

Barthol Chapel School

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year to all our families. We hope you all enjoyed the festive period. Last term was exceptionally busy in school. Our school show, Dragon Days, was a huge success - thank you to everyone who supported the show. It was fantastic to see the children perform with confidence and enthusiasm on stage. The Nativity at the church was a wonderful end to the term. Thank you once again to the Parent Council for organising and coordinating the food for the children's Christmas party, the gifts from Santa and hosting the Coffee Afternoon.

We have another busy term ahead of us. We are beginning to plan the school's 50th Anniversary which is on Wednesday 23rd May. The children will be learning about the 1960s & 70s in class to learn more about the era the school first opened. We are also planning to create some 50th Anniversary commemorative pieces of art, felting and knitting our own bunting! The Eco Group are busy planning a revamp of the school garden which we hope will be unveiled on 23rd of May. We will be issuing further details soon.

Term Dates

To confirm, the holiday dates in February are:

Friday 9th February, Monday 12th February. The school is also closed to pupils on Tuesday 13th February and Wednesday 14th February for In-Service Training.

Scottish National Standardised Assessments

The Scottish Government is introducing a new system of standardised assessments, called the Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSA), which will replace the variety of other standardised assessments that have been used until now in local authorities across Scotland. The new system will be delivered by all Aberdeenshire schools and will involve all children at the P1, P4, P7 and S3 stages of their education, focusing on aspects of reading, writing and numeracy.

The Scottish Government have created a dedicated website at <https://standardisedassessment.gov.scot/parents-and-carers/> which will provide you with further information regarding the assessments. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Bob

A big thank you to Danny and Kai who took great care of Bob (our goldfish) during the Christmas break. I am sure he has a wonderful time spending Christmas with you.

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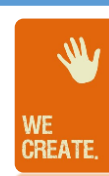
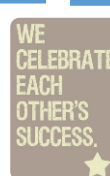
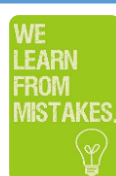
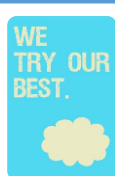
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Emergency Closure Information

It is that time of year when we remind everyone the process followed in the event the school needs to close.

ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL GUIDANCE ON SCHOOL CLOSURES

School Information Line Tel: **0370 054 4999** then enter **Barthol Chapel School**
PIN: **021330**

Aberdeenshire Council Website

<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/schools-closures/>

You also have the option to sign up to receive email alerts at

<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/myAberdeenshire/>

When will schools be closed?

Mr Anderson will decide if and when Barthol Chapel School should close due to bad weather or another emergency such as loss of power, heating, water etc. This decision can be made during any time, day or night. We want to work in partnership with parents and carers to ensure the safety of children at all times.

School to close BEFORE THE START of the school day...

We will advise parents and carers using the above communication tools. Your local radio station is also a good place to find out information on school closures.

School to close DURING the school day...

If the School is to close early, we will contact you by telephone. If this is not possible we will contact your named 'emergency contact'. No child will be released from school without contact being made. It is important contact details are current and the people named are available – particularly during bad weather. If you are concerned about local weather conditions contact the school. You may wish to collect your child yourself and are free to do so provided you make arrangements with the school.

School Transport operators are required to provide the necessary vehicles to transport the pupils' home at the earliest opportunity. If you can't meet or arrange for your child to be met, the school transport will return them to a designated location.

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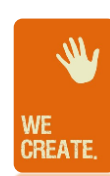
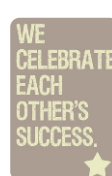
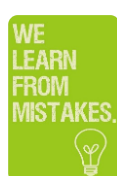
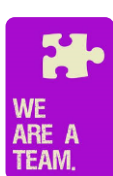
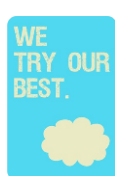
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School Transport in Adverse Weather

During periods of adverse weather some or all home-to-school transport services may not operate, or alternatively operate a curtailed service depending upon local road conditions. Any decision to cancel or amend the operation of some or all school transport services to Barthol Chapel School will be made by the bus operator following consultation with Mr Anderson and will have regard to the prevailing and forecast weather and road conditions along with any advice from Police Scotland and/or any other appropriate agency.

If school transport has been cancelled, at their own risk, parents can choose to bring their children to school. However, the parents then become responsible for conveying their children home again at the end of the school day, or earlier, if it becomes necessary to send all pupils home and close the school due to worsening weather conditions.

Information will normally be posted on the council's school closure web pages and Schools Information Line. However, it is not always possible to alert parents of service cancellations or route variations within a short timescale. As such pupils should wait no longer than 20 minutes at the designated pick-up point, and, if no school transport vehicle arrives, then return home.

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