

# Newsletter Kellands School

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"Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!"

— Dr. Seuss, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*

"My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?"

— Bob Hope

## Staffing update Term 3

Mr J Cole-Hamilton will be taking over in P7 on completing his notice.

Miss E Owens will be starting in P4/5 in January. Mrs Valerie Napier will be teaching in the Language unit for maternity cover.

Mrs Henderson will be continuing in P1 till Miss Glennie is back to work. Mrs Brand will be taking over the one day a week in P4C. Mr McGinlay will be doing one day a week in P7P as Mrs Parson is now working 4 days a week.

On behalf of everyone at Kellands School we wish all our 'Kellands Family' a Very Merry Christmas and a safe and peaceful New Year. Thank you for all your support and Help.

## Food Bank



We have been blown away again by the generosity of you all with your donations for the Food bank. The staff feel so appreciated by this gesture and I know the foodbank couldn't believe the amount you had donated. This will make such a difference to families at this time of year. Thank you from all the staff at Kellands.

Also, thank you to Harbro for helping us deliver all the donations

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.**

## Calling All Budding Skiers!

- ❄ Skier? Aged 6 to 18?
- ❄ Want to improve and have fun?
- ❄ Taster date Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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:  <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>	