



# St Peter's RC Primary School

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Many thanks to our teachers who have been updating the class blogs on the school website. Miss Bennett had special help from the P3/4 pupils. Well done! Please go to the website, click on NEWS and then scroll down the dropdown menu to find your child's class.

We are trying to keep our school calm and quiet with a focus on learning. Some children struggle to remember that the playground is the place for running and making noise and we use 'indoor voices' in the classrooms, lunchroom and corridors.

*"The fruit of silence is prayer.....The fruit of prayer is faith.....The fruit of faith is love.....  
The fruit of love is service.....The fruit of service is peace." (St Mother Teresa)*

## In the event of wintry weather, please remember

- 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.
- Every child needs indoor shoes to wear inside the building.
- Please put a spare pair of socks in your child's bag.
- 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.
- 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.
- Lunch arrangements may change slightly but all children who order school lunches will be escorted to the hall to eat them there.
- **If it snows, all after school activities and meetings are always cancelled.**



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



Our school bus is parked on King St in the bus lane for about 10 minutes to allow children to board safely. **Parents must not park their cars there.** Please park safely on Harrow Rd, Cheyne Rd, near Seaton Park or in the LIDL car park. **Thank you for your co-operation to keep our children safe.**

There are continuing problems with some children using words that are totally inappropriate in a primary school. In fact, some of the words should not be used by anyone. It is clear that some of our children are hearing these words in their homes or on unsuitable videos, Nintendo Switch games or online. **Please be vigilant about supervising screen time and challenging this bad language.**

**Thank you.** We have a few copies of 'Digital Parenting' available from the school office.



**We do not use bad words. We use our hands and fingers kindly.**

## Reminders

Please check your child's bookbag on a daily basis. **Please look for lost reading books at home and send them back. Thank you!**

Thank you for reminding your children to **speak English** in school. We treat each other with respect, kindness and tolerance. Let's develop positive habits and include everyone in our conversations and games.

Please leave special toys at home. The Pokemon Cards craze is sweeping the playground again. Children are getting upset about losing cards and some children have been getting them out during class. Therefore, in discussion with the Prefects, we have taken the decision to **ban the cards in school. Please keep Pokemon cards at home.**

**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](https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/education-and-childcare/starting-primary-1)

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### Thank you for your generous support for our 'Real Gifts' Christmas Appeal.

*Our P5 pupils worked with Miss McLoughlin to decide how to spend the **£150** that was raised.*

Seeds for a family	£4	Fingerlings for a school fish pond	£6
Sewing kit	£7	School books	£11
Chickens	£16	Vegetable garden	£19
Emergency water supply	£23	A goat	£32
Shelter for a family	£32		

**Thank you to all our boys and girls for learning their Scots poems and dances so well. Many thanks to all the parents who were able to support the informal presentations on Wednesday morning. We are very grateful to Mrs Armstrong for teaching the ceilidh dances and to our class teachers for teaching the poems and leading the class practices.**

In the afternoon, we were delighted to showcase the learning in classes to Fr Gabor, Fr Keith and Fr Emmet as well as former staff and stalwart supporters of our school including Mrs Reid (headteacher), Mr Kennedy (janitor) and Mrs Leith (receptionist). All our pupils were a credit to their teachers and their families. Thank you.



## Dates for your diary

Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>P1 – P3 Multi-Activity Club finishes promptly at 4pm. Please collect your children at the school front door and be careful crossing the playground. Teachers are coming to our school from other schools for professional development and may be parking their cars in the playground.</b>
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Laura McLean, Outreach Education Officer for the Scottish Parliament, visits P5/6, P6 & P7. 3.15 – 4.15pm Science Club resumes for P6 & P7. Last session on 27 <sup>th</sup> February.
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	<b>10am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral to celebrate Candlemas. Everyone is very welcome and our choir has been invited to sing.</b>
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ranger-led trip along the River Don for P7 to learn more about fishing in the past.
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Mid-term holiday</b>
<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> &amp; Wed 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>In-Service Training for staff. Children do not attend school.</b>
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