



Barthol Chapel School

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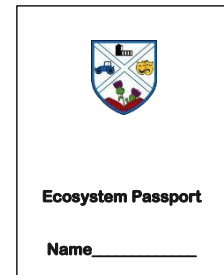
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We have reached the end of term 1 and what a busy one it has been. The pupils and staff have worked so hard this term and deserve a well earned holiday. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our all families for your continued help & support and wish you a lovely holiday.

Open Evening

We had a super open evening where the pupils were able to show case just how much they have learnt throughout the term. We hope you enjoyed your journey through all of the Ecosystems that the pupils created and managed to get all your stamps in your passports.



School Nurse

Thank you to Our Rights Respecting Action Group who invited our school nurse, Leo Walker in for a drop in session. Leo was able to discuss a variety of topics with us and has left some leaflets in school should you wish to have a look at any.





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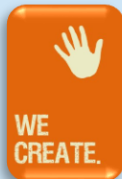
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Emergency School Closures

It is that time of year again when we remind everyone of the process which will be followed in the event of any school closures due to adverse weather.

When will schools be closed?

I 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. The decision to close the school is always taken in the interests of the safety of all pupils and staff. Health and Safety dictates the number of staff required for the number of pupils, including staff with first aid training. If there are insufficient staff this may result in school closure.

In bad weather, the decision to close the school will be made after receiving information about local weather conditions. This decision can be made during any time, day or night. The following guidelines outline the procedures for dealing with school closures during bad weather or any other emergency.

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

We will advise parents and carers using Aberdeenshire school Closure Website. Your local radio station and social media 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. 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 school bus pupils home at the earliest opportunity. School transport contractors have been told not to allow children to walk home alone from drop-off points under any circumstances during extreme weather conditions. If you can't meet or arrange for your child to be met, the school transport will return them to the school.





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School Transport in Adverse Weather

If there is any adverse weather, school transport services may not operate. 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 discussion with myself. The decision will be made in relation to the weather forecast, road conditions and any advice from Police Scotland and / or any other appropriate agency.

If our school remains open but the journey to school has been cancelled by the operator due to adverse weather then parents of pupils who normally travel on school transport are asked **not** to bring their children to school themselves. Should parents ignore this advice and, at their own risk, choose to bring their children to school, 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.

It must be stressed that the responsibility for the safety and welfare of children prior to boarding the school transport service remains with the parent or carer. It is not always possible to alert parents of service cancellations or route variations within a short timescale, depending upon developing localised weather conditions. 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.

ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL GUIDANCE ON SCHOOL CLOSURES

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/>

We recommend that all parents sign up to the email alerts





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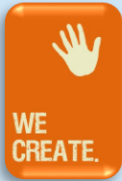
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Soup & Sweet - Reminder

Our fantastic Parent Council are hosting a soup & sweet at Barthol Chapel School on Saturday 4th November from 11.30am – 2.00pm

We would love to see as many of you as possible come to the event so please do come along and support us. Our pupils will be following recipes in school to make a pot of soup and some amazing sweets for you to try as well as the donations from the Parent Council.





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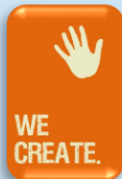
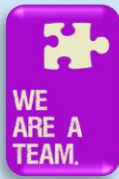
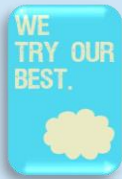
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Term Dates for Session (2023/2024)

Term 1

- **Last Day of Term** Friday 13th October

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

Term 2

- **School Resumes** Monday 30th October
- **Children in Need** Wednesday 15th November
- **In Service Day** Thursday 16th November
- **In Service Day** Friday 17th November
- **School Show** Wednesday 13th December (2pm)
- **School Show** Thursday 14th December (6.30pm)
- **Christmas Lunch** Tuesday 12th December
- **Pupils Christmas Party** Thursday 21st December
- **School Carol Concert** Friday 22nd December (2pm)
- **Last Day of Term** Friday 22nd December

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

Term 3

- **School Resumes** Monday 8th January
- **Burns Poetry Afternoon** Friday 26th January (2.30pm-3.30pm)
- **Occasional Day Holiday** Friday 9th February
- **Mid Term Holiday** Monday 12th February
- **In Service Day** Tuesday 13th February
- **In Service Day** Wednesday 14th February
- **Open Afternoon** Thursday 7th March – World Book Day
- **Progress Reports** Monday 18th March
- **Parent Interviews** Tuesday 26th March
- **Last Day of Term** Thursday 28th March

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

Term 4

- **School Resumes** Monday 15th April
- **May Day Holiday** Monday 6th May
- **Sports Day** Friday 17th May (2pm-3.30pm)
- **Occasional Day Holiday** Monday 3rd June
- **School Disco** TBC
- **Primary 7 Residential Trip** Tuesday 4th June – Friday 7th June – TBC
- **Primary 7 Transition Days** Tuesday 18th June – Thursday 20th June
- **Celebration Assembly** Thursday 27th June (2pm-3.30pm)
- **Primary & Leavers 'Treat'** TBC
- **Last Day of Term** Friday 5th July

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