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**News Bulletin Term 2**

# Charleston School

## News Bulletin

### Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our first online newsletter. By viewing it online you are helping reduce our use of paper, which will help us achieve our Eco targets.

With the onset of colder and wetter weather, please ensure your child comes to school suitably attired. Children will be outside during breaks whenever possible to allow them to run off their energy and clear their heads.

At the end of term one, we sent 5 black bags of lost property which had lain unclaimed, to be recycled. The articles were not named and many appeared to be fairly new. Please ensure your child's belongings have their name clearly marked on them.



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During icy and snowy periods, the janitor will sand a pathway leading to the rear entrance doors of the school. Areas outwith these paths will not necessarily be cleared. Please use these cleared pathways when entering and leaving the school grounds for your own safety.

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See over for full details of where to check if the school should ever be closed in the event of exceptionally bad weather.

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Regards

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**Laura Fowler**  
**Headteacher**

### Poppy Day

Pr 7 pupils will be going round the classes this week with poppies. Pupils may make a donation and receive a poppy to wear for Remembrance Day. There will be a short input about the significance and purpose of the poppy at our school assembly. Then at 11:00 on Friday 11th the school will observe a one minute silence.

### Onesie Day

Friday 11th November, pupils can opt to come to school in a onesie, providing they bring a stuffed toy that is looking for a new home. These toys are to be used for our Teddy Tombola at the Christmas Fayre on the 26th November, where children can try and win one to give a new home to.

### Christmas Concerts

This year because of numbers, we have an extra class in the upper stages. As a result, this will impact on the number of seats available in the hall, for the audience, at school performances.

While this will restrict the numbers to 100 at a time, over the three scheduled P4-7 performances, we will actually gain 60 seats.

This year all families will be given 2 tickets for the preferred performance of their child's/children's concert(s). Should you wish more, they will be sold for £1 each. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

Concert dates are:

Nursery      Tuesday 13th December @ 09:30  
Pr 1-3        Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th Dec @ 13:45  
Pr 4-7        Tuesday 13th December @ 18:30  
                  Wednesday 14th December @ 13:45  
                  Thursday 15th December @ 09:45

### School Closures Due to Bad Weather

The safety of pupils is paramount and therefore during very bad weather the Head Teacher may decide to close the school. **We will always alert all parents of any closures using Groupcall this will be done before 8am if possible.** If there has been a heavy fall of snow or other adverse conditions prevail you can also check by listening to Northsound Radio (96.9 FM) as they list the names of all schools that are closed, read out in alphabetical order. Any cancellations affecting school transport will also be broadcast on Northsound. **All school closures are also immediately on the Aberdeen City Council Website at:**

**[www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/closure](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/closure)**

Please do not call the school telephone line as it is needed to allow us to call out to Marischall College and staff who may be already on their way.



If parents decide not to send their child to school because of adverse weather, we ask that they text us on our **Groupcall number 07860030710**, and on the child's return, send in a brief letter of explanation.

### **Christmas Lunch and class parties**

School Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December. If your child is having a Christmas lunch please remember if they are in Primary 4 to 7 they will need to have money put onto their card more than 24 hours in advance. See full details of how to do this on the recent letter you got from the Accord Card Office in the October break.

Class teachers will organise and inform you of when your child's party will be. Look out for a letter or information in their homework notebook.

### **Theatre trip**

The Parent Council, through its organised events over the year, is again treating the whole school to a trip to His Majesty's Theatre to see "Dick McWhittington". It will be on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec and you will receive a separate letter with information about this soon.

Nursery children will also have a trip to the Lemon Tree to see a production called "White" on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December—again a separate letter will be coming home soon.

We are all looking forward to this end of term treat!

### **Christmas Fayre**

Preparations are well underway for this annual event. This year each class is going to be responsible for organising a stall. The Fayre is on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November from 10:00 – 13:00 so put the date in your diary. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Parent Council is sending out a letter with further details shortly.

### **Peanuts!**

Please can children try not to take peanuts in packed lunches. We had an incident recently when a pack was spilled in the dinner hall. We do have children in school who have severe allergies and peanuts especially can put them at risk. Thank you for your consideration..

### **Rights Respecting School News**

Charleston school are delighted to be featured in the first edition of Aberdeen City's Rights Respecting Newsletter. To view the full newsletter please see the link on our school website homepage.



**Holiday Dates**—remember all school term dates are always available at:  
[http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/education\\_learning/schools/scc\\_SchoolHols.asp/](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/education_learning/schools/scc_SchoolHols.asp/)

In Service Day Friday 18 Nov (pupils do not attend school)  
Term Ends Friday 23 December 2016

Term Begins Monday 9 January 2017  
Mid Term holiday Monday 13 Feb 2017  
In Service day Tuesday 14 Feb (pupils do not attend school)  
In Service Day Wednesday 15 Feb (pupils do not attend school)  
Term Ends Friday 31 March 2017

Term Begins Tuesday 18 April 2017  
May Day holiday Monday 1 May 2017  
In Service Day Tuesday 2 May (pupils do not attend school)  
Session Ends Friday 30 June 2017

### Session 2017/2018

4 In-Service days still to be confirmed

Term begins for pupils Tuesday 22 August 2017  
September Holiday Friday 22 September - Monday 25 September 2017  
Term Ends Friday 13 October 2017  
Term begins Monday 30 October 2017  
Term Ends Friday 22 December 2017  
Term begins Monday 8 January 2018  
Mid Term Holiday Monday 12 February 2018  
Term Ends Thursday 29 March 2018  
Term Starts Monday 16 April 2018  
May Day Holiday Monday 7 May 2018  
Term Ends Friday 6 July 2018

Please let us know of any query, concern, complaint or compliment relevant to our service.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)



Parent/Carer signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)

We will acknowledge receipt of this slip within 5 working days. If appropriate a full reply will follow within 15 working days. Any urgent issue eg Health and Safety will be dealt with more quickly. All issues will be dealt with as per our usual customer standards. Every effort will be made to ensure problems are resolved. However, on the rare occasion that you remain dissatisfied with our service further action can be taken by contacting our Quality Improvement Officer at Marischal College, Broad St, Aberdeen, AB10 1AA.