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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here it is, the big one, this letter has the dates you will need for our super busy term.

Provision in School:

We have been creative in our approaches to a learning environment that is flexible to the needs of our pupils. The Nurture Room offers sessions and group work to support confidence, self-regulation, relationship building and all things nurturing. We also have the new Zen Den where any pupil can pop in for a bit of one to one support with their learning or simply a quieter place to complete their learning tasks. It is, as its name would suggest, a very chilled out space. We also have the sensory room for those children who can become overwhelmed and need a moment to use calming lights and sensory toys. Covid has brought a lot of breaks to social experiences for our children and we are keen to make the school environment a safe and nurturing place where they can rebuild these skills.

Clothing:

It is important that everyone brings a labelled outdoor coat every day ready for whatever nature throws at us. Please also put some spare clothing in for wet weather in case we get caught in a downpour and need to change. Please make sure your child can identify their own winter woollies so that hats and gloves don't get mixed up.

Weather:

If there are any changes to school transport arrangements due to the weather, the school line and the council web page will have the latest updates. Facebook will also be updated.
<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/schools-closures/>

Information Line 0370 054 4999 pin: 022159 (Please do not use this line to leave messages for the school.)

An update will also be sent to your email address through Groupcall.

Christmas Fair:

The Christmas Fair takes place on Wednesday 9th November 6pm-8pm. This is always a fantastic event and lots of fun for catching up with friends as well as getting some of your Christmas shopping done. Our P7s have been working hard to create beautiful hand made items for their stall to raise money for their term four treats.

Photographs:

Tempest will be in on Monday 21st November for individual and family photographs. You have been issued with information regarding groupings.

Christmas Lunch:

This year our fabulous catering team will be serving Christmas lunch on Wednesday 7th December. It is always a lovely treat and a great opportunity to share in some seasonable fun. Details will follow.



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Tuck Shop:

Tuck shop is available daily at playtime. Prices start at 10p and go up to 60p. We sell raisins, fruit, cheese, yoghurt, water and flavoured water.

Cosy Comfort:

We are delighted to announce a partnership with our friends at Macduff Parish Church to offer a cosy café on Monday afternoons in December. Our senior pupils will be learning about the world of work by working in the café and we hope you will come along and support their endeavours. Details to follow.

Parents Evenings:

You have been given the choice to have an afternoon or evening session to meet your child's teacher and chat about progress, through your child's google classroom. This replaces last year's interim report and is an important part of working in partnership for your child. You will receive your time either by a slip or by email from the teacher.

Choir:

School Choir for P5 – P7 pupils has returned. Rehearsals are at lunchtime on Thursdays and we already have our first gig booked. We have been invited to perform at Macduff Parish Church on Friday 16th December with Turriff Silver band.

Nativity:

Rehearsals have begun and our P1-3 classes will be performing a beautiful nativity for you. Performances will take place on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th December at 1.45pm. Each family will be allocated one ticket for each performance. Any spare tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis. More details to follow. Our senior children will be performing in the summer term, watch this space!

Christmas Parties:

Thank you to our wonderful PSG who have helped us with treats and helped Santa with gifts. A huge amount of work has gone in to make the parties fun and successful. Pupils can come to school dressed for their party, or have a home lunch and return dressed for their party. Lunch on your child's party day will be from 12 – 1pm. Santa has kindly agreed to attend despite his very busy schedule.

P2	Monday 19 th December
P3 and P4	Tuesday 20 th December
P5 and P6	Wednesday 21 st December
P7	Wednesday 21 st December 6pm – 8pm (an adult must collect)
P1	Thursday 22 nd December

Church Service:

We will be attending Macduff Parish Church on Friday 23rd December for our end of term Christmas Service. We will be leaving school to walk to church at 9.10am once lunches have been booked. Please let your class teacher know if you are able to accompany us on the walk. You are very welcome to join us for the service.

Term ends on Friday 23rd December. We return to school on Monday 9th January 2023

Kind Regards,



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