


<p>Turriff Primary School Newsletter December 2023</p>		<p>School Office 01888 530855 turriff.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk Absence text number 07860 029109 https://turriff-pri.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/ We are on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @turriffprimary</p>
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Christmas 2023 at TPS

Please do refer to this attachment for dates and details of all that is going on for all pupils in the school this month.

Thank you!

A big thank you to all TPS families that have supported our reporting events this term, it has been lovely to see you in the school. We look forward to our last café this term hosted by P5/6 and P6A on the 13th and seeing you in church on the 21st. Many more reporting opportunities planned for the new term.

Thank you also to the Turriff Primary School Parent Council who are very supportive of the work of the school but also in helping us fund the snacks, prizes and presents for 400 children at their Christmas parties. This is due to the amazing fundraising efforts of the group which are supported by the school community.

School delayed opening/ closure

Adverse weather and treacherous road, pavement and car park conditions have certainly affected us this month. Thank you for your patience, it's never an easy decision to close the school and I am very aware the pressures a school closure can put on families.

There are a few ways that we communicate when we are closed/ delayed opening/ transport not running -

- School Text – You will receive a text/ groupcall message from the school
- Online – Using the Aberdeenshire Council School Closures page
<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/school-closures>
- Aberdeenshire Council App – download this [here](#) to receive notifications
- Radio – local radio takes the information from the council website and update
- Social media – @turriffprimary on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for updates

FOCUS ON...

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

School Buses and taxis

Pupils who are on the bus manifest are entitled to transport to and from school. We have two bus registers, one for each wing. The PSAs work with office staff to ensure the registers are correct. PSAs will visit all 16 classes after 9am daily to ask all children on the bus register if they are travelling home on the bus today, any queries and we will contact you. Thank you for helping us with this in terms of what days children do not ride the bus home due to clubs or childcare and for letting us know the ad hoc changes that we can record on the registers (ideally let us know before 2.30pm)

At times the bus companies may contact us advising they are unable to make their run. We will contact parents of children belonging to the specific buses by text and the Aberdeenshire Council School Closure website is updated e.g. 'Deveron Coaches Patsy's bus in not running today.' If a bus does not run in the morning, it will not run in the afternoon. Parents of children belonging to buses in this situation are welcome to transport their children to school on the understanding that they are also able to collect them again. We mark which buses are running and not running on these registers to ensure all children are accounted for.

On late opening days the bus register is completed much later in the morning to allow for all pupils to arrive in class first. Any pupils arriving in late (arriving after an appointment for example) will tell the office staff when they arrive if they are riding the bus or not at home time in addition to ordering their lunch.

If we decide to close the school early, we will contact all bus companies to ensure they can pick up early and then get in touch with all parents of bus children to ensure there will be someone home for them arriving earlier than normal. We will not send any children home on a bus without confirming this with you first.

If at any time a child does not ride the bus and they should be we will keep them safe with staff in the school, if at any time a child is riding the bus and no one is home for them the driver will return them safely to school for us to look after your child until you pick up.

Wishing you a very merry Christmas from all at TPS.

Kind regards



Mrs Fiona Eaton

Head Teacher

TERM TWO DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 11 th – Wednesday 13 th December	Elf Shelf open during the school day - £3 a gift	Pupils only
Tuesday 12 th December	House Treat 2/6	Pupils Only
Wednesday 13 th December	9.30 – 10.30am Community Café 9.30 – 10.30am	Parents & Carers of P5/6 & P6A
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas School Lunch served	Pupils Only
Monday 18 th December	AM – P7 party PM – P4 party	Pupils Only
Tuesday 19 th December	AM – P6 party PM – P3 party	Pupils Only
Thursday 21 st December	PM – P2 party	Pupils Only
Thursday 21 st December	Church Service 9.30am Led by P1A, P1B & P1 from P1/2	P1 Parents & Carers
Friday 22 nd December	AM – P5 party PM – P1 party	Pupils Only
Friday 22 nd December	Last day of term two	

Monday 8th January 2024 - First day of term three