



Banchory Bulletin 21st September

PTA/PC AGM

There will be an online AGM on Tuesday the 22nd of Sep. Please check the PTA FB page for details, or contact the PTA at the email address below for the meeting code as this is being set up by the PTA. Looking forward to this! Thanks.

- PTA email address: banchoryprimarypta@gmail.com
- Parent Council contact: Catriona Beverley aberdeenshire@npfs.org.uk

Guidance

A link to the government guidance. Please note, we find out at the same time as everyone else - so please bear with us if there are any changes we need to look at. Primary school aged children do not need to socially distance, but we are continuing to maintain safety rules and boundaries within school and on the playgrounds.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-reopening-school-age-childcare-services/>

Recovery term progress

We are pleased that the weather continues to be fine as we are making the most of our outdoor spaces in line with government guidance at this time. Should the weather change we have been issued with guidance to make sure that we are still keeping the building at the right temperature, with healthy ventilation and air circulation. As always, we appreciate the children coming to school ready for all types of Scottish weather.

Government funding

The school were delighted to receive a number of chromebooks from the government for a group of identified pupils, this has allowed us to reallocate our existing devices. The pupils will be able to access a range of resources and allow the pupils more freedom to decide how to record their work.

Subscriptions

A number of classes will be using a range of online subscriptions to reinforce and enhance learning. As a school we use EducationCity, Times Table Rockstars, Big Maths and Sumdog, over the coming weeks pupils will be introduced to these within the classroom and will have the option of using these at home. We will be providing opportunities for pupils to enhance their word processing skills by using BBC Dancemat typing and Typing.com, both websites can be used for free at home. For any ICT related questions, please contact the PT, Mrs Gillian Jones, gillian.jones@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

House Captains

Well done to the newly elected House Captains and Vice Captains! We look forward to a year of fun, healthy competition! We will introduce them soon and more details to follow.



Calendar

Session 2020/2021 Term Dates

Term 1 Starts (Staff Only)	Monday	10 th August 2020
In-Service (Staff Only)	Tuesday	11 th August 2020
Whole School Returns	Wednesday	12 th August 2020
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Last Day of Term 1	Friday	9 th October 2020
Term 2 Starts	Monday	26 th October 2020
In Service (Staff Only)	Friday	20 th November 2020
Last Day of Term 2	Friday	18 th December 2020

Please note, to celebrate and raise awareness of Type 1 Diabetes, there will be a dress as a super hero day on Friday the 13th of November.

Reports

During the first week back after the October holidays, we will issue a brief summary 'settling in' interim report in place of parent meetings this year.

Staffing

We wish Miss Laura Burns all the very best as she leaves at the end of term and thank her for all her work in school. As well as supporting with the lunchtime singing and choir in previous terms, Miss Burns has also worked as part of the 'Making Thinking Visible' working group. The post is advertised and will close shortly.

<https://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/aberdeenshire-council/jobs/teacher-primary-banchory-primary-school-197256>

Term One

Thank you for your ongoing support. For individual queries, please send an email to: jackie.fernandez@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Jackie Fernandez, HT.