


<p style="text-align: center;">Turriff Primary School Newsletter September 2023</p>		<p>School Office 01888 530855 turriff.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Absence text number 07860 029109</p> <p>https://turriff-pri.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/</p> <p>We are on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @turriffprimary</p>
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Parent and Teacher meetings – October

We will hold two parents and teacher evenings next week, Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th October. The appointment times are 10 minutes long, starting at 3.30pm and finishing at 6pm. A link from the office will be issued to sign up for an appointment time, you can be given a time or choose a time. If choosing a time, please leave 10 minutes between sibling appointments.

Scholastic Book Fair

The pop-up book fair will be open during our two parent and teacher meeting evenings in the canteen for any parents and children that wish to visit to browse and purchase books, you can pay with cash or scan the QR code at the fair to pay online.

Church Service – Harvest celebration

As a school all year groups will visit St Ninian's and Forglan Church on Church Street in Turriff on the 12th of October. If you are available to walk with us leaving TPS at 9am, join us for the service and then walk back to school back arriving at 10.45am then please let the office know, we would really appreciate your help. The service will be led by Rev Kevin Gruer and the Primary7 year group. There will be no collection/ offering accepted at this service.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 13th September

We will enjoy a non-uniform day on the last day of this term. Jeans, football tops, unicorn t shirts and all other non-uniform clothing allowed on this day (because it's not allowed in school on uniform days) Donation of £1 to be popped into the collection buckets in the playground on their arrival into school. All donations will go to the Culture Fund – see end of this newsletter for more information.

Reporting Calendar

Our reporting calendar highlights the various ways that the school and your child report their learning to you, it is shared on our school website for you to access <https://turriff-pri.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/school-policies/>

Raring 2Go!

The digital newsletter can be accessed here <https://bit.ly/3R9Ogfb> Lots of ideas of what to do out and about in Aberdeenshire and the city this autumn.

School Experience and Foundation Apprentice students in school

This year we are welcoming 5 Foundation Apprentices and two work experience students in to Turriff Primary School. All Turriff Academy students will be an extra pair of hands in the classroom assisting the class teacher with activities and learning in addition to them developing skills for life and work. Welcome to Isla (P1/2), Lauryn (P2/3), Brooke (P3A), Hannah (P3B), Gemma (P2A), Logan (P4/5 & P6A) and Anna (various).

Excursions within Turriff and further afield

This school year all classes are encouraged to leave the school grounds and excite learning with excursions, please see the 'focus on' section at the end of this newsletter. Please see [here](#) for more information from Aberdeenshire Council on excursions. You will also receive a link soon to sign an annual permission for within Turriff excursions such as walking to church, walking to the Den, walking to Knockie Woods or walking to the library etc.

Haugh the Patchwork Hare

We are delighted to welcome back our CLAN Cancer Care wee hop, Haugh will arrive back in the school this week to kept and displayed. A big thank you to Celebrations of Turriff for their sponsorship allowing us to have the hare.

Citizens Advice Bureau

A handy advice poster is attached to this newsletter. We will also welcome an advisor from the Turriff branch to the October community café. (The school nursing Team and Childsmile will also be at the café.)

Website

Please click [here](#) to access your child's class curricular newsletter for term one.

P1 parents, please click [here](#) to access the P1 parent presentation shared on 06/09/23 (at the foot of the page)

Dates for the year

Please see the key session 23/24 dates for diaries and calendars at the end of this newsletter, holidays, cafes, assemblies, open morning, open afternoon and open evening, parents evenings to meet the teacher and more!

Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting is on Monday 13th November at 6.30pm. Please do come along to the Community Room at the school then to join in and find out more about the work of the Parent Council. Part of the Parent Council's work is fundraising, their fundraising efforts has recently help pay for the P7 year group to have a leavers' fun week, Friendly Friday resources and they paid for the 6 new playground markings in their entirety, their most recent fundraiser was the Coffee Morning, the creation and sale of the 2023 TPS calendar and a summer disco. The committee also help me as a Head Teacher review school improvement planning and policy. Please do come along and get involved. To find out more about the TPS parent council click [here](#)

FOCUS ON...

Every month we will focus on an aspect of school life to share with our TPS Families.

Class Culture Fund

This school year we want all children to have their learning brought alive with a cultural experience. For some classes this may mean a bus trip off to a museum, a gallery or the theatre. For some other classes this may mean an exciting visitor coming to TPS to deliver an experience such as Generation Science. These experiences are costly but with Pupil Equity Funding money, school fundraising and Parent Council money our aim is to not charge any parents for these experiences this year. If a charge is necessary to cover costs, then this would be limited to £5 per pupil as agreed with the Turriff Primary School Parent Council. Our first fundraiser will be the non-uniform day at the end of this term.

Kind regards

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Mrs Fiona Eaton

Head Teacher

TURRIFF PRIMARY SCHOOL 2023/24

TERM ONE

Monday 22 nd August	INSET DAY	School closed to Pupils
Wednesday 6 th September	6pm P1 Curricular Evening	Parents & Carers
Monday 11 th September	6.30pm Parent Council AGM	Parents & Carers
Saturday 16 th September	10am – 12pm Parent Council Coffee Morning	All welcome
25 th , 26 th , 27 th , 29 th September and 6 th October	ALEC health tent visits	Pupils Only with a session for Parents & Carers
Monday 18 th September	9am – 10am Cake, Coffee Curriculum and Chat	Parents & Carers
Tuesday 19 th September	TPS P7 2023 Leavers invite to return to school – cake a juice with P7 teachers	TPS P7 2023 leavers (current S1)
Monday 2 nd October	Wider Achievement Day	Pupils Only
3 rd – 6 th October	Scholastic Book Fair	Pupils, Parents and Carers
Tuesday 3 rd October Thursday 5 th October	3.30pm – 6pm Parent and Teacher Consultations	Parents & Carers
Friday 6 th October	Parent Council Evening Pupil Disco P1-3 Disco P4-7 Disco	Pupils only
Tuesday 10 th October	9.30 – 10.30am Community Café	Parents & Carers of P7A & P7B
Tuesday 10 th October	House Treat 1/6	Pupils Only
Thursday 12 th October	Church Service – Led by P7A, P7B & P7 from P6/7	P7 Parents & Carers
Friday 13 th October	Non uniform day Last day of term one	

TERM TWO		
Monday 30 th October	First day of term two	
Thursday 9 th and Friday 10 th November	Flu immunisation days at TPS	Pupils Only
Monday 13 th November	6.30pm Parent Council AGM	Parents & Carers
Wednesday 15 th November	Children in Need – non uniform day	Pupils Only
Thursday 16 th November Friday 17 th November	INSET DAYS	School closed to Pupils
Tuesday 21 st November	9am – 10am Cake, Coffee Curriculum and Chat	Parents & Carers
Wednesday 23 rd November	9.30 – 10.30am Community Café	Parents & Carers of P4/5 & P5A
Monday 27 th and Tuesday 28 th November	School photo days – individual and sibling photo shoots	Pupils only
Wednesday 29 th November	1.45 – 2.45pm Open Afternoon in Classrooms	Parents & Carers
Saturday 2 nd December	Parent Council Christmas Fair 10am – 1pm	All welcome
Monday 4 th December	Wider Achievement Day	Pupils Only
Tuesday 12 th December	House Treat 2/6	Pupils Only
Wednesday 13 th December	9.30 – 10.30am Community Café	Parents & Carers of P5/6 & P6A
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas School Lunch served	Pupils Only
18 th – 22 nd December	Christmas Party Week (year groups)	Pupils Only
Thursday 21 st December	Church Service – Led by P1A, P1B & P1 from P1/2	P1 Parents & Carers
Friday 22 nd December	Last day of term two	

TERM THREE		
Monday 8 th January	First day of term three	
Friday 19 th January	P3A and P3B Assembly	P3A & P3B Parents & Carers only
Tuesday 23 rd January	9am – 10am Cake, Coffee Curriculum and Chat	Parents & Carers
Wednesday 31 st January	9.30 – 10.30am Community Café	Parents & Carers of P2/3 & P6/7
Friday 9 th February	HOLIDAY	School closed to all
Monday 12 th February	HOLIDAY	School closed to all
Tuesday 13 th February Wednesday 14 th February	INSET DAYS	School closed to Pupils
Tuesday 20 th February	House Treat 3/6	Pupils Only
Thursday 22 nd February	9.30 – 10.30am Community Café	Parents & Carers of P1/2 & P2A
Monday 4 th March	Wider Achievement Day	Pupils Only
5 th – 8 th March	Scholastic Book Fair	Pupils, Parents and Carers
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day Open Evening 5pm – 7pm	Pupils, Parents and Carers
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day	Pupils only
Thursday 21 st March	P5 from P4/5, P5A & P5 from P5/6 Assembly	P5 Parents and Carers only
Friday 22 nd March	9.30 – 10.30am Community Café	Parents & Carers of P3A & P3B
Tuesday 26 th March	House Treat 4/6	Pupils Only
Thursday 28 th March	Church Service – led by P4A, P4B & P4 from P4/5	P4 Parents & Carers
	Last day of term three	
Friday 29 th March	HOLIDAY	School closed to all
Dates to be confirmed for P6 Scottish Opera performances		

TERM FOUR		
Monday 15 th April	First day of term four	
Friday 3 rd May	Annual report issued	Emailed to all parents
Monday 6 th May	HOLIDAY	School closed to all
Monday 29 th April – Friday 3 rd May	P7 residential week at PGL Dalguise	P7 pupils
Friday 10 th May	9.30 – 10.30am Community Café	Parents & Carers of P1A & P1B
Tuesday 14 th May	3.30pm – 5.30pm Parent and Teacher Consultations	Parents & Carers
Tuesday 21 st May	9am – 10am Cake, Coffee Curriculum and Chat	Parents & Carers
Tuesday 21 st May	House Treat 5/6	Pupils Only
Tuesday 28 th May	9.15am – 10.15am Open Morning in classrooms	Parents & Carers
Monday 3 rd June	HOLIDAY	School closed to all
Thursday 6 th June	9.30 – 10.30am Community Café	Parents & Carers of P4A & P4B
Monday 10 th June	Wider Achievement Day	Pupils Only
Monday 10 th June	P2 from P1/2, P2A & P2/3 Assembly	P2 from P1/2, P2A & P2/3 Parents & Carers
11 th – 13 th June	Sports Week	Pupils, Parents and Carers
18 th – 20 th June	Back Up Sports Week	Pupils, Parents and Carers
25 th – 28 th June	P7 – S1 transition days at Turriff Academy	P7 Pupils Only
Wednesday 26 th June	Step Up Afternoon across the school	Pupils only
Tuesday 2 nd July	House Treat 6/6	Pupils Only
Tuesday 2 nd July	6pm P7 Leavers' Presentation	P7 Parents and P7 Pupils
Wednesday 3 rd July	9.15am Annual Prize Giving Ceremony	Parents of winners will be invited by email
Friday 5 th July	Last day of term four	