



Barthol Chapel School

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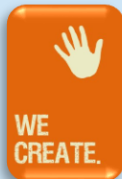
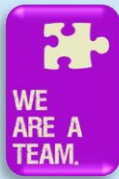
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I would like to wish everyone a warm welcome back to school and extend a special welcome to our new Primary 1 pupils and their families. It was great to see RJ and Murray joining in with the life of the school this week.

As it stands I will be continuing the role of Acting Head Teacher until further notice and the staff and I are looking forward to another exciting year of learning at Barthol Chapel School.

You can expect periodic newsletters from myself to keep you up to date as to what is happening here at Barthol Chapel School. Please help us by communicating with our school staff as well. A good way of staying up to date on school information is to visit our website at www.bartholchapel.aberdeenshire.sch.uk From there you can find several sources of information that will keep you informed. If you do not already follow the school on Twitter, I would recommend setting up an account and follow @BarthoChapSch to see updates and photographs on the many things we participate in.

We are excited to begin the 2023-2024 school year at Barthol Chapel. We will strive to provide the best education possible for your child. Our Standards and Quality Report and School Improvement Plan (SIP) will be available on our website in the next few days. Many thanks to those who filled out the questionnaire it added excellent suggestions, ideas and areas for improvement to be considered and developed. Over the next few weeks the pupils will be developing a pupil/parent version which will be much more accessible and we will again be asking for your input and views as we implement our SIP.

Data Check Forms

We will be issuing our annual data check forms in the coming weeks to allow you to check that the details we hold in school are up to date. Aberdeenshire Council Policy is that it needs to be completed online through ParentsPortal.scot (see below for more information) Please take the time to complete this task. No Annual Data Check information will be given home due to data protection reasons. To see how we handle and use your information, please refer to the Whole School Privacy Notice found at the following link [Privacy Notice - Whole School \(aberdeenshire.gov.uk\)](http://Privacy Notice - Whole School (aberdeenshire.gov.uk))

Child Flu Vaccine

A leaflet containing details of the upcoming flu vaccine for children will be sent home today along with the consent forms. Please can all consent forms be returned by Friday 1st September. The provisional date for the vaccine at Barthol Chapel School is Friday 29th September.





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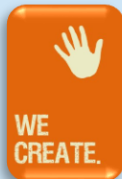
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Promoting and Managing Pupil Attendance in Educational Establishments Policy, 2022

Aberdeenshire Council have launched a new [Promoting and Managing Pupil Attendance Policy](#). This policy aims to define a clear and consistent protocol that schools are to follow when monitoring and managing pupil attendance. The main actions of the policy include:

- Primary schools should record attendance electronically on SEEMIS twice per day This attendance register must be completed within 10 minutes of the start of each session (morning & afternoon) by the class teacher.
- SEEMIS Attendance Reports will be generated on a two-weekly basis to enable monitoring of changes in attendance which are concerning. A concern in attendance may include the following:
 - Overall attendance dropping below 90%.
 - Gradual drop in attendance over a period of time.
 - Sudden drop in attendance.
 - Patterns of non-attendance, e.g. every Tuesday.

When an Attendance Concern is identified, an Attendance Monitoring and Intervention Record will be opened. Where there is a continuation of a decrease in attendance, steps will be taken to support the child/young person to attend school. Schools will understand and take into consideration the individual circumstances when making decisions on the most appropriate steps to support individuals.

Please remember to contact the school before 9:15am to notify us if your child is to be absent. This can be done by email or by telephone (Option 1). Also, if your child's end of day arrangements (collected by an adult or on school bus) are to change, please remember to contact the school so we are aware of this change. This will ensure your child is in the correct line when leaving the school building. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

PE Day

We will have PE on a Wednesday afternoon (all classes) and on a Tuesday morning for Primary 5-7 and Tuesday afternoon for Primary 1-4. This will be held outside (weather dependent).

We will be outside throughout the week for many learning opportunities. Therefore, can children please have a jacket just in case they feel cold.





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Parents Portal

Parentsportal.scot is available in all Aberdeenshire Council Schools. Access is only for parents who are already a contact for that child.

Signing up for Parentsportal.scot

Parentsportal is accessed via [myAberdeenshire](#).

To use [myAberdeenshire](#) you must have a registered account. If you do not already have an account n you can go through the registration process by using this link [Registration Process](#). Once you are on the page click 'register' then 'create a new account'.

There are two things that you need to do to access Parentsportal.scot

- Consent to sharing your data with Parentsportal.scot
- [link your child's details to your account](#)

What you will see in Parentsportal.scot

You will see basic information about your child(ren)'s school along with online services such as paying for school meal and completing your child(ren)'s annual data form electronically.

Outdoor Learning

One of the areas that we are looking to develop this year is a timetabled slot for each class to learn and be active outdoors. This has come not only from Pupil voice feedback but from parent and carers views from the online questionnaire sent out before the holidays.

There will be more information to come in the following weeks so please watch this space!





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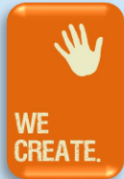
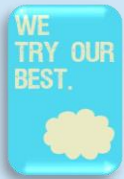
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Term Dates for Session (2023/2024)

The holiday dates for next school session have been agreed.

Term 1

- **In Service Day** Monday 21st August
- **School Resumes** Tuesday 22nd August
- **Primary 1 Pupils 1st Day** Wednesday 23rd August
- **Last Day of Term** Friday 13th October

OCTOBER BREAK: Monday 16th October – Friday 27th October 2023

Term 2

- **School Resumes** Monday 30th October
- **In Service Day** Thursday 16th November
- **In Service Day** Friday 17th November
- **Last Day of Term** Friday 22nd December

CHRISTMAS BREAK: Monday 25th December – Friday 5th January 2024

Term 3

- **School Resumes** Monday 8th January
- **Occasional Day Holiday** Friday 9th February
- **Mid Term Holiday** Monday 12th February
- **In Service Day** Tuesday 13th February
- **In Service Day** Wednesday 14th February
- **Last Day of Term** Thursday 28th March

EASTER BREAK: Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April 2024

Term 3

- **School Resumes** Monday 15th April
- **May Day Holiday** Monday 6th May
- **Occasional Day Holiday** Monday 3rd June
- **Last Day of Term** Friday 5th July

SUMMER BREAK: Monday 8th July – Monday 19th August 2024