

Port Elphinstone School Newsletter

January 2024

Learning Together- What can you do to help?

We want to work in partnership with parents and families, here are some of the things you can do to support learners at school.

- **Be on time!** We are really growing concerned about the number of pupils arriving after the bell has gone. Being on time helps your pupil have a successful day. If there are issues preventing this happening, please get in touch with the school and we can problem solve together. **(What we will do to help: communicate with families whose lateness and absences are having an impact on their pupils' learning.)**
- **Be prepared!** Pupils should have a healthy breakfast and come with clothing suitable for the weather and activities of the day. Pupils should also have any reading books, snacks, water bottles etc. In winter, coats, gloves and hats are a good idea. We do try to get outside each day, so a change of shoes is really important. Again, if there are difficulties, please get in touch with the school so that we can support. **(What we will do to help: send a message home if your pupil doesn't have indoor shoes so that some can be sourced or provided.)**
- **Keep communication lines open!** We appreciate you letting us know when pupils are struggling or need support, or equally when things have gone really well. Working together we can find solutions for any problems We are looking to share learning more frequently with families about pupil learning. More information coming in the February newsletter! **(What we will do to help: respond quickly to concerns and give more information about sharing learning more frequently in our February newsletter)**

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. 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://ripplesforschools.co.uk) This is not compulsory, and pupils would be welcome to wear a school polo with comfortable trousers.

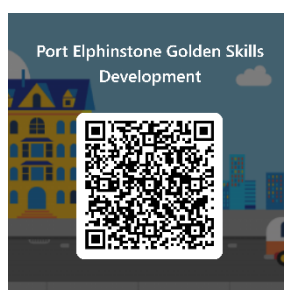
PE Days

P1-3	Monday and Tuesday
P3-4	Monday and Tuesday
P5-6	Monday and Thursday
P6-7	Tuesday and Thursday

Port Golden Skills

We are launching a new way of building our curriculum, looking at the skills for developing the young workforce. (More information can be found here: [Primary – DYW \(dywaberdeenshire.org\)](http://dywaberdeenshire.org)) We have been consulting with our pupils about what this might look like in our school. We are looking at building our skills to be a key pillar of our curriculum alongside our school vision and values. We'd love to know what skills you think are important for pupils to learn. Please share your thoughts with us in the Microsoft form which can be found here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/HLW4P4hbiU>



To build these skills, pupils will have activities in their class environment twice a month and in their Houses twice a month. Please look out for pictures on our school Facebook page for updates about this exciting development for our school.

Upcoming dates:

Monday 22 January	Active Schools PE and Lunch Club (P3-P5) Parent Council Meeting 6:00 PM
Wednesday 31 January	Scots Poetry Assembly
Friday 9 February	Mid Term Holiday (School Closed)
Monday 12 February	Mid Term Holiday (School Closed)
Tuesday 13 February	In-Service Day (School Closed to Pupils)
Wednesday 14 February	In-Service Day (School Closed to Pupils)
Wednesday 28 February	Parents' Meetings 3:30-5:30
Thursday 29 February	Parents' Meetings 6:00-8:00
Week of 25 March Science Fair Week	Further information to follow
Thursday 28 March	Last Day of Term

Get in touch!

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

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