



# Clerkhill School Newsletter

## Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018

### 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 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	School Re-Opens at 9am		Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Term 4 starts at 9am
			Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	P7 Edinburgh Trip Meeting (6:30pm)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	P1 Enrolments		Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	School closed for Good Friday
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> January - Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2019 TBC	Nursery Enrolments		Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2019	J Rock Celebration Evening (7pm)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	6:00pm - PSA Meeting 7:00pm - Parent Council Meeting		Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	6:00pm - PSA Meeting 7:00pm - Parent Council Meeting
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> & Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	School closed for Mid Term		Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	School closed for May Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	School closed for In-Service Training		Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May (TBC)	Parents' Evening (3:30 - 5:00 / 6:00 - 8:00)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	P7 & P1 Dental Screening		Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	School Summer Fayre (12 - 4)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2019	Clerkhill Got Talent		Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May - Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	P7 Edinburgh Residential Trip
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Curriculum Evening for parents - 7pm		Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Local Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
4 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Childsmile		Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Open Afternoon (1:45 - 2:45)
			Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
			Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June - 7pm	P7 Show
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	P1 & P7 Class Photos		Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Academy Transition Days
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Open Afternoon (1:45 - 2:45)		Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	School Discos
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	J Rock Competition at AECC  School closes at 3pm for Easter break		Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	School finishes for summer break at 3pm



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### Christmas Concert Donations

- Our Christmas Concert donations this year raised over £1200. This money will be split between The Salvation Army, Shirley's Space and Grampian Child Bereavement Network. Donations from our Nursery concerts totalled £258.22. This will be given to the Anchor 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 7<sup>th</sup>, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 11<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 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Over £5000 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! The Committee have been working hard this year to raise funds for some new playground equipment for our pupils. A new "trim trail" is currently being installed on our school field.

### 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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### 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. I would also encourage you to download the Xpressions App if you haven't already done so. This is now our primary means of communication with parents and many important pieces of information are communicated via this App. Should you require any help getting this set up please do not hesitate to contact the ladies in the office who will be more than happy to help you get set up.

### New Offices

As you will probably be aware, our offices have been refurbished. In order to ensure our pupils' safety, we have had new secure internal doors installed. I would therefore request that all parents or visitors to school report to the main school reception upon arrival at school and sign in if required. All visitors will then be issued with a visitor badge. Could I please request that parents do not enter school via any other entrance other than the main one.

### Parent Council and PSA

Our next Fundraising Group meeting will be held at Clerkhill School (in the staffroom) on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 24<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 18<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 Sime and Miss Porter 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 2018 and wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Regards,  
Ann-Louise Murray





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Head Teacher