

# Newsletter Kellands School

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*" Snow was falling,  
so much like stars  
filling the dark trees  
that one could easily imagine  
its reason for being was nothing more  
than prettiness."*

— Mary Oliver

*'Inspiration is hard to come by. You have to take it where you find it.'*

Bob Dylan

## Food Bank

Every year the staff receive lots of lovely gifts. This year rather than buying gifts for the staff, we ask if you would like to support the local community by providing donations for the food bank. Should you wish to contribute please bring your donations to the school office.

The appropriate items are:-

**Tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned vegetables, instant mashed potato, cooking sauces, tinned tomatoes, jam, fruit juice (long life), tinned fruit, breakfast cereals, tinned rice pudding, tinned sponge pudding, milk (UHT or powdered), instant coffee, tea bags, sugar (500g), pasta or rice.**

Who does the food bank help?

Food bank by Trussell Trust provides 3 day emergency food to individuals and families in crisis.

## Weather

Thank you to all parents for getting the children into school on Thursday and Friday in really difficult conditions in and around Inverurie. Also thank you to the staff who all made it in after some long and difficult journeys. There is also a change to the School Information Service Number Please note the new number - **0370 054 4999** the pin number remains the same - 021940.

With the possibility of more stormy weather it is important that we take all precautions to ensure the safety of the children whether walking, or being transported to school. There are a number of ways that you can check on school closures:

### 1. ABERDEENSHIRE WEBSITE

<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/schools-closures/> (the web page is re-set at 4.00pm every day to be clear for next day's information). **We recommend you register for free to receive email alerts when the school updates their closure status.**

### 2. THE SCHOOL INFORMATION LINE

Dial 0370 054 4999

Enter Kellands code 021940

Follow instructions

*calls cost approx 8p  
per minute peak, 5p  
cheap from  
landlines - mobile  
rates may vary*

### 3. TWITTER/FACEBOOK

twitter@kellandsps

<http://twitter.com/aberdeenshire>

facebook@kellandsprimaryschool

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/kellandsprimaryschool/>

### 4. SCHOOL TEXT MESSAGING

We will use Groupcall to message all parents in the event of a closure.

### 5. RADIO STATIONS

Out with school hours, your local radio station is a good place to find closure information. Popular stations are:

**Northsound 1**  
FM 96.9

**Northsound 2**  
MW 1035kHz

**BBC Radio Scotland**  
FM 92.4-94.7

**Original**      **NECR**  
FM 106        FM 97.1-106.4

Parents from rural areas should keep the school informed of weather conditions and be prepared to pick up their children if any danger is imminent. Transported children are the responsibility of the hirers, drivers and passenger assistants are aware that:

- Pupils have to be conveyed to their homes
- Pupils can only be left at an address which has been prearranged and authorised by the parent
- Pupils should be taken back to school in the failure of either of the above.

**If conditions deteriorate during school hours please have arrangements in place for children to be collected and signed out by an adult in the event of a closure.**

### **Kellands Swimmers**

Congratulations to our swimmers Ben McLaughlin and Kyle Mitchell who have qualified for the Scottish Schools Swimming Championship in January. Well done boys!!!

### **Christmas Parties**

This year because of the amount of children we have had to organise more Christmas parties this year. So hair gel at the ready....they are:-

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - P7

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - P3 and P4

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - P5 and P6

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December - P1 and P2

### **School Christmas Show P1-3**

Reminder of dates for the show are Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and 7pm.

### **Kellands Christmas Lunch**

Our Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

**KELLANDS HOLIDAY DATES**

FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2017	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2018	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2018	OCCASIONAL DAY
MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2018	MID TERM HOLIDAY
TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2018	IN-SERVICE DAY
WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2018	IN-SERVICE DAY
THURSDAY 29TH MARCH 2018	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS
MONDAY 16TH APRIL 2018	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
MONDAY 7TH MAY 2018	MAY DAY HOLIDAY
MONDAY 4TH JUNE 2018	OCCASIONAL DAY
FRIDAY 6TH JULY 2018	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR SUMMER
MONDAY 20TH AUGUST 2018	IN-SERVICE DAY
TUESDAY 21ST AUGUST 2018	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
FRIDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2018	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR OCTOBER HOLIDAYS
MONDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2018	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
MONDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2018	IN-SERVICE DAY
TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2018	IN-SERVICE DAY
FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2018	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
MONDAY 7TH JANUARY 2019	SCHOOL RE OPENS
<p>More school holidays can be found online:  <a href="https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/parents-carers/school-term-dates-and-in-service-days/">https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/parents-carers/school-term-dates-and-in-service-days/</a></p>	

## Christmas Themed After School Cooking Class for P1 – P4



Our aim is to get children preparing, cooking and eating  
Healthy food whilst having fun.



The following class is available:

**P1 – P4**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 17**

**4pm – 6pm**

PRICE: £12 for the class.

Funded spaces are available please enquire  
(All ingredients included!)

**If you would like to stay and help out at the class please let us know.**

**To book spaces please email:**

**[gariochcommunitykitchen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gariochcommunitykitchen@hotmail.co.uk)**

**Or call 07729297892.**

We cannot guarantee the Garioch Community Kitchen environment and work surfaces to be allergen free although we make every effort to try to make sure the food we produce during classes are allergen free.



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