



Clerkhill School Newsletter

Tuesday 20th December 2016

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

ADVERSE WEATHER CONTACT DETAILS

Aberdeenshire Council Website: www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/closures

Aberdeenshire Information Line: 0870 054 4999

Clerkhill Pin number: 02 14 70

Dates for your Diary			
Thursday 5 th January 2016	School Re-Opens at 9am		
Tuesday 31 st January	P1 & P7 Dental Screening	Sunday 26 th March	J-Rock competition at AECC
		Friday 31 st March	School closes at 3pm for Easter Holidays
Monday 9 th - Friday 13 th January	P1 enrolments	Tuesday 28 th February, Thursday 2 nd March, Monday 6 th , Tues 7 th March & Thursday 9 th March	Fluoride varnish Programme
Monday 23 rd January - Friday 3 rd February	Nursery enrolments	Monday 17 th April	School closed for Easter Monday
Thursday 12 th January	PSA (Fundraising Meeting) - 6pm	Tuesday 18 th April	School re-opens at 9am
	Parent Council Meeting - 7pm	Monday 1 st May	School closed for May Day
		Thursday 4 th May	School Closed for Local Elections
Monday 6 th February @ 7pm	Clerkhill's Got Talent	Monday 8 th May - Thursday 11 th May (Please note change of dates)	P7 Residential Trip to Edinburgh
Friday 10 th & Monday 13 th February	School Closed for Mid-Term break	Monday 5 th June	School closed for Local Holiday
		Wednesday 21 st , Thursday 22 nd & Friday 23 rd June	P7 Academy Transition Days
Tuesday 14 th & Wednesday 15 th February	School closed for In Service Training		
Tuesday 14 th March @7pm	Curriculum Evening for Parents (Big Hall)		

Christmas Concert Donations

- Our Christmas Concert donations this year raised £1782. This money will be split between School Funds and the charity Clan

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 Thursday 8th and Friday 9th December were a





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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 26th November. The amazing total of £4668.75 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 which has been 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.

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 12th January at 6:00pm, with the Parent Council Meeting taking place at 7:00pm. I would like to



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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.

Miss Massie

We shall say "Bon Voyage" to Miss Massie on Wednesday 21st December as she leaves Clerkhill School to embark on new life in Spain. We wish Miss Massie well in her new adventure and thank her for all the dedication she has shown to Clerkhill School over her years of service with us. Interviews took place last week and I am delighted to announce that Miss Faye Cowie will be joining the teaching team here at Clerkhill. A start date has yet to be agreed upon.

Depute Head Teacher Post (One Day per Week)

Congratulations are extended to Mrs Elaine Macintosh who, following interview last week, was successfully appointed to the post of Depute Head Teacher (one day per week) her at Clerkhill. Mrs Macintosh will start DHT duties following the Christmas break.

Extra - Curricular Activities

Science Club

The Science Club meet after school every Tuesday. This term the Science Club have been learning working on completing the **Flood Emergency Challenge** set by the Young Engineers and Science Clubs.

We are also starting to plan our entry for the **Construct a Crane** competition.



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 Friday 25th November when they sang in





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Drummers Corner at the Light Up Peterhead evening celebrations. Throughout last week the choir were also out and about entertaining local folks at the Community Hospital, Grange Park Care Home, Strawberry Bank and Asda Supermarket.

Lastly, they entertained the school community beautifully on Wednesday 14th December at their "Christmas Carol Sing-along", making us all feel very festive! Participating in the choir, enables our pupils to develop many performance skills and to grow in confidence. It is also an effective way for us, as a school, to give a little something back to the local community.

Well done to all involved in the Clerkhill Choir and a particular thank you is extended to Mrs Gardiner and Mrs Miller 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 fell honoured to be part of such a hardworking, supportive team. I would also like to thank parents and carers for their tremendous support over 2016 and wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Regards,
Ann-Louise Murray
Head Teacher

