

# Port Elphinstone School Newsletter

## February/March 2023

### Learning Together

The term is off to a great start, with the icy weather behind us. During some of the icy weather we were able to use our wooded area to go outdoors. We are lucky to have such fantastic spaces to use and now that the weather is improving, we hope to have more outdoor lessons. Along with the improving weather we also have a muddy pitch! Indoor shoes to protect the classroom carpets are very helpful. Please let us know if you need assistance in getting indoor shoes for your pupil, we are happy to help.



We would also appreciate your help with punctuality in the mornings. The start of the school day is a valuable time where the lessons for the day are reviewed, lunches are ordered, pupils have a chance to chat with their teacher and check in about the day. We would appreciate your support in getting children to school for 9:00 AM. We understand that sometimes mornings go wrong, but starting the day with the class sets children up for a successful day of learning. If there are consistent late arrivals, Mrs Davies may reach out to see what support can be offered.



### PE Kit Reminders



Please ensure that they come suitably dressed for PE lessons. We have seen an increase in pupils wearing football tops for PE and have found that this sometimes causes arguments and disputes. We ask that parents please don't send pupils in any kind of sports jersey to school. Your support is appreciated!

A PE kit should include, T-Shirt, leggings or sweats, a sweatshirt for going outside. Tank tops are not appropriate. Trainers or plimsoles 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. Pupils may also wear school PE t-shirts, which are available for purchase here: [Kids Value T-Shirt – Ripples Custom Designs & Prints – for Schools \(ripplesforschools.co.uk\)](https://www.ripplesforschools.co.uk) This is not compulsory, and pupils would be welcome to wear a school polo with comfortable trousers if there is a problem.

### Food Shelves

Unfortunately PECH is not receiving enough food supplies now that they are able to support our food shelves so food will only be available between the double doors until next Friday (24 February). Once we

have disposed of the remaining food, the uniform boxes will take their place. Food can still be accessed from PECH on Mondays from 9.30-12.30 and Thursdays from 11.30-2.30.

## Reporting and Parents Evening

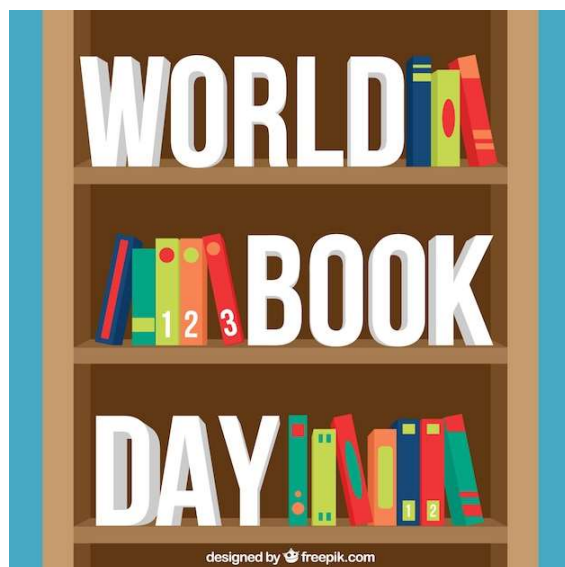
Soon you'll be receiving a report for your child's progress at school. These will be sent to you electronically due to issues arising from GDPR practises. The pupil comment and parent comment section will be left blank for you to complete and return to school. You do not need to return the rest of the report. We appreciate your feedback and value the time you take to discuss the report with your child.



We would also like to invite you to take the opportunity to attend a Parents Evening to discuss your child's progress. These have been rescheduled from their original dates during the week commencing 27 February to the week commencing 6 March. This is due to proposed EIS strike action. The new dates are 8 and 9 March (see the dates for your diary section below). An email will be sent to confirm your appointment times on Wednesday, 1 March.

## World Book Day

We are working with the pupil council to plan activities for World Book Day at school. This will take place on 2 March 2023. We will not be having a fancy dress day, but there will be activities taking place throughout the day. The parent council have also arranged for the Book Fair to make a return to the school, which will be available during upcoming parents evening. World Book Day tokens which were sent home last week can be used against purchases at the Book Fair.



## Dates For You Diary

w/c 20 February 2023	Reports Issued to Parents
Tuesday 28 February 2023	Proposed Strike Action
Wednesday 1 March 2023	Proposed Strike Action
Thursday, 2 March 2023	Visit by Aberdeenshire Life Education – Parent information link <a href="https://youtu.be/AztpHJNo_Gg">https://youtu.be/AztpHJNo_Gg</a>
Wednesday 8 March 2023	3:30-5:30 Parents Evening (Rescheduled)
Thursday 9 March 2023	6:00-8:00 Parents Evening (Rescheduled)
Friday, 17 March 2023	Parent Council Bingo Evening, 6.00 pm
Tuesday 28 March 2023	Drama Presentation P4/5 and P6/7 2:15 Start
Wednesday 29 March 2023	Drama Presentation P4/5 and P6/7 9:30 Start

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

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