

Gourdon Primary School Newsletter



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I am delighted to share with you this festive newsletter detailing the events which we have planned from now until we finish for the holidays on Friday 18th December 2020.

As always, if you would like to know any further details, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Miss Wells (Head Teacher)

Our Voice

Last week P6/7 started their six weekly STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) sessions. These sessions take place through Microsoft Teams and are supported by e-Sgoil Primary Science and Physics professors with funding from the Scottish Government. The sessions link with their current 'Our Earth' topic and will include: Living and Non-Living Things, Food Chains, Adaptations, Plant Investigation as well as presentation and reporting.



'Wee Blether'

Our school will be represented again by our senior pupils who will take part in a 'Wee Blether' this month. This is a second Teams meeting where pupils are invited to share their thoughts on Children's Rights. This discussion will involve our school and 8 other primary schools from all over Aberdeenshire.

P.E Term 2 October to December

PE will continue to take place outside as often as possible and so outdoor PE shoes and suitable clothing should be worn to school on PE days.

A change of socks and trousers would also be helpful as the ground is not always dry.

Please ensure no jewellery is worn for PE.
Earrings can only be taped if ears are newly pierced.

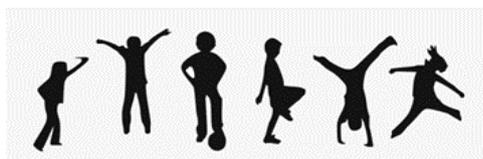
Hair must be tied up for all PE lessons.

Thank you for your support.

Mondays - P1 have PE

Wednesdays - P2/3 have PE

Thursdays - P4/5 and P6/7 have PE



Interim Reports

This week you will have received via email an interim report for your child(ren) with instructions on how to access the report.

If you require further help with this please do not hesitate to call the school.

This report is instead of our usual face to face parental interviews.

Panto Art

This year classes will watch a virtual Panto and then will take part in our Panto art competition. There will be one winner from each stage, who will all receive prizes donated by the Gourdon Community Council. As there is no Community Christmas Tree light switch one event this year, the youngest winner will be invited to switch on the Christmas tree lights in our school. This will be shared with everyone via See Saw.



Christmas Wishes



We are not inviting pupils to exchange Christmas cards this year, due to the current guidance. Instead, each pupil will be given a Christmas tree decoration. They will be able to decorate the decoration and write a Christmas message to another pupil, not necessarily from their class. The Christmas tree decorations will then be hung on our trees in school for pupils to see and read. At the end of this term, pupils will be able to take their Christmas wish decoration home with them.

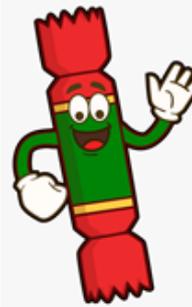
Christmas Parties



With the changes to guidance in schools, we are now able to plan Christmas parties for our classes.

Pupils will be invited to come to school dressed in their party wear and remain in their party wear all day or they can go home to change at lunchtime. Pupils must not return to school any earlier than 1.30pm. Dates will follow for each class's party. As we have all been very, very good this year, I am hopeful that a special guest will visit us!

Christmas Cracker Day



We will be having our Christmas lunch on Thursday 17th December.

We will also be inviting all pupils and staff to wear their festive jumpers, but we are not asking for any monetary donations.

Throughout the day, classes will take part in Christmas activities and we will share our festive fun via See Saw.

Special Message

This year has been very different to what we could have ever imagined. We have all had to and continue to make changes and adapt.

Working with my team at Gourdon, our pupils and families has been a constant source of enjoyment and positivity. I am and will be forever grateful for our school and its community for the way in which we have all supported each other and have been kind to each other. I wish you all the very best of the season and a healthy and happy new year.

Thank you to you all.



Dates for you Diary



Friday 20th November—In-Service Day
Thursday 17th December—Christmas Lunch
Friday 18th December—Term 2 Ends @ 3.30pm
Tuesday 5th January 2021—Term 3 Begins
Friday 12th February—Occasional Holiday
Monday 15th February—Mid Term Holiday
Tuesday 16th February—In-Service Day
Wednesday 17th February—In-Service Day

