

November 2015



Banchory-Devenick



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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SCHOOL CLOSURES	SCHOOL REOPENS
Monday 16 th November	Wednesday 18 November
Wednesday 22 nd December	Wednesday 6 th January



Staffing

I am delighted to announce that Mr Gill hopes to take up his post as Head Teacher on Monday 14th December. Once he has settled he will take up his teaching duties in P1/2 with Mrs Sutherland.

We are sorry to be saying our farewells to Mrs Macleod in the near future. She has been a tremendous help for me in my time at Banchory-Devenick.

We are delighted to have Mrs Lorna Baker, Music Specialist, again this term. She is working with the children on the Christmas show, which already sounds super!

Thank you to Mrs Bennett for covering in Primary 1/2 at the end of last term. We have welcomed back Mrs Joyce Cattannach, Permanent Supply Teacher, who will be with the class until Mr Gill begins his teaching duties.

Do you know anyone who would be interested in applying for the Caretaker post at the school? This would be to cover 1 hour per day in the morning from now until Easter and then 2.5hours per day from Easter to October (excluding all holidays). Anyone interested should contact Arthur Pearson, Supervisory Janitor, on 070901 512674 or email arthur.pearson@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Refurbishment

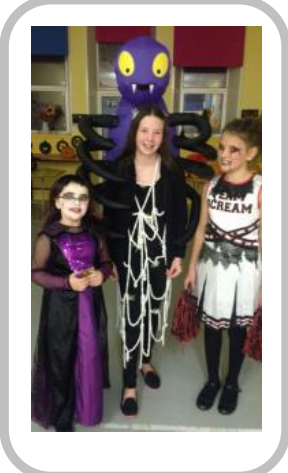
The classrooms and staffroom were given a new lease of life during the October break. They aren't quite finished as we are waiting for the plumber to install the sinks. Hopefully that will be done very soon!

Halloween

Thank you to parents and staff for running a tremendous Halloween Party. The children clearly had a great time, as Miss Rynne's photographs on the school website have proved.

Second hand uniform

We have a selection of second hand uniform items that can be purchased for a donation to the Parent Council. We are happy to take additional items that are in good condition. Please remember to remove your child's name from any items to help prevent confusion with lost property items.



Parent – Teacher consultations

Apologies for the parent-teacher consultations being late this year. With Mrs Taylor's departure and the fact the teaching staff are new we completely missed this. Letters will be issued in due course.

Car Park

The school car park can be a busy place in the mornings and after school. Please try not to wait in front of staff bays as this prevents them parking in the morning.

Adverse Weather

We would ask that the children come to school with the appropriate clothing for the time of year. As it is quite exposed in the playground the children might benefit from bringing hats, scarves and gloves as well as a warm, waterproof jacket.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 13 th November	Children in Need – wear something spotty and bring a donation for Children in Need
Thursday 19 th November	Parent – teacher consultations
Monday 16 th & Tuesday 17 th November	In-service days
Thursday 17 th December TBC	Carol singing at Cranford Nursing home
Friday 18 th December	Wear a Christmas jumper day and bring £1 donation to school funds Whole school Christmas party p.m.
Monday 21 st December	Christmas show 14.00 Entry donations will be for the School Fund
Tuesday 22 nd December	Church service at Maryculter Church 10.00
Wednesday 13 th January	Parent Council meeting 19.30
Friday 22 nd January	Parent Council Beetle Drive & Quiz Night

Parent Council

[Easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) is the easiest way to raise money for Banchory Devenick School Parent Council. Shop with any of over 2,700 retailers and a percentage of what you spend is donated to Banchory Devenick School Parent Council at no additional cost to you. Retailers include Amazon, John Lewis, eBay, Tesco and many more. Please register to support us today -

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/banchorydevenickpc>

Parent Quiz / Pupil Beetledrive Event – Friday 22nd January

Come along to meet other families in the school and your neighbours in the local area. Bring a hamper and make an afternoon of it ☺

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 13th January at 19.30
ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME**

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