



# Clerkhill School Newsletter

## December 2022



Our School Motto: "Reach Up"

Our School Values: Respect-Effort-Aim High-Care & Nurture  
Honesty-Understanding-Perseverance

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Term 3 starts at 9:00am		Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Term 4 starts at 9:00pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Potential Strike Action by teaching staff (TBC)		Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	P7 Dalguise trip leaves
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Parent Council and Fundraising Meeting (6:00pm)		Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	P7 Dalguise trip returns
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Potential Strike Action by teaching staff		Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Parent Council and Fundraising Meeting (6:00pm)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Clerkhill Talent Show (7:00pm)		Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR MAY DAY
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February & Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR MID TERM BREAK		Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	School Fayre
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF INSET TRAINING		Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Sports Day P4-7 - 9:30am P1-3 - 11:15am
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2023	Parent Evening (3:15pm - 5:00pm & 6:00pm - 8:00pm)		Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2023	Alternative Sports Day (only if required)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023	Parent Evening (3:15pm - 5:00pm)		Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PETERHEAD CLUSTER OCCASIONAL DAY
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Bingo Tea (7:00pm)		Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Open Afternoon (2:00pm - 2:45pm & 3:15pm - 4:00pm) & issuing of reports
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Term 3 finishes at 3:00pm		Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	P1 - Shorts and Shades Disco (3:45pm - 4:45pm)
			Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023	Shorts and Shades Discos P2 & P3 - 3:45pm - 5:00pm P4 & P5 - 6:00pm - 7:15pm P6 & P7 - 7:30pm - 8:45pm
			Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Health Week / Walk to School Week
			Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	P7 Show (7:00pm)



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		Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	P7 Transition Days
		Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Moving up morning for P1-6 pupils
		Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	P7 Leavers' Assembly (9:30am) and piped procession (2:30pm)
		Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Session 2022 - 2023 finishes at 3:00pm

### Christmas Activities

December is always a VERY busy time of year in school. This year has, thankfully, been more normal than in 2021 and 2020!



The children all enjoyed a delicious Christmas Dinner provided by our wonderful Catering Team on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. This week they are also having their class parties where they can enjoy some goodies, organised and supplied by our Fundraising Committee. Grateful thanks are extended to our hardworking team of parent volunteers who have worked tirelessly to ensure all our children have a really good party.



Thankfully we were able to hold our concerts in person this year and each class did an amazing job of entertaining our lovely audiences with their wonderful singing and dancing. Thanks to everyone who came along to support our pupils. I think they definitely got everyone into the Festive spirit.

Thanks to your generous donations at our concerts we raised the amazing amount of £1469.62. This will be split between our school funds (to help cover the costs of 3:16 Events who provided our sound for the concerts) and the Jordan Kearney fundraising appeal. Thanks to everyone who donated



### Nursery Admissions (ELC)

The admissions fortnight for EL&CC applications will be from **23<sup>rd</sup> January until 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023**

There is a key change to enrolments this year in that:

Children who have not reached 5 years old by the August 2023 school commencement date are now entitled to a funded deferred year of ELC. There is no longer a need for them to separately apply for a



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deferral. (children who are 5 before the start of school in August will not be considered for deferral).

#### **WET WEATHER INFORMATION**



Should the weather be inclement in the morning, playground doors will be opened at 8:50am.

In this respect I would request that pupils do not arrive at school

before this time and, preferably as close to 9am as possible on wet weather days. 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. 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. Should you require support with the provision of clothing, please get in touch with the school office and we will endeavour to support where we can. We have some spare cosy jackets etc in school which you would be most welcome to.

Thank you for your forbearance during our recent period of snowy weather and school closures.

#### **ADVERSE WEATHER CONTACT DETAILS**

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

#### **STAFFING**

This term we have seen a few staff members leave us, and a few new staff members join our team.

Mrs Jen Taylor and Miss Laura Chalmers left us at the start of this term. Ms Lorraine Bremner will also leave us at the end of this term.

Mrs Jemma Fraser has replaced Mrs Taylor in P4/5M, Miss Kayleigh McLeod has replaced Miss Chalmers in P6C and Mrs Lindsay Northeast has replaced Ms Bremner in P3F.

Mrs Faye Sime leaves us at the start of next term to commence her maternity leave. From January until the end of session, Mrs Sime's class will be taught by Mrs Diane Pert.

We also have two new Pupil Support Assistants join us at Clerkhill - Mrs Stacey McKenzie and Mrs Sarah Morrison, both of whom are with us until Easter.

We would like to extend a very warm Clerkhill welcome to all our new members of staff.

As you may know I had a period of absence during October and November and am currently phasing back to work. As of Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January, I shall be reducing my working hours to four days a week. This is until the end of Term 3 initially, at which point I shall review the situation. Therefore, I shall not be in school on a Monday. Elaine Macintosh (DHT) ran the school efficiently and effectively during my recent period of absence and will become Acting Head Teacher one day a week from January until April. I thank you in advance for your support for Mrs Macintosh in her role as Acting HT.



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### Closing Remarks

As we approach the end of a 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 once again throughout 2022. Finally, I must once again acknowledge our wonderful children who never cease to amaze us with their enthusiasm, determination and hard work which they demonstrate each day in school.

May I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Regards,  
Ann-Louise Murray  
Head Teacher December 2022

