Christmas Parties

On party days, children can come to school dressed for their party, bring a change of clothes with them or go home at lunch to get changed. Children who are going home can be collected from the front gate of the school by an adult at 12.15pm. No child will be allowed to walk home on their own before 12.30pm. Children should be back at school for 1.20pm.

P6 & P7 Party Monday 18 Dec 1.30-3pm

P4 & P5 Party Tuesday 19 Dec 1.30-3pm

P2 & P3 Party Wednesday 20 Dec 1.30-3pm

P1 Party \* Thursday 21 Dec 1.30-3pm

\*Parents/ carers can attend the P1 party at 2.20 as there may be a secret special guest.

Dress Down Day

There will be a dress down on Friday 22 December 2023. The children can come to school looking festive. There is no donation required.





Christmas Service

Michael and Shona Lyall have invited the children to Viewpark Parish Church on Tuesday 19 December at 10am. The children will walk to the church so should come to school dressed appropriately for the weather. An offering will be taken. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

In severe weather conditions, the service would be held in the school hall which is unfortunately too small to accommodate parents/ carers. We will let you know in the morning if the service was being moved to the school.

Christmas Show

The Christmas Shows are on the following dates:

Tuesday 12 Dec 1.45pm (doors open 1.30pm)

Wednesday 13 Dec 9.30 (doors open 9.15am)

Wednesday 13 Dec 1.45pm (doors open 1.30pm)

There are still some tickets left so if you have not yet order your tickets please send your child to school with a note of the tickets wanted (2 per family) and the money.

There will be a raffle at each performance (£1 a strip). Tea towels will also be available to buy at each performance (£3.50 for one or 3 for £10).

Christmas and New Year Holidays

School closes at 2.30pm on Friday 22nd December 2023 and reopens on Monday 8th January 2024 at 8.55am. Breakfast club is open from 8.15am.

Please note; **school starts at 8.55am**. When children are late, it has an impact on their education as they miss valuable teaching.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch is on Thursday 14th December. This has been pre-ordered so if you have not ordered a Christmas Lunch for your child then they will require to bring a packed lunch or be a home lunch. The children should wear their school uniform but can have a festive touch such as a Christmas jumper, Christmas hairband or Santa hat.

A Christmas Message

We would all like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you have a lovely time making new memories together. We look forward to welcoming the children back in January and hearing all about them.



Easy Fundraising

**Have you registered with easyfundraising?**

Help raise school funds at **no extra cost** for yourself.

Sign up here

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/aitkenheadprimaryschoolparentcouncil/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-e2>

Then use the website or app straightaway when you shop online. Over 4000 retailers are involved.

When you shop using this app the retailer donates a percentage of money to the school. You raise money for the school, which goes to the children, by doing your normal shopping.

We have 73 supporters so far and have raised an overall total of £768.00. Please help us to raise more by signing up.

Parent Council

**Twitter**: @APSparents

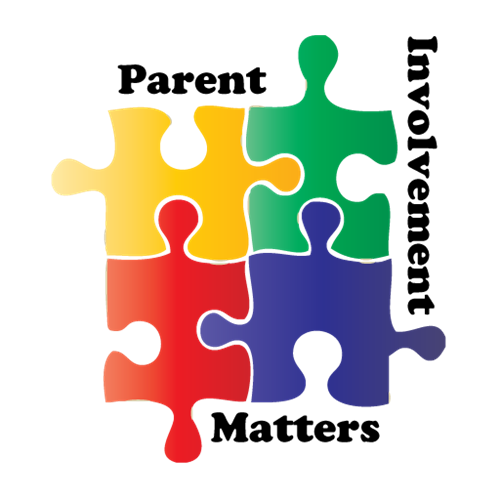
**Email**: apcparentcouncil@gmail.com

**Next Meeting**: Wednesday 24 Jan 2024 at 7pm-8pm

**AGM**: Thursday 14 March 2024 at 7pm to 8pm

All parents are welcome to come along and be part of the parent forum.

There is a fundraising meeting after the Parent council meeting from 8pm to 8.45pm. You can choose to stay and be part of that if you wish.







Viewpark Church Christmas Hamper Appeal 2023

Every year we help Viewpark Church with their Christmas Hamper Appeal. Our hampers go to single elderly people who live in the local community. Every year we get a great response from the school community with donations, which we are extremely thankful for. The response from the recipients of the hampers is also amazing, they are always so grateful and it leaves them feeling valued, cared for and thought about.

We are aware that we have asked parents and carers for a lot of donations in previous weeks so this year we are only aiming to fill 3 hampers for the community.

If you are able to donate, here is a list of suggested items which can be used to help fill a Christmas Hamper:

Teabags, Coffee

Sugar

Long life milk

Diluting juice

Jam/ Marmalade

Breakfast cereal/ Porridge

Cuppa soup

Packet dried rice, Packet dried pasta

Jars pasta sauce/tinned tomatoes

Gravy granules

Half-baked rolls (check date).

TINS;

Soup, Beans, Spaghetti, Potatoes, Peas/Carrots/Sweetcorn, Fruit/Custard/Rice,

Ham, Corn beef, Tuna, Stew/Meatballs/Mince, Chicken/Beef Curry

Any cleaning product

Toiletries - shampoo - shower gel - soap - etc

Extra treats:

Mince pies/apple pies (check date)

Box biscuits/Shortbread, Box chocolates

Donating one item would make a huge difference to someone.

Children can bring item(s) to school from Wednesday 6 December to Wednesday 13 December. They should take them into class with them in the morning as there will be collection boxes in the open areas.

The school always donate some gifts for the hampers;

and they are delivered by members of staff.

Thank you in advance for supporting this very worthwhile cause.