

Newsletter Kellands School

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The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next.

Abraham Lincoln

I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.

Charles Dickens

Kellands Christmas Fayre

Jo and I would like to thank everyone involved with this year's Christmas Fayre. We hope you all had as much fun attending as we had organising. With everyone's help we raised just over £1500, another fantastic total which will go towards benefitting all Kellands School and Nursery pupils. We have yet to decide on a date for next year but have already have requests from stall holders to return and offers of help for manning a stall. This is great so keep an eye out for information which will come out next year with the details. Should anyone have any comments on how things went or how we can improve things for the future please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thanks you all once again.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Jo and Shona
2017 Christmas Fairies

Christmas Jumper Day Wednesday 20th December

On Wednesday 20th Dec, all staff and children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper to school.

Ho ! Ho ! Ho!



P1-3 Christmas Show



Again a huge thank you and well done from me to all involved with this year's Christmas show. It was a great success and we hope our audience enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed doing it. I visited all the classes today and it was lovely to see all the children enjoying a fun PJ Friday, they looked so cosy and relaxed enjoying their films; just what was needed today. **Mrs Barr**

Parent Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to allow all our staff to enjoy our Christmas lunch together. This will be on Wednesday 20th December from 11.45am to 1.15pm. Thank you in advance for any help you can offer. Please leave your name with the office.

We will also require volunteers for the end of term service on Friday 22nd December from 9.30am - 11am. Unfortunately due to the size of our roll now there will be no room for parents in the church, out with those who are helping.

Thank you to all our amazing parent volunteers who have been helping out with our library, flu immunisations, sewing, accompanying children to swimming and school photographs among other things. It is very much appreciated by everyone at the school.

Payments for School Meals

If you are handing in payments for school lunches. Please could you put the payment in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class clearly on the front. Thank you.

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. To correspond with this the teachers will not be giving presents to the children individually but there will be a class treat for Christmas.

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 **Northsound 2** **BBC Radio Scotland**
FM 96.9 MW 1035kHz 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.

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 18th December - P7

Tuesday 19th December - P3 and P4

Wednesday 20th December - P5 and P6

Thursday 21st December - P1 and P2

Active Schools Information and Activities

Please follow the link to keep you up to date with activities available with active schools

<http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/leisure-sport-and-culture/sports/sports-development/club-coach-development/>

<http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/events.aspx?la=1199&show>

<http://jobs.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/volunteer-with-us/>

Calling All Budding Skiers!

- ❄ Skier? Aged 6 to 18?
- ❄ Want to improve and have fun?
- ❄ Taster date Friday 12th Jan 4.30-5.30
- ❄ Contact us if interested

Gordon Skiers are a family friendly club for young skiers looking to improve their alpine skiing skills and have great fun. The club has been based at Alford/The Lecht for 30 years and has fully qualified coaches with great experience who will help you develop your skills.

For more info contact us at: <https://www.facebook.com/Gordonskiersracing>, or email gordonskiersracing@gmail.com

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: https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/parents-carers/school-term-dates-and-in-service-days/</p>	