

Port Elphinstone School Newsletter

February/March 2022

Learning Together

We have all been working hard together at school and keeping busy with our learning. Covid continues to have an impact on staffing at various points during the term, but we have been fortunate to have been supported by supply teachers who have continued the learning for our pupils. We welcomed Mrs Susan Cordiner who will be providing Health and Well-Being lessons for P1/2, P2/3 and PE and Wellbeing lessons for P5/6/7.

PE Days

Please find below the PE days for each class. Please ensure that they come suitably dressed for PE lessons. A PE kit should include, T-Shirt, leggings or sweats, a sweatshirt for going outside. Tank tops are not appropriate. Trainers or plimsols for indoor PE lessons or trainers for outside. Medical tape should be provided for pupils with pierced ears. P5/6/7 pupils who are attending swimming lessons should bring the necessary clothes/equipment for that. All other days of the week pupils should come dressed in school uniform.

P1/2	Monday Tuesday,
P2/3	Tuesday, Wednesday
P4/5	Monday, Tuesday
P5/6/7	Thursday (Swimming), Friday

Vision and Values Refresh

As part of our school improvement plan, we are working together to look at the school vision and values, this is linked to our improvement plan. A school vision and values help guide the every-day actions of our school community and the conversations we have with others. We have consulted staff members and pupils at the school and now it is the turn of the parents to share your thoughts with us! Please follow this link to complete a short questionnaire about a new version of our school vision and values.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BpPZ_i1NCUSVndDttzBKC1ZY752Qyv9Am5gkmnrP87xURDY3WExKU080RTdRUTNHMVIMMkdXRk43US4u

World Book Day



This year for World Book Day we are working with the Parent Council to collect pictures of pupils reading in creative places! Can you read a book upside down from your bed? What about somewhere outside? All creative ideas welcome! This year's theme is, "You are a reader!" (More details can be found [here](#)) If you'd like to join in, please send the pictures to the school email address by Wednesday 2 March so that we can share them on Thursday 3 March, World Book Day. By sending a photo in you agree for this to be shared on the school Facebook page. This is an optional activity that families can join in with if they feel it would be appropriate. A creative entry from each year group will win a small prize sponsored by the Parent Council.

Covid Update

The guidance continues to be updated on a regular basis. We are no longer required to have bubbles during the school day. We will be returning to a lunch service that will begin at 12:20 and finish at 1:20.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 2 March 2022	World Book Day Photos in Creative Places.
Thursday 10 March 2022	Parent Council Meeting 7:00
Friday 1 April 2022	Last Day of Term
Monday 18 April 2022	Start of Term 4
Thursday, 21 April	Class Photos
Thursday 2 June 2022	May Day Holiday (moved from June) School Closed
Friday 3 June 2022	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Holiday School Closed
Monday 6 June 2022	Local Holiday School Closed
Friday 1 July 2022	Last Day of Term 4

[Get in touch!](#)

If you have queries or concerns, please get in touch!

portelphinstone.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk