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School Holiday

The school will be closed from Monday 18th October until Friday 29th October for the October Holiday. We look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Monday 1st November 2021.

Staff Changes

Miss Suzanne Ogden, P5/6 Teacher is leaving us at the end of term 1 to work in a school in Edinburgh. We would like to thank Miss Ogden for all her hard work at St Andrews and wish her good luck in her new job.

Miss Sarah Henderson will be the P5/6 Teacher until the vacancy has been filled.

Parent Council

The Parent Council have raised a few concerns brought to them from parents and this was discussed at the recent Parent Council Meeting. We are looking into ways to improve the matters raised and will respond after the October break.

The Parent Council are still looking for new members and if you are interested please contact Parent Council to let them know on the following email address:

sasafraserburgh@gmail.com

After School Clubs

We will send out information about our term 2 After School Clubs when we return after the holidays as we are waiting to have a few clubs confirmed.

School Lunch Menu

There is a new School Lunch Menu starting on 1st November 2021. Please help your child to select a meal they like before coming to school. The link to the new menu is below.

[Primary Menus \(aberdeenshire.gov.uk\)](http://aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

Tattie Holiday Fun

Live Life Aberdeenshire's Tattie Holiday Fun programme offering lots of FREE activities for families and young people over the October school holidays is almost upon us.

So if you're looking for activities to keep your family entertained throughout the break, why not check out what's available?

Remember, everything is FREE!

Find out more on our website at: <https://bit.ly/THols>

You can also see what's available and book on our app: http://bit.ly/LLA_app

NESCAN COP26 Primary School Competition

The global intergovernmental climate conference COP26 is coming to Glasgow in November. NESCAN (North East Scotland Climate Action Network) ran a primary school competition asking children and young people to create an message based on how they want their communities to look like in 2030. The winning entries will hopefully be displayed as part of NESCAN's Green Zone at the conference. We are delighted to announce that we had two winners from our school. A huge well done to Vanessa Stachowiak from P7S for her individual drawing entry and to both P1 classes for their group entry. We will put the photos of the winning entries on Facebook.

WOW Walk of Fame

The Scotland Walk of Fame returned this month from the 4th to the 15th of October. A daily list of the most active schools has been published each afternoon on Twitter #scotlandwalkoffame. We are delighted to announce that we have been on the leader board, for schools with over 250 pupils in Scotland, three times over the last two weeks. Well done to all pupils and families for travelling actively to school. Thank you very much for your continued efforts.

Rights Respecting Schools

A few years ago, our school was accredited with the Silver: Rights Aware award for being a Rights Respecting School. Silver: Rights Aware is the second stage of the Rights Respecting Schools Award. It is granted by UNICEF UK to schools that show good progress towards embedding children's rights in the school's policy, practice and ethos, as outlined in the RRSA Strands and Outcomes. We are hoping to reaccredit our Silver award this year. Each week at Assembly, we have been focusing on the UNCRC Article of the Week and have been sharing what that means with our pupils. Next term, the Rights Respecting Group will be involved in promoting Rights within our school through Assemblies and using Social Media.

Pupil Council

The Pupil Council had their first meeting this week and they have planned some fun dress down days for the school year, dates and themes to follow. They will be involved in making decisions about school improvements by consulting the pupils in their class and sharing ideas.

Staggered Arrival/Departure Times

We will be continuing with the same start and finish times for all pupils when we return on 1st November and will issue information about any changes during the first week back as we are awaiting further guidance from the Scottish Government and expect this to be announced next week.

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.

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.

School Holidays 2021-22

Please follow the link below for information about the school holidays

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

Term 1 Friday 15 October	School closed for October break
Term 2 Monday 1 November Monday 8 November Tuesday 9 November Thursday 18 November Friday 19 November Wednesday 24 November Tuesday 21st December	School reopens Flu Jab Flu Jab INSET INSET DAY Parent Meetings School closes for Christmas Break
Term 3 Wednesday 5th January Thursday 10 th February Friday 11 th February Monday 14 th February Tuesday 15 th February Wednesday 16 th February Friday 1st April	School Reopens Mid Term Holiday Mid Term Holiday Mid Term Holiday INSET Day INSET Day School Closes for Spring Break
Term 4 Monday 18th April Monday 2nd May Monday 7 th June Friday 1st July	School Reopens May Day Holiday School Holiday School Closes for Summer Break