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**Welcome**

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year 2023.

This is a short newsletter to let you know of the calendar dates for term 3, a more detailed newsletter will follow at the end of January.

**Staff**

Our new School Administrator Mrs Hannah Buchan started on 9th January 2023 to replace Mrs Fiona Duthie who retired in December.

We have a student teacher from Aberdeen University on school experience –Miss Kerri McLennan has returned and will be working in P7S for a few weeks in term 3 until Friday 27th January.

Early Years Staff – Mrs Roslin Gray has left to take up a new position. We are in the process of recruiting a replacement Early Years Practitioner and will let you know once this is complete. Thank you to Mrs Gray for all her hard work at St Andrews ELC and we wish her well in her new post.

**Primary 1 Enrolment 16th-20th January 2023**

“Aberdeenshire’s Registration Week for Primary 1 admission is Monday 16th January to Friday 20th January 2023.”

All children who reach their fifth birthday by 29th February 2024 are invited to register for Primary 1 for admission in August 2023.

Parents/Carers of those children due to commence attendance at school in August 2023 should now register their children for the appropriate local primary school.

To register for a primary school place, for a school within your catchment area, please complete the online application which can be found at: <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/applyForSchoolPlace>.

It is usual practice for children to attend their local catchment primary school, however, you have the right to apply to place your child in a school other than your local school.  Please complete an out of zone placing request.  (You should still register your child in a school in the area you live in until you know the outcome of your application)  Out of Zone Request form can be found at: <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/school-info/admissions/out-of-zone-school/>

Please bring the below with you when your child starts school:

* the child’s birth certificate as this is required as evidence of their date of birth and;
* evidence of the parent/carer’s home address (for example a recent utility bill or recent bank statement).

**Early Learning & Childcare Enrolment 23rd January – 3rd February 2023**

Applications for Early Learning & Childcare for your child 2023-24 will be available online:

[**https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/applyForNurseryPlace**](https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/applyForNurseryPlace)

**Information is available on the website by following the link below**

**Applying for Early Learning and Childcare for Your Child 2023-2024 Booklet website link:**

[**https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/childcare-and-early-learning/find-nurseries/**](https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/childcare-and-early-learning/find-nurseries/)

**Please contact the school office if you require any additional information or guidance.**

**February Mid Term Break**

The school will be closed on Thursday 9th, Friday 10th and Monday 13th February 2023 for the Mid Term Break.

**February INSET Days**

**The school will be closed to pupils on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th February for INSET days. The school will open again on Thursday 16th February 2023.**

**Class Newsletters**

Class newsletters will be sent out by Friday 20th January 2023.

**Reporting to Parents**

During term 3 we will be offering parents the opportunity to come into school for Book Look, Class Assembly/Sharing the Learning and Parents Meeting, please see the calendar dates below.

**Parent Council**

The next Parent Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st February 2023 at 6pm.

**After School Clubs**

After School Clubs during term 3:

* Monday – Stay & Play P1-3
* Tuesday – Yoga P4-7, Junior Joggers P4-7
* Thursday – Science P1-3, Choir P5-7

Applications forms will be sent out today and paper copies will be available from the School Offices.

Lunchtime Clubs for P4-7 will continue during term 3.

**PE**

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;

* School jumper/sweatshirt
* 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.

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| **School Calendar Term 3** | |
| **Monday 9th January**  **Tuesday 10th January**  Friday 27th January  Thursday 9th February  Friday 10th February  Monday 13th February  Tuesday 14th February  Wednesday 15th February  Friday 24th February  Thursday 2nd March  Friday 3rd March  Wednesday 8th – 10th March  Friday 10th March  Thursday 16th March  Friday 17th March  Friday 17th March  Monday 20th March  Monday 20th March  Tuesday 21st March  Tuesday 21st March  Thursday 23rd March  Friday 24th March  Friday 24th March  Thursday 23rd March  Thursday 23rd March  Thursday 30th March  **Wednesday 29th March**  **Friday 31st March** | **School reopens**  **School Closed – Teacher Strike Action**  Dress Down Day – Tartan  Mid Term Holiday  Mid Term Holiday  Mid Term Holiday  INSET DAY  INSET DAY  Dress Down Day  World Book Day  Class Assembly P6/7 & P7S  Dalguise Residential Trip P7  British Science Week  Class Assembly P4M  Class Assembly P4W  Class Assembly P3S  Book Look P4M & P4W  Book Look P3H & P3S  Share the Learning P1D & P1H  Book Look P6/7 & P7S  Book Look P6W  Book Look P2F & P2G  Book Look P5B & P5J  Class Assembly P3H  Class Assembly P5B  Class Assembly P2F & P2G  Parent Meetings  **School closes for Spring Break** |

**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/media/25390/25revisedjun20.pdf)