



Barthol Chapel School

Burns Celebrations

The children have worked extremely hard this morning preparing for our Burns Celebrations. They all enjoyed the taster of haggis, neeps & tatties and wearing a touch of tartan. There will a coffee afternoon on Friday afternoon (tomorrow) and some of the children will recite their poems then if they wish.

Cycle Friendly School Award

Barthol Chapel School has gained the Cycle Friendly School Award from Cycling Scotland in recognition of our efforts to support and encourage cycling to school. We demonstrated our commitment to cycling by working closely with Cycling Scotland and Joanna Stewart, Transportation Strategy Officer at Aberdeenshire Council to increase awareness of active travel and to establish Junior Road Safety Officers in our school.

The nationally recognised Cycle Friendly School Award recognises primary schools, teachers and volunteers committed to increasing and promoting cycling to, from and around school. The award has been developed by Cycling Scotland with the aim of promoting cycling to school as a pleasant, healthy and economical travel choice. Cycling Scotland offers guidance on travel planning and providing cycling facilities and helps to create a culture of cycling within the school community. To achieve the award, schools must show commitment to cycling by providing facilities such as bicycle parking, changing facilities and Bikeability Scotland cycle training.

We are fortunate enough to have a huge amount of support from parent and members of the community. This session, our Junior Road Safety Officer have been busy gathering information about our travel habits. They have identified the dangers and next steps to continue to promote safe travel. This has led to the development of a Travel Plan. With support of Aberdeenshire Council, we have a new cycle track painted on to our playground surface complete with give way junctions, traffic lights and pedestrian crossings. This will enable us to continue to deliver Bikeability Training and Road Safety education to our learners.

Term Dates

To confirm, the holiday dates in February are:

School closed on Friday 8th February and Monday 11th February. The school is also closed to pupils on Tuesday 12th February and Wednesday 13th February for In-Service Training.

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Health Issues

At this time of year there can be an increase in the number of influenza cases. The symptoms can include; high temperature, sore throat, cough, runny nose, headache, limb and joint pain, diarrhoea and/or vomiting.

If your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting, they must remain at home until 48 hours after the symptoms have settled to ensure the infection does not spread to others.

I would also like to remind you that if your child requires medicine to be administered during the school day, a form needs to be completed and signed. Aberdeenshire Council Policy states that the school will not administer medication unless a Request for School to Administer Medication form has been completed and the Head Teacher has agreed that school staff can administer the medication.

Reporting Procedures

We plan to hold an open afternoon on Thursday 7th March. There will be the opportunity for you to visit the classrooms between 2pm and 3pm. At 3pm, Mr Anderson would like to have a meeting with parents to share some of the new development in school.

Pupil Progress Reports (Report Cards) will be issued week beginning 25th March 2019.

Parents Interviews will be arranged for Wednesday 1st May (Evening Appointments) and Thursday 3rd May (Afternoon Appointments).

Triathlon Club

The last Swimming Session for those participating in the Triathlon Club is Tuesday 29th January. The children have enjoyed this block and have gained a huge amount from this experience – including a very early start! Many thanks to Sean Murphy for giving up his own time.

Live Life Aberdeenshire – Events Weekend Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th January

A fun filled weekend of free events and activities with Live Life Aberdeenshire (Aberdeenshire Council's new and innovative way of delivering high quality sports and cultural services) with lots of things happening across the shire. To find out what's going on in your area take a look at "New Year, New You, New us" campaign on www.livelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk

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