—————	Practice Day	—————→
Tuesday 4 th	←—————	Practice Day	—————→
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Wednesday 5 th	P1K / P2/1D / P3LB	Performance 1	9.30 – 10.30
	P1M / P2FG / P3/2M	Performance 2	11.15 – 12.15
Thursday 6 th	P4M / P5B / P6/7W / P7W	Performance 1	9.30 – 11.15
	P4J / P5MB / P6J / P7C	Performance 2	1.30 – 2.45
Monday 10 th	Whole School	Pantomime	PM
Thursday 13 th	P6	Party	1.30 – 3.15
Friday 14 th	P5	Party	1.30 – 3.15
Monday 17 th	P3	Party	1.30 – 3.15
	Nursery B	Party	AM
	P7's	Visit to Ellon Cinema	PM
Tuesday 18 th	P4	Party	1.30 – 3.15
	Nursery A	Party	AM
Wednesday 19 th	P2	Party	1.30 – 3.15
	P7	Party	AM
Thursday 20 th	Whole School	Assembly (t.b.c.)	9.30 – 10.15
	P1	Party	1.30 – 3.15
Friday 21 st	P1 - P7	Christmas Lunch	12 noon – 1.30



