



Banchory-Devenick



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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
SCHOOL CLOSURES	SCHOOL REOPENS
Wednesday 10 th February	Thursday 18 th February
Thursday 24 th March	Monday 28 th March
Friday 1 st April	Monday 18 th April



Eco Flag:

Our Eco Flag arrived in the school on Monday 18th January. We are very proud of it and hope to have it displayed in the hall shortly. The Eco Committee are meeting this week to decide on how we should celebrate this event. Details will be available soon.

Beetle Drive & Quiz:

Many Thanks to Mr Farquharson who organised the quiz night in the school on Friday 22nd January. All who attended enjoyed themselves, especially if they had a good knowledge of Robbie Burns & Scottish Geography. The pupils really enjoyed the Beetledrive as well. Thanks to Miss Rynne and Mrs Sutherland for helping to run that part of the event.

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
March (TBA)	Meet The Head Teacher Session – to discuss how we move the school forward
Monday 14 th March	Parent Council Meeting at 7:30pm – all welcome to attend

Adverse Weather:

To find out if the school is closed due to adverse weather you should use the following:

School Information Service at:

<http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/closures>

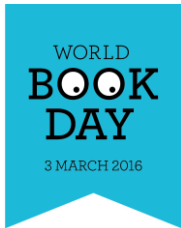
Telephone line: **0870 054 4999**

The following school PIN number is required to access this service: **02 1310** to access the information.

Closures are regularly announced on local radio stations.

School Office:

Our new School Administrator, Mrs Riddoch, will begin working with us this Wednesday (3rd February). We are really looking forward to having staff in the office for most of the week and we would like to thank Mrs Duffy for helping us with cover during the past 6 weeks.



World Book Day:

World Book Day takes place on March 3rd. We hope that pupils and staff will come as a character from their favourite book or bring in something related to their favourite piece of writing. This isn't compulsory but we thought that we could have a book themed day across the school to celebrate reading. We are not going to have any prizes for the best costume or object it is just going to be a bit of fun!!

Football:

Thanks to everyone who has taken note of the comments on the last newsletter about Football. In line with previous years, Football can only be played on the pitch, not in the playground. Everybody appears to be respecting this rule.

Car Parking:

Thanks to everyone who has been parking considerately outside the school. Please ensure that free spaces are left for members of staff who arrive for 9am.

P2/3/4

Wednesday 10th February will be Mrs Bertolotto's last day with P2/3/4, but we are pleased to announce that Mrs Wilson will be joining us from Monday 22nd February, with Mrs Bennett providing cover for the 2 school days in between. This will give the class continuity. Mrs Wilson has been working at a school in the local area and is very pleased to be taking up this Maternity cover here at Banchory-Devenick.

Thanks from Staff:

Staff would like to express their thanks for the very generous gifts they were given at Christmas from the Parent Council. Miss Smith, who has been on placement with P5/6/7, would also like to thank the children and parents for their generous gifts.

House Points:

If you are a parent in P1/2 you may be aware that we are trialling a House Point system. It seems to be working well and is motivating the pupils in all ways. We have taken feedback from the older classes on this and we hope to introduce a new system across the school later this month.

And finally.....

The school needs your help!
Can you help with either of these items?

High Visibility Vests x5

Roofing Felt for our shed (as the poor weather has destroyed ours!) or
An old tarpaulin that what could attach to the roof to keep the rain off which we could then remove when the weather improves, allowing the wood to dry out.

