


<p><b>Turriff Primary School Newsletter</b></p> <p><b>January 2024</b></p>		<p>School Office 01888 530855</p> <p><a href="mailto:turriff.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk">turriff.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Absence text number 07860 029109</p> <p><a href="https://turriff-pri.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/">https://turriff-pri.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/</a></p> <p>We are on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram <b>@turriffprimary</b></p>
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### School closure

What a week, I am acutely aware the pressure that is added to families when the school is closed and so a big thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. The forecast now finally looks like we will be back to normal on Monday and so a 9am start on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January unless we communicate otherwise. Roll on spring.

### Term Three Class Curricular Newsletters

Please click [here](#) to access your child's class curricular newsletter for term three written by their teacher. Please do take the time to read it so you are aware of the learning planned.

### Celebrations of Robert Burns

We will celebrate Rabbin Burns on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January in school. Pupils and staff are invited to wear a touch of tartan on this day if they wish. School lunch has a change of menu on this day also - haggis, neeps and tatties in place of stir fry. The school assembly on Friday will also be Scottish themed. Lots of Scots songs, stories and poems in class too.

### Cake, Coffee, Curriculum and Chat

Please note that the 23<sup>rd</sup> January date as advertised previously is now planned for 6<sup>th</sup> February. We look forwards to welcoming you in for an informal chat to talk about anything TPS.

### P3A and P3B assembly

The assembly planned for 19/01/24 will be rescheduled and a new date communicated to families of these classes asap.

### Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting is on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 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 prizegiving award engraving, excursion funding, Friendly Friday resources and they paid for the 6 new playground markings in their entirety, their most recent fundraisers have been the Christmas Fayre, Coffee Morning, the creation and sale of

the 2024 TPS calendar and discos. 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](#)

### **School delayed opening/ closure**

Winter - the time of year again when the adverse weather and roads may stop us from opening at 9am or from opening at all. 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.

### **Virtual Assemblies**

Every week on a Friday afternoon all classes watch the school's virtual assembly. This is a pre recorded assembly created by the Head Teacher with support from a variety of teachers and groups in the school. The assemblies this year share the following information that would be discussed in an age and stage appropriate way within each class letting the teacher pick up on points that are most relevant to the class. The teachers can also access the content in the new week to pick up on information to further discuss. Please ask your child more about any of the sections and don't forget to keep sharing their wider achievements, we love to celebrate them.

- Makaton sign of the week – a different class each week make the videos to show the sign
- French Friday words linking to Makaton sign of the week
- Whole school messages – Communication Team lead this section
- Super Seven learning Powers, one power each week to focus on
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) – one article each week that links to SHANARRI
- Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible, Included (SHANARRI) – eight wellbeing indicators, one indicator shared each week linking to UNCRC
- Wider Achievements celebration
- PSA Awards
- Teacher Awards – House Captains lead this section
- Other slides but not on a weekly basis include Accelerated Reader awards and all pupil group updates such as Eco and Rotakids

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Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of term three	
<del>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January</del>	<del>P3A and P3B Assembly</del>	<del>P3A &amp; P3B Parents &amp; Carers only</del>
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Robert Burns Celebrations in school	Pupils Only
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	9.30 – 10.30am Community Café	Parents & Carers of P2/3 & P6/7
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	9am – 10am Cake, Coffee Curriculum and Chat	Parents & Carers
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	HOLIDAY	School closed to all
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	HOLIDAY	School closed to all
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET DAYS	School closed to Pupils
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	House Treat 3/6	Pupils Only
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	9.30 – 10.30am Community Café	Parents & Carers of P1/2 & P2A
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Wider Achievement Day	Pupils Only
5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Scholastic Book Fair	Pupils, Parents and Carers
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day Open Evening 5pm – 7pm	Pupils, Parents and Carers
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day	Pupils only
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	P5 from P4/5, P5A & P5 from P5/6 Assembly	P5 Parents and Carers only
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	9.30 – 10.30am Community Café	Parents & Carers of P3A & P3B
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	House Treat 4/6	Pupils Only
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Church Service – led by P4A, P4B & P4 from P4/5	P4 Parents & Carers
	Last day of term three	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	HOLIDAY	School closed to all