



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending 12th January 2023



Dear Families,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a great holiday. It's been great to get back to our school routine. Our corridors are filled with the happy sound of learning again.



Christmas Catch Up



The P1-3 Christmas performance was a huge success at the end of last term and rounded off our festivities in the best possible way.

Thanks to the generous donations from our audience we raised £400 which was split evenly between Play at HOBBS' and the children's chosen local charity 'Abernecessities'. The P7 year group take responsibility for local community and charities. Each class worked with a budget of £100 and bought items from the Amazon Wishlist. Baby toiletries, books, games and clothes were all delivered directly to the charity.

The Parent Council Fundraising group generated £200 for the school with their Christmas raffle. Well done to the winners: Rory K, Matthew Mc, Maria H and Eppie R.

Thank you again for your generosity.

P7 Leavers



You might notice something different about our oldest learners this week. They have been given their leavers hoodies to wear. This becomes part of the P7 school uniform and marks the start of their final calendar year at HOBBS. Lots of exciting times ahead. Enjoy them P7!

Hill of Banchory School and Nursery Facebook Group

Use this link: [Facebook](#) or scan the QR code to find our page.



P1 Registration Week

Aberdeenshire's Registration Week for Primary 1 admission is Monday, January 15 to Friday, January 19.

All children who reach their fifth birthday by February 28, 2025 are invited to register for Primary 1 for admission in August 2024.

Parents/carers of those children due to commence attendance at school in August 2024 should now register their children for the appropriate local primary school.

To register for a primary school place, for a school within your catchment area, complete the online application at <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/applyForSchoolPlace>

Find out more here <https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/.../News/release.aspx...>

Readvertising... Parent Council Class Reps

The parent council wishes to strengthen the partnership between parents and the school. We are looking for a parent from each class to put themselves forward for the role of Class Rep. Essentially the role of the Class Rep would be to share news/requests from the Parent Council to parents via established WhatsApp or Facebook groups.

If you are interested or would like to hear more information about the role please give your details to the office to be passed on to the Parent Council.

Huge thanks to those who have offered their support. We still have a few classes without a rep. Please do get in touch if interested.



How to discuss any concerns:

If you have a concern about your child, please request a phone call from their class teacher in the first instance. Staff will return the call as soon as possible. Should the matter require further discussion, please contact the relevant member of the senior management team. Mrs McNelis will be the point of contact for children in Nursery, Mrs Burr will be the point of contact for P1, Mrs Cooper will be the point of contact for children in P2- P4 and Mrs Lawson will be the point of contact for children in P5-7.

Dates for your Diary

Please find below link that will allow you to download the school calendar to your phone: <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/media/27286/2022-2023-school-holidays.ics>

The occasional days will not be automatically updated by using the above link however they are detailed below:

Term 3

23rd January— Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm

25th January—Burns' Celebrations

9th February - Local holiday

12th February - Mid-term holiday

13th-14 February - In-Service days

14th March - School Disco

18th - 22nd March - Reporting Week

28th March - Term ends

Term 4

15th April - Term begins

6th May - Holiday

21st May - Sports Day

28th May - Sports Day reserve

13th June - School Disco

3rd June - Local holiday

5th July - Term ends

Touch of Tartan Day

This year we will be celebrating Burns' Day by inviting everyone to wear a touch of tartan.

This will be on Thursday 25th January.

