

MORTLACH PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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December 2020

Dates for Diary

Friday 18 th December	School closes for Christmas holidays
2021	
Tuesday 5 th January	School opens for new term
Friday 5 th February	School closed for mid-term break
Monday 8 th February	School closed for mid-term break
Friday 26 th March	School closes for Easter holiday
Monday 12 th April	School opens for new term
Monday 3 rd May	School closed for May Day
Thursday 13 th May	In-Service day, school closed for pupils
Friday 14 th May	In-Service day, school closed for pupils
Monday 7 th June	School closed for occasional holiday
Friday 25 th June	School closes for summer holiday

School Restart Date

A reminder that we start school again on Tuesday 5th January this year not Monday 4th January. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It has been a very different last few months since re-opening at school and we would like to thank you for wholeheartedly engaging with the new protocols and procedures and supporting us to help keep everyone safe. We would also like to thank you for engaging with homework through Microsoft Teams, to ensure that your child is not missing out on this vital part of education.

Canteen Staff

We would like to give a huge thank you to Heather Urquhart and her staff for providing Christmas lunch on Friday past. Canteen staff are working under strict COVID protocols, so did a great job ensuring the children had a great time and a beautiful lunch!

Parent Council

A big thank you to all the members of the Parent Council, who have been working so hard on the Lucky Squares hamper and the Big Fat Christmas Quiz on Zoom, which is hosted tonight. Please let the Parent Council or school know that you wish to take part in the Quiz. Thank you also to the Parent Council for funding the online pantomime in school.

Moray Food Plus

A massive thank you to all our parents and school community who donated to Moray Food Plus, instead of giving gifts to school staff. The response was amazing and we will ensure that Moray Food Plus receive the foodstuffs, so that they can help those families in need this Christmas.

Staffing

Congratulations to Mrs Laura McConnachie who has been appointed to Pupil Support Assistant in the Nursery. Mrs McConnachie has been Pupil Support Assistant relief in the school and a great addition to the support staff team. We will miss her sunny, flexible and hardworking

personality and her sheer dedication to her role since she joined us. We wish her the very best in her new post!

Out of the Darkness Theatre Company

We were delighted to receive copies of the DVD Dick McWhittington through the post from the Out of the Darkness theatre company. We were thankful for this very generous gesture. Pupils have been very lucky in that they now have two Christmas pantomimes to watch, when at the beginning of the year we wondered how we would be able to ensure that pupils still saw any pantomimes at all!

School Closures

Please remember to check the Moray Council website/School Information Line should it be poor weather and you are not sure if the school will be open. We endeavour to give you as much notice as possible, but sometimes this is not possible, as we may be weighing up whether the roads will improve later in the morning. Class work will be posted on Microsoft Teams in the event we do need to close.

Please see the information below regarding the schools help line and The Moray Council website to check for school closures in the event of bad weather. There is a 2p per minute service charge plus your call providers access charge associated with the THUS PLC helpline, but The Moray Council website is "free". School is only closed if the weather is already severe or if severe weather is forecast that would affect pupils and staff getting home safely. We don't want to put anyone's life at risk.

Veronica Cunningham & Tracy Gordon
Head Teachers

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School Information Line - Mortlach Primary School

Dial: 08700 549999
Enter PIN: 031 360
Press: 1 for weather information

The Moray Council website:

<https://secure.moray.gov.uk/mcalerts/portal/servicestatus.aspx>

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