



Clerkhill School Newsletter

Thursday 20th 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

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| Monday 7 th January 2019 | School Re-Opens at 9am | | Monday 15 th April 2019 | Term 4 starts at 9am |
| | | | Thursday 18 th April 2019 | P7 Edinburgh Trip Meeting (6:30pm) |
| Monday 14 th - Friday 18 th January 2019 | P1 Enrolments | | Friday 19 th April 2019 | School closed for Good Friday |
| Monday 21 st January - Friday 1 st February 2019 TBC | Nursery Enrolments | | Monday 22 nd April 2019 | J Rock Celebration Evening (7pm) |
| Thursday 17 th January 2019 | 6:00pm - PSA Meeting 7:00pm - Parent Council Meeting | | Thursday 25 th April 2019 | 6:00pm - PSA Meeting 7:00pm - Parent Council Meeting |
| Friday 8 th & Monday 11 th February 2019 | School closed for Mid Term | | Monday 6 th May 2019 | School closed for May Day |
| Tuesday 12 th & Wednesday 13 th February 2019 | School closed for In-Service Training | | Tuesday 7 th May (TBC) | Parents' Evening (3:30 - 5:00 / 6:00 - 8:00) |
| Thursday 7 th & Thursday 14 th February 2019 | P7 & P1 Dental Screening | | Saturday 11 th May | School Summer Fayre (12 - 4) |
| Thursday 21 st February 2019 | Clerkhill Got Talent | | Monday 27 th May - Thurs 30 th May 2019 | P7 Edinburgh Residential Trip |
| Thursday 28 th February 2019 | Curriculum Evening for parents - 7pm | | Monday 3 rd June | Local Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED |
| 4 th , 6 th , 7 th , 11 th , 12 th & 13 th March | Childsmile | | Friday 7 th June | Open Afternoon (1:45 - 2:45) |
| | | | Tuesday 11 th June | Sports Day |
| | | | Tuesday 25 th June - 7pm | P7 Show |
| Thursday 14 th March | P1 & P7 Class Photos | | Wednesday 26 th , Thursday 27 th & Friday 28 th June | P7 Academy Transition Days |
| Friday 15 th March 2019 | Open Afternoon (1:45 - 2:45) | | Thursday 27 th June 2019 | School Discos |
| Friday 29 th March 2019 | J Rock Competition at AECC School closes at 3pm for Easter break | | Friday 5 th 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 7th, Monday 10th & Tuesday 11th 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 3rd 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 17th 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 24th November when they sang in Drummers Corner at the Light Up Peterhead afternoon celebrations as well as entertaining a packed hall on Tuesday 18th 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