

# Barthol Chapel School

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The end of term is fast approaching after what has been another disjointed school year. It is safe to say that everyone is ready for some downtime. We have another busy week in school ahead of us.

- *School Trip to Haddo Country Park – This is on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Children will need to remember waterproof jackets, sensible shoes, packed lunch and a water bottle.*
- *End of Year Celebration Assembly – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June (2pm) This will need to be held outside with only Primary 7 Parents in attendance.*

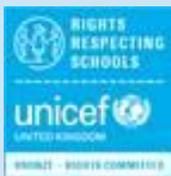
Our Primary 7 pupils have engaged in their transition activities preparing them for their next chapter in their school career. We will definitely miss having them around next session and we wish Elsie, Hugh, Jason and Skye the best of luck from everyone at Barthol Chapel School.

Our new Primary 1 pupils have also visited the school and participated in an outdoor play session. We are looking forward to welcoming Cameron, Evie and Jack officially in August.

This bulletin is to provide you with a final update before the summer break. I wish all families a restful and safe summer.

### Foodbank Collection

Thank you to all who supported our Foodbank Collection. 30kg of donations was handed over to Aberdeenshire North Foodbank. Well done all!



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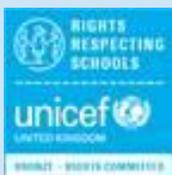
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### Summer of Play Free Summer Camps for children and young people!

Live Life Aberdeenshire are running summer camps – half day events featuring a mix of activities designed to keep young people entertained and have fun. The camps which are open to primary age children (5-year-olds must already have attended school) will run Monday to Friday with two camps each day – one in the morning (9am-12pm) and one in the afternoon (1-4pm).

Parents can book one session per day and all camps are completely free, thanks to funding from the Scottish Government. Please find the link below to the Summer of Play.

[Summer Holiday Camps - Live, Life Aberdeenshire \(livelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk\)](http://livelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk)

### Expected Approach to COVID-19 Mitigations Post-Summer

Schools have received guidance concerning the approach to mitigations in schools in the period after the summer holidays. I have summarised the main considerations for our school below.

The approach to planning for mitigations in schools post-summer must reflect the current uncertainty around the path of the virus, and in particular remaining uncertainty around variants of concern, the impact of the easing of restrictions in wider society on transmission within schools, and the effects of vaccination on case numbers in staff and children and young people.

An assessment will be made by the advisory sub-group and the COVID Education Recovery Group (CERG) of the public health situation in both wider society and as it relates to schools and children and young people. Advice will then be provided to local authorities regarding retention, enhancement or phased removal of specific mitigations.

In short, the current arrangements that are in place (sanitizing/washing hands, separated playground areas, face coverings on school transport) will remain in place. There will be no changes in our arrangements until further official guidance is received. I will of course keep you updated with any changes as and when they happen.

### Mr Dempster – Bus Driver

Mr Dempster is retiring at the end of next week. Mrs Dempster has a long association with Barthol Chapel School. He is a former pupil (leaving school at Barthol Chapel in 1957). His wife, Sheila was school cook for nearly 30 years.

On behalf of the entire Barthol Chapel School Community we wish Mr Dempster a happy retirement and thank him for his dedication to our school.

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### Bikeability

Congratulations to all pupils who worked extremely hard during their Bikeability Training sessions. Mrs Rodgers was delighted with the progress all pupils made during the training.



### Den Building & Orienteering

We have been learning outdoors developing our skills for learning, life and work. The pupils had to solve design challenges by building dens to meet certain criteria (one of them being that it had to be watertight). The children also developed their map reading skills by completing a variety of orienteering tasks on the school grounds.

