

St Andrews Primary School

Newsletter

December 2021

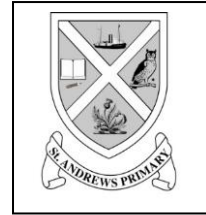
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May Day Holiday 2022

The May Day holiday has been changed to Thursday 2nd June 2022 and Friday 3rd June 2022 is a holiday to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, giving a long weekend.

Staff

We would like to welcome Miss Eilidh MacPherson our new P5/6 teacher who started at St Andrews Primary School on 6th December.

Children in Need

Thank you for donating towards Children in Need in November, we raised £268.50.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for donating towards Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day on 10th December, we raised £251.41 for the charity.

Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concerts with P1-3 performing together and P4-7 performing together have been recorded and the link for the performances will be sent out to parents/carers before the school closes on Tuesday 21st December 2021.

Parent Council

Thank you to our Parent Council for all their support during term 1 & 2 and also for providing all the treats and gifts for each child at their Christmas Party, it is very much appreciated.

The Parent Council would like to thank all the parents who donated over the past few weeks towards the Bingo Night and donations of chocolate at school. The Bingo night raised an amazing £1000. The Parent Council made up hampers with the remaining chocolate and delivered 17 hampers into the community.

After School Clubs

We will send out information about our after school clubs for term 3 when we return in January 2022.

PE Term 3

PE can take place indoors when the weather is not suitable for outdoors but changing is still not permitted. Pupils should continue to come to school on their gym day wearing the following;

- Trainers
- Leggings, joggers, tracksuit trousers etc
- Minimum of 2 layers e.g t-shirt and sweatshirt
- Waterproof jacket
- Hats and gloves can also be worn if Pupils wish

Can I also take this opportunity to remind parents that;

- Long hair must be tied back
- Jewellery must be removed. If earrings cannot be removed, they can be taped up.

Thank you.

COVID-19

As there has been no changes to the guidelines for schools we have to continue with the risk assessment and mitigation factors we have in place. To help keep our staff, pupils and families safe please continue to wear a face covering when you drop off and collect your child at school and keep a 1m social distance between adults.

We continue to follow the guidelines for pupils and staff with COVID as follows:

Should your child be the one who tests positive, they will still be required to self-isolate for 10 days. If your child is identified as a close contact, and is aged 5 or older, they will need to take a PCR test. If this is negative, their period of self-isolation will end with confirmation of the negative result. Children under 5 identified as close contacts will be encouraged, but not required, to take a PCR test.

If your child becomes unwell when they are in school with any symptoms including a cough/cold we will contact you and ask you to take your child home. We will ask that you arrange for your child to be tested for COVID and to share the results of the test with us.

Staggered Arrival/Departure Times

We will be continuing with the same start and finish times for all pupils during term 3 and thank you for your continued support.

Parents/Carers – School Grounds

As part of our risk assessment we have to request that parents/carers do not enter the school grounds or school buildings.

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If you need to contact the school or if your child has forgotten something can I ask you to phone the school office and the staff will arrange to help you.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the staff at St Andrews Primary School.

It's been another challenging Year and we hope that in 2022 we will begin to see an improvement.

Please have a lovely holiday and please follow the government guidelines over the festive period to keep everyone safe.

Term 3

Term 3 will start on Wednesday 5th January 2022, we will continue with the same start and end times as term 2.

School Holidays 2021-22

Please follow the link below for information about the school holidays

[School Year Calendar 20/21 - 24/25 \(aberdeenshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/school-year-calendar-2021-22)

School Calendar Term 2	2021-22
Tuesday 21 December	School closes for Christmas Break at 3pm
Term 3 Wednesday 5 th January Thursday 10 th February Friday 11 th February Monday 14 th February Tuesday 15 th February Wednesday 16 th February Friday 1 st April	School Reopens Mid Term Holiday Mid Term Holiday Mid Term Holiday INSET Day INSET Day School Closes for Spring Break
Term 4 Monday 18 th April Thursday 2 nd June Friday 3 rd June Friday 1 st July	School Reopens May Day Holiday Platinum Jubilee Holiday School Closes for Summer Break

