



# St Peter's RC Primary School

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Well done to the pupils in **St Machar House** who won most house points in Term 1 for effort, excellence, kindness and achievements within and outwith school. Thank you to the House Captains who organised games for all the St Machar pupils on Friday with Mrs Bain.

Our House Captains also organised interesting assemblies for members of their houses on Tuesday, encouraging all house members to aim high to become the best they can become. St Machar and Kings were the joint winners in Term 2 and the Captains will be organising their treat soon.

We had a taste of snowy weather last week and, with further snow forecast, please read this.



## **Important message about our winter weather policy**

- We always try our best to keep the school open. Travel only if it is safe to do so. Classes start at 9.30am to allow extra time for safe journeys.
- Breakfast Club is open as usual between 8.15am and 8.45am.

**Please make sure that your child has a warm coat, suitable footwear and gloves. They need indoor shoes to wear inside the building. Please put a spare pair of socks in your child's bag.**

- Our janitor clears the main path into school from King St, the pedestrian path from Dunbar St and paths across the playground so that children can walk safely to the annexe and portakabin. Car parks and the rest of the playground are not cleared.
- When children arrive at school, they are asked to walk on the cleared paths in the playground. Snowballs are **never** to be thrown in the school grounds.



P1 – P3/4 children should go into the main building, change out of their wet coats and boots and then go to the hall. Parents are respectfully asked to remain outside as we try to keep the corridors and hall dry and safe.

Older children go straight to their own buildings where they can change out of their wet things and then read in the classrooms, supervised by Pupil Support Assistants. Children always wear jackets when they move between buildings in poor weather.

At playtime, all children stay in their own classrooms, supervised by staff.

At lunchtime, P1 – P3/4 pupils eat in the hall as usual and then return to their classrooms.

P4 – P7 pupils who have school lunch come to the hall and those who have packed lunches eat them in the classrooms. P4 – P7 pupils who wish to play outside will be allowed to do so as long as they have appropriate clothing to keep them warm and dry. If it is icy, children are kept indoors. If weather conditions deteriorate, they will be brought inside.

**If it snows, all after school activities and meetings are always cancelled.**

***Please make sure that your contact details are up to date.***

Sincere thanks for paying attention to our signs reminding you that parents **must not** bring cars into the school grounds. This means that cars must be parked elsewhere. There is very limited street parking but there are plenty of parking spaces around Seaton Park and Lidl.

Thank you for your co-operation to **keep our children safe**. Please walk along the green footpaths into school.



**We do not use bad words. We**



**use our hands and fingers kindly.**



**Reminders**

School starts at 9am. Too many families have got into the habit of arriving late and the children are missing important information.

Thank you for reminding your children to **Speak English** in school. Some children are showing disrespect to children and staff by using other languages in the classroom, lunchroom and playground. We understand that some children need occasional words to be translated but, for certain groups, it has become a habit. We treat each other with respect, kindness and tolerance. Let's develop positive habits and include everyone in our conversations and games.

Please check your child's bookbag on a daily basis. Some children are still carrying letters that were sent home before Christmas.

*A lot of reading books are missing. Please have a look at home and send them back. Thank you!*

If your child has a playground accident, a First Aid form is completed and we ask parents to sign and return the forms. Please remember to do this. In the event of a serious accident or head bump, we phone home.

Please do not let your child bring scissors, compasses or sharp objects to school.

At playtime, children get upset because, sometimes, their own toys get lost, broken or taken by another child. We teach children to look after things and respect others' property - but anyone who brings a toy has to take responsibility for it and realise that they may lose it. It is best to leave special toys at home.



*Many thanks to the Parent Council for agreeing to fund two classroom rugs and for donating £400 towards the refurbishment of the Infant Library.*

**Enrolment is open for children to start Primary One in August 2019.** You can get an application form at <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/education-and-childcare/starting-primary-1>

To apply for a Catholic school, you **need to select the option to apply for a different school.**

**Please come to the office for advice about the process.**



**Dates for your diary**

Wed 23rd Jan	<b>9.15am Parents are invited</b> to watch pupils' Scottish dancing and hear their poems and songs.
Thurs 24th Jan	P7 trip to Aberdeen Science Centre. <b>6pm P7 parents' meeting</b>
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Laura McLean, Outreach Education Officer for the Scottish Parliament, visits P5/6, P6 and P7. Science Club resumes for P6 & P7
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ranger-led trip along the River Don for P7 to learn more about fishing in the past.
Mon 11th Feb	Mid-term holiday
<b>Tues 12th &amp; Wed 13th February</b>	<b>In-Service Training</b> for staff. Children do not attend school.
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> March	9.30am P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Peter's RC Church, Castlegate.
<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> April – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April Easter Holiday      Fri 19<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday holiday</b>	
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> June	11am Confirmation Mass for P7 at St Columba's RC Church, Bridge of Don
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	First Holy Communions at St Columba's RC Church, Bridge of Don