

WEEKLY BULLETIN
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Staffing Update

Mrs Proctor, one of our PSAs, has been successfully appointed to a new post which she will start in January. She will be finishing with us at the end of this term. Mrs Proctor has been a PSA for a long time and has been at Westhill Primary since 2017. She is a very enthusiastic and caring PSA who has been very supportive of our children. She will really be missed but we wish her well with her new job. We are currently recruiting to fill this position and we hope to have someone in post as soon as possible.

Trophies

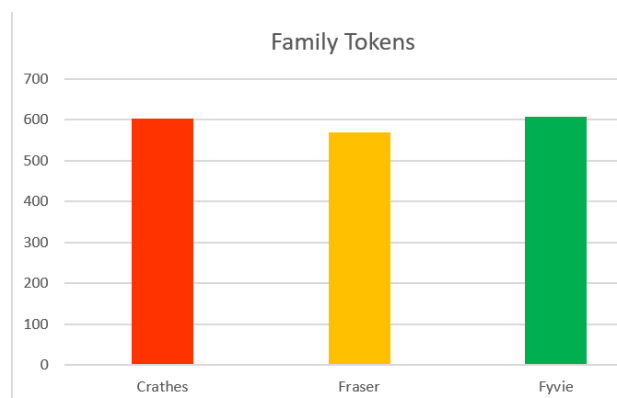
P3 represented the school really well on their trip to the Science Centre so have been awarded the Respect trophy. They had great fun exploring the exhibits and learning more about The Body.



P7A were extremely responsible this week during outdoor learning where they carried out their usual gardening tasks and also learned about reversible and irreversible chemical reactions through toasting marshmallows and making popcorn on the fire. They were awarded the Responsibility trophy.

Family Tokens

The Families are extremely close again this week with Fyvie just in the lead with 607 tokens, closely followed by Crathes with 603 and Fraser on 569. With 2 weeks to go this term, every Family has a chance to finish in the lead!



Christmas Activities

We are looking forward to lots of Christmas fun coming up next week. P2 and P3 will be performing on Tuesday and Wednesday for their families and the rest of the school have been invited to watch their dress rehearsal on Monday.

Elf on the Shelf will be open for business on Thursday and Friday. For anyone new to the school, this is a lovely fundraising experience organised by the Parent Council. They organise a range of small gifts, already wrapped, for the children to purchase for their families. It is optional for children to participate in but if they want to, they should bring a maximum of £10- gifts cost £2.50 each.

Timetable for Classes:

Thursday 14 th December	Friday 15 th December
P4-P7 classes	P1-P3 classes

Nursery children will go in small groups over the two days.

Friday 15th December is our school Christmas lunch and children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumper on this day, if they wish.

We have our Christmas parties to look forward to during the last week of term, see dates for your diary at the end of the bulletin. If children have a party in the morning, they should come to school in their party clothes with their uniform in a named bag to change into for the afternoon. If children have a party in the afternoon, they should bring their party clothes in a named bag and they will be able to change in school after lunch. Some children may choose to have a home lunch on this day.

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. This year Mrs Borthwick will be the point of contact for children in Nursery, Mrs Burns will be point contact of for P1, Mrs Dahl will be the point of contact for children in P2- P4 and Ms Symington will be the point of contact for children in P5-7.

PE days

1A	Monday and Friday	5A	Wednesday and Friday
1B	Monday and Friday	5/6A	Tuesday and Thursday
2A	Monday and Thursday	6A	Wednesday and Thursday
2B	Monday and Thursday	7A	Wednesday and Friday
3A	Tuesday and Thursday	7B	Wednesday and Friday
3B	Tuesday and Friday		
4A	Monday and Tuesday		
4B	Monday and Thursday		

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>

- 22nd December School and Nursery close for Christmas Holidays
- 8th January School and Nursery re-open
- 8th February – 12th February School closed mid term holiday
- Tuesday 13th February and Wednesday 14th February In Service days 4 and 5
- 28th March School Closes for Easter holidays
- 29th March Good Friday Public Holiday
- 15th April School re-opens
- Tuesday 23rd April and Thursday 25th April Parent Interviews
- 6th May Public Holiday
- 5th July School closes for summer holidays

Christmas Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 12th December P2/3 Nativity Performance 2pm
- Wednesday 13th December P2/3 Nativity Performance 9.30am
- Thursday 14th December Elf on the Shelf
- Friday 15th December Elf on the Shelf; School Christmas lunch; wear your Christmas jumper to school
- Monday 18th December P1 and P2 party after break; P3 Party in the afternoon
- Tuesday 19th December P5 Party in the afternoon
- Wednesday 20th December P6 party in the afternoon
- Thursday 21st December P4 party in the morning; P7 party in the afternoon
- Friday 22nd December P4-P7 Church Service