

St Peter's RC Primary School

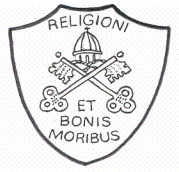
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We still have our website at www.st-peters.aberdeen.sch.uk

Please visit it regularly for updated information and let us know if there is information you would like us to include on it.

Staffing and Curriculum Updates

Many thanks to Mrs Robertson and Mrs Kelman who will share the post of acting deputy head teacher this term. Mrs Robertson is the acting DHT Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Kelman is the acting DHT on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Jadid will teach P5/6 on Thursdays and Fridays.

We are very pleased to welcome our new drama teacher, Mrs Hutton, who will support the P7s and P3s to prepare for the Christmas Performances. All of the children in the school will form the choir and so this is a busy term with lots of songs and lines to learn, as well as scenery and costumes to prepare! Many thanks to all of the parents for all of the support you give our children and staff.

Mr Thompson, our new singing teacher, is working with P4, P4/5, P5/6 and P6 every Monday. The singing lessons are being held in Dunbar Street Hall. Class teachers accompany their children there.

We are also saying 欢迎 huānyíng (welcome) to Lillian, a volunteer teacher from Wuhan, China. She will work with us Monday to Thursday, mostly with P4, P4/5 and P5/6, who are learning Mandarin. Miss Webb is our 1+2 modern foreign languages co-ordinator. Our P1 – P3 pupils are learning French in class and P6 and P7 are learning German with Mrs Bain, assisted by Antonia, our German language volunteer, on Wednesdays.

Behaviour

The majority of our pupils behave well and, in their words and actions, they show kindness, respect and consideration to others all the time. Thank you, children and parents. Our simple school aims are

- We are kind to each other
- We look after each other.
- We are here to learn.



We have a few pupils who need extra reminders and support to help them to behave and learn well.

We are very grateful to parents for your support and co-operation in working with the school to address issues.

We communicate such issues to you in different ways – usually via a Groupcall message, a note in your child's homework diary or a standard letter asking you to acknowledge that you have received the letter and spoken with your child about the incident. When there is a more serious issue, we phone parents to discuss matters and there have been occasions when we have had to ask parents to collect children to take them home.



Our school policy on Promoting Positive Behaviour is available on our website in the Parent Zone -> Documents section. **Parents contribute to the success of our policy by trusting staff to deal with behaviour problems patiently and positively.** All

communication about incidents should be via the Headteacher or Depute, please. Parents who would like more information about incidents are asked to speak to us in the office or

phone, write or e-mail school. Many thanks to everyone who uses these appropriate channels of communication.

Please trust staff to deal with situations. It is not helpful or appropriate for parents to start contacting the parents of children who have hurt others with their actions or words. Many thanks for your support.

Reminders...

Children should wear full school uniform on Friday 4th November, when the Tempest photographer will be in school to take photographs of individual children and siblings.

School Estate

Please remember that we are in a process of formal consultation about the best place to locate our school from early 2020.

Every family has received a letter directing them to all the documents about this on the Council website. A link has now been posted on our own school website so that you can see these documents easily.

It is really important that we take this opportunity to share our opinions. This can be done by e-mail or by attending one of the meetings in our school:

Tues 29th Nov 7pm – 8pm

Wed 30th Nov 7pm – 8pm

Wed 7th Dec 3.30 – 4.30pm

Parent – Teacher Meetings

Letters are going home today with details of the meetings which have been arranged on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th November in our school hall.

Please complete and return the slip to confirm whether you will be able to come along.

Each meeting lasts ten minutes, and our teachers try very hard to stick to the timetable.

Thank you for understanding that, if more time is needed to discuss your child's progress, a separate appointment may have to be made.

We look forward to seeing you at the meetings!



1. Thank you to everybody who came with CRAZY HAIR last Friday. Your efforts raised £138 for Missio Scotland. Thanks to P6 and Miss Bennett for organising this great day.
2. Thank you for your kind donations of food which were taken up during our lovely Mass on Tuesday. The food will be going to Seaton Food Bank and the SVdP.
3. Thank you for sending in so many items to fill our Rotary Club shoe boxes which will be sent to Eastern Europe. Well done P4/5 and Miss Corby for co-ordinating this collection.
4. Thank you to P7 and Mr McFadden who organised a fantastic busking session in the playground before the holidays. They raised £111.89 for SCIAF.

For more details and to see photos of these events. please visit our website.

St Peter's RC Primary School Diary Dates

Friday 4 th Nov	The Tempest photographer will be here to take individual school photos. P6 pupils spend the morning at St Machar Academy, learning about life in secondary school.
Monday 7 th Nov	<i>P4 leave at 10.40am for Funfit at ASV. They should be back at school by 12.10pm.</i>
Tuesday 8 th and Wednesday 9 th Nov	Parent-teacher meetings in the hall between 3.30pm and 6.30pm. Please return the slip to let us know whether you can attend.
Wednesday 9 th Nov	<i>P5 leave at 9.30am for Fencing at ASV. They should be back at school by 11.20am.</i>
Friday 11 th Nov	Kirsty Blackman, MP, is due to visit all our classes this morning.
Friday 18th Nov	In-Service Training Day. Children do not attend school.
Monday 21 st Nov	P1 families will receive their Bookbug packs this week.
Monday 21 st Nov	P1 – P4 children will have their teeth varnished with fluoride by the Childsmile team.
Wednesday 23 rd Nov	<i>P6 leave at 10.40am for Fencing at ASV. They should be back at school by 12.</i>
Monday 28 th Nov	School nurses will be here to give flu vaccinations to pupils whose parents have given permission. Blessing of the Crib at St Nicholas Kirk this morning.
Tues 29th & Wed 30th Nov: 6.30pm Meeting in the school hall about the school estate	
Thursday 1 st Dec	40 pupils from P6 and P7 will go to AECC for a special Science Christmas lecture
Saturday 3 rd Dec	2pm – 4pm Christmas Fayre in the school hall
Wednesday 7 th Dec	<i>P7 leave at 10.10am for Fencing at ASV. They should be back at school by 11.50am.</i> 3.30pm Meeting in the school hall about the school estate
Friday 9 th Dec	Whole school trip to see 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' at the Arts Centre and Theatre
Performances of the Christmas presentations will take place on Wednesday 14 th and Thursday 15 th December in the afternoons. More details to follow.	
We are in school until Friday 23rd December. The Christmas holiday is Monday 26th December – Friday 6th January inclusive. School reopens on Monday 9th January 2017. Full details of Aberdeen City holidays and In-Service Days are available on http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/education_learning/schools/scc_SchoolHols.asp	

