


<p><b>Turriff Primary School Newsletter November 2023</b></p>		<p>School Office 01888 530855 <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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### Children in Need

TPS will celebrate Pudsey and fundraise for Children in Need on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November this year. It will be a non-uniform day for a suggested £1 donation, this will be collected in buckets in the playground on arrival to school. The Rotakids are organising other activities for the pupils on this day, see attached poster for a reminder.

### Open Afternoon

We look forwards to welcoming you into the classrooms around the school for our open afternoon on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November. The main door at the office will open just after 1.30pm and a tannoy will be made at 2.45pm to ask all parents to leave, this is in preparation for our safe exit at 2.50pm for bus pupils and a 3pm bell and exit as normal. If you wish to take your child earlier than this from class, please speak with the class teacher who will mark their leaving on the register to ensure all children are accounted for.

### St Andrew's Day

We will mark St Andrew's Day on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Pupils and staff are invited to wear a touch of tartan on this day if they wish. Pupils will also learn about the Patron Saint of Scotland in class.

### Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

## **TPS Christmas Fayre ran by the Parent Council**

The Fayre will take place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and is shaping up to be a brilliant event running from 10am – 1pm. The Parent Council have shared they will have the following for TPS families and the wider community to enjoy.

Entry £2 for adults and under 16 year olds are free

- 2024 TPS calendars to buy £3.50 or 3 for £10.
- Guess the Birthday of the Teddy
- Guess how many sweeties in the jar
- Raffle Table
- Seven primary group tables and Nursery table offering fayre games for the kids to play ran by the staff
- An abundance of local businesses selling their products in the hall
- Elf Shelf – an opportunity for children to buy a present for their special grownups, a lovely surprise for adults on Christmas Day (if your child can keep it a surprise until then!!) £3 a gift
- Santa's Grotto £2.50 a child
- Teas, coffees, juice, mince pies and shortbread (no charge however donations are welcome)
- Face painting and hair tinsel
- Turriff Community Singers entertaining.

## **Class Curricular Newsletters**

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

## **Cake, Coffee, Curriculum and Chat**

Unfortunately, we will be cancelling our term 2 chat, we look forwards to restarting this in term three – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

## **Bikes and Scooters**

Please remind your child to walk their bike along the school pavements and to be aware of pedestrians. Pupils cycling and scooting at speed along the pavement at the front of the school during drop off and pick up time have resulted in near misses. Electric scooters - E-Scooters are not illegal in their own right. You can purchase, own and ride one on private land as long as you have the landowner's permission. However, you cannot currently ride an e-scooter on the road, pavement, cycle paths or in any other public areas. Therefore, no electric scooters should be taken to school.

## **Christmas**

A special Christmas newsletter will be out at the start of December letting you know more detail around Christmas activities at TPS.

### School delayed opening/ closure

It's getting to be that 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.

### Friendly Friday

Every Friday afternoon all pupils in the school enjoy 'Friendly Friday' as part of their timetabled learning and teaching time (not like Golden Time when time was lost.) The time is planned by class teachers for pupils to foster positive relationships with classmates and the staff whilst taking part in more informal activities. Pupils may move classrooms to participate in activities with peers. The range of activities could include art, games, Astro time, ipads/ laptops, construction and crafting.

Kind regards



Mrs Fiona Eaton

Head Teacher

TERM TWO DATES FOR THE DIARY		
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	6.30pm Parent Council AGM	Parents & Carers
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need – non uniform day	Pupils Only
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>INSET DAYS</b>	<b>School closed to Pupils</b>
<del>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November</del>	<del>9am – 10am -Cake, Coffee Curriculum and Chat</del>	<del>Parents &amp; Carers</del>
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	9.30 – 10.30am Community Café	Parents & Carers of P4/5 & P5A
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	School photo days – individual and sibling photo shoots	Pupils only
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	1.45 – 2.45pm Open Afternoon in Classrooms	Parents & Carers
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Parent Council Christmas Fair 10am – 1pm	All welcome
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Wider Achievement Day	Pupils Only
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	House Treat 2/6	Pupils Only
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30 – 10.30am Community Café	Parents & Carers of P5/6 & P6A
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas School Lunch served	Pupils Only
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas Party Week	Pupils Only
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	AM – P7 party PM – P4 party	Pupils Only
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	AM – P6 party PM – P3 party	Pupils Only
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	PM – P2 party	Pupils Only
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	AM – P5 party PM – P1 party	Pupils Only
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Church Service – Led by P1A, P1B & P1 from P1/2	P1 Parents & Carers
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Last day of term two	