


<p>Turriff Primary School Newsletter</p> <p>October 2023</p>		<p>School Office 01888 530855</p> <p>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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Thank you!

A big thank you to all TPS families, thank you for ensuring your child is in school uniform, for attending parent and teacher meetings, for accompanying us to church, for volunteering for a recent trip, for attending the community café, for supporting homework and remote learning during school closure days and the list goes on! We really are grateful of the support our TPS families show the school and enjoy working in partnership with you, thank you.

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.

School Meals

All pupils currently entitled to statutory free school meals will shortly receive a payment of £25.00 to cover the October holiday period from 16 October 2023 to 27 October 2023. Please note – statutory free school meals are awarded to parents/carers based on their income circumstances. The holiday payment does not apply to children in Primary 1 to 5 who are entitled to universal free school meals (which are not income based). Eligible families already in receipt of statutory free school meals, **do not have to apply** for this payment. Payment will be made direct to your nominated bank account by 18 October 2023. **Families who are on a low income but not currently in receipt of free school meals can check entitlement by completing the following online form:** [Check entitlement and apply for free school meals](#)

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](#)

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.

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.

Achievement Wall

We are aiming to improve how we can share the above and beyond wider achievements of our pupils, we have used the Golden Book in the past and now we have moved on to have an Achievements Wall, this is located in the central area of the school. Please do get in touch with the school if you would like to share your child's amazing achievement with us, a photo would also be ideal. So far, we have shared a Scottish swimming squad achievement, some super dancing exam results and a special silver Scouts badge that was awarded recently in our virtual assembly this term. The slide with the achievement on it is then added to the Achievement Wall.

Kind regards



Mrs Fiona Eaton

Head Teacher

TERM TWO DATES FOR THE DIARY		
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 16th November Friday 17th 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
Monday 18 th December – Friday 22 nd December	Christmas Party Week	Pupils Only
Monday 18 th December	AM – P7 party PM – P4 party	
Tuesday 19 th December	AM – P6 party PM – P3 party	
Thursday 21 st December	PM – P2 party	
Friday 22 nd December	AM – P5 party PM – P1 party	
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	