



# Clerkhill School Newsletter

## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017

### Our School Motto - "Inspire - Believe - Work Hard - Achieve"

#### ADVERSE WEATHER CONTACT DETAILS

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

Aberdeenshire Information Line: 0370 054 4999

Clerkhill Pin number: 02 14 70

#### Dates for your Diary

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	School Re-Opens at 9am		Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2018 Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Fluoride Varnish Programme
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	P1 Enrolments		Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2018	J-Rock competition at AECC
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2018	Nursery Enrolments		Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	J-Rock Celebration Evening (7pm)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	6:00pm - PSA Meeting 7:00pm - Parent Council Meeting		Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	School closes at 3pm for Easter Holidays
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Clerkhill Scot's Night			
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	P1 & P7 Dental Screening		Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	School re-opens at 9am
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> & Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	School Closed for Mid term break		Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed for May Day
			Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May (TBC)	Parents' Evening (3:30 - 5:00 / 6:00 - 8:00)
			Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	P7 Edinburgh Residential Trip
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	School closed for In Service Training		Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	School closed for Local Holiday
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Dyslexia Information Evening for Parents at Clerkhill School (7pm)		Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	School Summer Fayre (12-4)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Nursery, P1 & P7 Class Photos		Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day P4-7 - 9:30am P1-3 - 1:30pm
			Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Open Afternoon
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Curriculum Evening for Parents (7pm)		Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Academy Transition Days
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Open Afternoon (1:45 - 2:45)		Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	School finishes for summer break at 3pm

#### Christmas Concert Donations



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- Our Christmas Concert donations this year raised £1038. This money will be split between School Funds, The Salvation Army and the charity McMemory Maker (a local charity which supports families dealing with terminal illness). Donations from our Nursery concerts totalled £195.47. This will be given to the Neo Natal Unit.

Thanks are extended to all parents and friends for their generous donations



### Christmas Activities

December is always a VERY busy time of year in school. Both pupils and staff have worked extremely hard this term to make our Christmas events very successful. The Christmas Concerts which were held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup>, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December were a huge success and gratefully received by all who attended. We certainly have a few budding performers in our midst! The children put on an outstanding show for their audience each day.

### Christmas Fayre

Our PSA organised a fabulous Christmas Fayre which took place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November. The amazing total of £7200 was raised on the day. Grateful thanks are extended to anyone who supported our school in any way in relation to our Fayre. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Our PSA provide invaluable support for our school and we appreciate all the hard work done by our PSA members over this session. Thank you!

### ADVERSE WEATHER ARRANGEMENTS

As we approach the winter months, we need to think about procedures for possible School Closures during adverse weather. In the event of adverse weather, information regarding school closure / partial closure / changes to school transport arrangements can be found on the website below or by dialling the Aberdeenshire Information Line (number noted below). **Please note:** You will need to enter the Clerkhill Pin Number to hear information recorded on the Aberdeenshire Information Line.

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Burnhaven Pin number: 02 14 70

### Wet Weather Information (Reminder)

Should the weather be inclement in the morning, playground doors will be opened at 8.45am to allow children to shelter from the rain. However, on such days, parents should  try to take children to school as close to 9:00am as possible.

It is at the Head Teacher's discretion that the doors are opened prior to 9:00am on days when the weather is bad. Acceptable standards of behaviour are expected at these times.

If the weather is inclement at lunchtimes, children who are returning from home dinners should return to school **no more than five minutes before the bell**. On their return to school, pupils should enter via the main door as individual playground doors will not be open.



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Again, an acceptable standard of behaviour is expected at these times.

It is also important that children are dressed appropriately with warm clothes and a cosy jacket for the winter weather as the playground can be a very chilly place!

#### **Contact Details**

It is vitally important that we have the most up to date contact details for all parents, held in school. Should you move house or change phone number, please inform the office immediately so your details can be changed on our systems. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

#### **Parent Council and PSA**

Our next Fundraising Group meeting will be held at Clerkhill School (in the staffroom) on Thursday 18th January at 6:00pm, with the Parent Council Meeting taking place at 7:00pm. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our PSA group for all their hard work this year as they continue to support Clerkhill School in many, many ways.

#### **Choir**

As you already know, we have a fantastic choir at Clerkhill who are very well known in the Peterhead Community for their outstanding performances. Our Choir have been "out and about" in the local community over the Festive Period.

The choir also entertained members of the Peterhead Community on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November when they sang in Drummers Corner at the Light Up Peterhead afternoon celebrations as well as entertaining a packed hall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at "Clerkhill Choir's Christmas Concert".

Well done to all involved in the Clerkhill Choir and a particular thank you is extended to Mrs Miller and Miss Cowie for their ongoing work and commitment to make the choir the success it is.

As we approach the end of another very busy year I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at Clerkhill School for their hard work and commitment over the past year - I feel honoured to be part of such a hardworking, supportive team. I would also like to thank parents and carers for their tremendous support over 2017 and wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Regards,  
Ann-Louise Murray  
Head Teacher

