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Mass on Ash Wednesday

Lent starts on Wednesday 6th March. Father Gabor will celebrate Mass for the school community at 9.30am in the school hall and all parents are welcome. All children will have the opportunity to receive Ashes (a cross on the forehead). Please send a note to your child's teacher if you do not wish your child to receive Ashes.

During Lent, we support the children to **pray, fast and give alms**.

Fasting is not just about giving up sweets, chocolate or crisps. It's a chance to give up bad habits. We will be trying hard to put our values of kindness, respect and tolerance into practice. Our prefects led assembly on the theme of respect and you can look at their assembly on the school website - <https://st-peters.aberdeen.sch.uk/?cat=34>

Giving alms is about being generous to charities. The charity we support during Lent is SCIAF, the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund. Every classroom has a Wee Box and we encourage children to put in a coin when they can. The children will learn about the great work that SCIAF is doing in Uganda. <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/get-involved/appeals/295-wee-box-big-change>

School Estate Consultation

There is an Aberdeen City Council consultation about relocating St Peter's School from its current location into the existing Riverbank School building with effect from August 2022.

All the information, including the link to the proposal is online at https://consultation.aberdeencity.gov.uk/education-and-childrens-services/st_peters-school-consultation/



There is a link to this page from our school webpage and you are encouraged to respond to the online survey please. You are warmly invited to one or more of the public meetings where the proposal and process will be explained by Council officials. John Murray, who represents the Catholic Church on the Education Committee, will be at all the meetings and Fr Colin Stewart, the Bishop's representative, will attend two of them. Councillors are also going to attend to hear your views.

Thanks to the Parent Council members who have devoted so much time and energy to engaging with the process of securing a better school estate.

Meetings are on

Monday 4 March 2019, at St Peter's School from 2pm to 3pm

Tuesday 12 March 2019, at Riverbank School from 7pm to 8pm

Wednesday 13 March 2019, at St Columba's Church, Bridge of Don, 7pm - 8pm

The consultation closes on Friday 22nd March.

Internet safety

Information was e-mailed to families about guidance to keep children safe online. It is also available on the website. Thank you.

**We treat one another with respect,
kindness and tolerance.**



Our pupils and staff are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March**. **We will not be asking pupils to dress up.** The focus will be on enjoying and sharing books. Please talk to your children about your own favourite books from your childhood and encourage your child to bring in a book that they like. **Please remember to write your child's name in the book.**

Staffing News



We have a vacancy for a teacher advertised on the Aberdeen City website – <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/jobs/view-current-job-vacancies> and www.myjobscotland.gov.uk

Job number ABC 05257

The post will be available from 15th April. If you know anyone who may be interested in joining our team, please encourage them to apply. Informal enquiries are very welcome. The closing date for applications is **6th March**.



Aberdeen City Consultation about the School Holiday Pattern 2020 to 2025

Please visit <https://consultation.aberdeencity.gov.uk/operations/school-holiday-pattern/> before 10th March 2019 to give your views on the

holiday pattern from August 2020. The webpage explains the current pattern and offers options for the February, Easter, Summer, September, October and Christmas holidays. Please take this opportunity to participate.

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. **Children must be registered by 15th March.**

Dates for your diary



Mon 4 th March	ARTS ACROSS LEARNING FESTIVAL: 'Discovering Doric' with Alistair Heather from Aberdeen University for P6 2pm – 3pm Consultation event about school relocation in the school hall.
Tues 5 th March	ARTS ACROSS LEARNING FESTIVAL: P5 trip to Tillydrone Library, leaving school at 9.30am and returning at 1pm. They need packed lunches. Parent helpers welcome.
Tues 5 th March	P1, P2R, P3/4 and P4 have football skills sessions with RADS. ARTS ACROSS LEARNING FESTIVAL: P5/6, P6 and P7 trip to St Machar Academy to see "Pondlife McGurk". Pupils leave school at 1.10pm and return at 2.50pm. Parent helpers are very welcome.
Wed 6 th March	Ash Wednesday Mass in school at 9.30am. PE with Mrs Armstrong – P5/6, P6 and P7 3.15 – 4.15pm Science Club for P5 pupils who have registered.
Thurs 7 th March	Drama with Mrs Hutton for P1, P2, P4, P5, P5/6 and P6. World Book Day
Fri 8 th March	Redball cricket lessons for P5, P5/6 and P6. Relax Kids sessions for P3, P3/4, P4, P5 and P5/6 ARTS ACROSS LEARNING FESTIVAL: 'Discovering Doric' with Alistair Heather from Aberdeen University for P6 Music for P3 and P3/4 with Mr Horton. Choir and Fair Trade Assembly.

Tues 12 th March	P5/6 trip to Aberdeen Science Centre for special NASA workshop. Bus leaves at 9.30am and pupils return to school by 12.15pm. Parent helpers welcome. 7pm – 8pm Consultation event about school relocation at Riverbank School.
Wed 13 th March	P7 class Mass at 9.30am. Children can enrol for Confirmation. 7pm – 8pm Consultation event about school relocation at st Columba's RC Church.
Sun 17 th March	9.30am Mass at St Columba's Church. P7 pupils can enrol for Confirmation at this Mass if parents are unable to attend the class Mass on 13 th March.
Thurs 21 st March	9.30am P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Peter's RC Church. Parents are encouraged to attend and support their children please.
Fri 22 nd March	P7 trip to the new harbour development and Footdee. Parent helpers are welcome. Final session of Relax Kids.
Mon 25 th March	P1 blue trip to ASV for Athletics. Parent helpers are welcome. Childsmile team apply fluoride varnish to children's teeth (P1 – P4)
Fri 29 th March	Last day of term
Mon 1st April – Fri 12th April Easter Holiday	
Mon 15 th April	Back to school
Tues 16 th April	Swimming lessons start for P2r, P2b, P3 and P3/4. We would be grateful for parent helpers to walk P3 and P3/4 to the Aquatics Centre. Buses are provided for P2. 3.30pm – 4.30pm Smart Start Club for P7 at St Machar Academy.
Thurs 18 th April	9.30am Mass to celebrate the Last Supper (Maundy Thursday)
Fri 19th April	Good Friday holiday
Tues 23 rd April	Swimming for P2r, P2b, P3 and P3/4 10am – 12 noon P1 trip to Aberdeen Science Centre 7pm Parent Council meeting
Wed 24 th April	Bikeability sessions start for up to 16 P6 pupils (4 Wednesdays)
Thurs 25 th April	6pm Meeting about Tomintoul trip
Tues 30 th April	Swimming for P2, P3 & P3/4
Mon 6th May	May Day holiday
Tues 7th May	In-Service Day. Children do not attend school.
Wed 8 th May	3.15 – 7pm Parents' evening
Tues 14 th May	P1 swimming at ASV RADS Primary 2 Football Skills Festival.
Wed 15th – Fri 17th May P7 residential trip	
Tues 21 st May	P1 swimming.
Thurs 23 rd May	12.30 – 2.40pm P7 to Hydrographic Society Lecture for schools
Fri 24 th May	P4 from P4 & P3/4 go to ASV for Festival of Sport
Mon 27 th May	P7 transition visits to St Machar Academy this afternoon
Tues 28 th May	P7 transition visits to St Machar Academy (all day) P1 swimming 7pm P7 parents' evening at St Machar Academy
Wed 29 th May	P7 transition visits to St Machar Academy (all day) 9.30am M & M 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'
Thurs 30 th May	P7 transition visits to St Machar Academy (morning) Ascension Thursday Mass
Tues 4 th June	7pm Parent Council
Sat 8 th June	11am Confirmation Mass for P7 at St Columba's RC Church
Sat 15 th June	2pm – 4pm Summer Fayre
Sat 22 nd June	First Holy Communions at St Columba's RC Church, Bridge of Don

Fri 28 th June	9.30am End of session Mass (Feast of Saints Peter and Paul on 29 th June) 6pm – 9.30pm P7 Prom
Fri 5 th July	Last day of term
8th July – 16th August Summer holiday	
Mon 19 th Aug	In-Service Day
Tues 20 th Aug	Pupils return to school



FREE P4-7 HOCKEY @ SEATON SCHOOL

Open to all children from throughout the local area.
Delivered in partnership with Granite City Wanderers

Wednesdays 4-5pm starting 27th February
Outdoors, but indoors during poor weather

TO BOOK, GO ONLINE
WWW.SPORTABERDEEN.CO.UK/EVENT/P4-7-HOCKEY-ST-MACHAR

OR COLLECT A PAPER SIGN UP FORM FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

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St Machar Fun Run Series

Booking is open for the races organised by SportAberdeen after school on the grass field at St Machar Academy.

Wednesdays 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd May

Approximate race times (based on number of entries)

P1 – P3 4pm

P4 4.10pm

P5 4.20pm

P6 4.35pm

P7 4.50pm

Entry is free but you need to book. Contact Kim McRobbie 07825 228173

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